

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER  
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL FEES SCHEDULE

Pursuant to the Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 178, these fees are promulgated.

All fees or penalties assigned are payable to the Lake County Health Department, to be deposited in the Animal Care and Control Fund, which shall be that portion of the Health Fund designated for the Animal Care and Control Program.

*Any fee in this schedule of fees may be waived or reduced by the Health Officer based on specific provisions in the Animal Care and Control Program Administrative Procedures and Policies as approved by the Lake County Health Department Board of Health, hardship, for public health reasons, or to commemorate public health awareness events/celebrations.*

**DOG AND CAT REGISTRATION TAG FEES**

1 Year Registration – neutered/spayed pet, or 9 months or under	\$10
1 Year Registration – intact pet	\$50
3 Year Registration – neutered/spayed pet	\$25
3 Year Registration – intact pet	\$125
Late Fee (for a registration tag payment not submitted within 30 days after the rabies vaccination has been administered)	\$10
Additional Late Fee (for a registration tag payment not submitted within 60 days after the rabies vaccination has been administered)	\$25
Replacement or duplicate tag	\$2

Owners of dogs and cats shall only pay the spayed/neutered fee if a veterinarian determines and certifies that surgical sterilization is contraindicated for medical reasons.

The Health Officer shall establish criteria in the Animal Care and Control Administrative Procedures and Policies for exempting other intact pets when an acceptable purpose for maintaining an intact animal is provided, such as for breeding and competitive showing of recognized pedigree animals, and shall refund the fee(s) in excess of the fee for neutered/spayed pets if the higher fee has been collected by the veterinarian and submitted to the Department.

**DOMESTIC ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT FEES**

For each dog, cat or other animal impounded, the owner shall pay the following fees when the services are provided. In addition to these fees, if an animal is impounded due to an ordinance violation or rabies observation, the applicable Ordinance Violation Fees shall also be assessed.

Impoundment Fee - First offense	\$25
Impoundment Fee - Second offense	\$50
Impoundment Fee - Third offense	\$75
Impoundment Fee - Fourth and subsequent offense	\$150
Dog Boarding Cost (per animal/day)	\$15
Cat Boarding Cost (per animal/day)	\$10
Miscellaneous Pet Boarding Cost (per cage/day)	\$5
Transportation to the Animal Care and Control facility <b>during</b> normal business hours (per vehicle)	\$45
Transportation to the Animal Care and Control facility <b>after</b> normal business hours (per vehicle)	\$100
Microchip implantation (per animal)	\$15
Distemper vaccination (per animal)	\$20

**ANIMAL RELINQUISHMENT FEES**

Relinquished <b>dog or cat</b> owned by a resident of Lake County if delivered to the Animal Care and Control facility (per animal)	\$150
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**RABIES PREVENTION SERVICES FEES**

The Health Officer shall accept and send or transport for laboratory analysis, rabies specimens from animals that have bitten a person, which are submitted by police, municipal animal wardens, or municipal officials at a transportation fee, as specified in the specific intergovernmental agreement.

Any suspect wild mammal, or any suspect wild furbearing mammal, except a rodent or lagomorph, that bites or scratches a person must have its brain submitted to a recognized laboratory for rabies testing. The brain specimen shall be transported to the State Public Health Laboratory at no fee.

Specimens from animals that have not bitten or have not otherwise exposed a human may be submitted to the Lake County Health Department for submission to the State Public Health Laboratory.

Shipping/handling fee for submittal of an animal specimen to the State Laboratory for rabies testing ( <b>non-emergency</b> ; per animal)	\$55
Shipping/handling fee for submittal of an animal specimen to the State Laboratory for rabies testing ( <b>emergency</b> ; per animal)	\$125
Confinement and rabies observation of a dog or cat at the Animal Care and Control Facility (per animal per day)	\$35
Rabies vaccination fee-(per animal)	\$20

**LIVESTOCK-FEES**

If animals require containment and are not relocated, or if the stable has been dispatched, the owner shall be subject to a fee of \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) per hour.

Field investigation fee to check property/fencing prior to returning livestock to the owner/caretaker	\$45
Transportation fee to relocate livestock (per animal)	\$75
Impoundment Fee (per animal)	\$25
Boarding Cost (per animal/day)	\$15

Reimbursements to a livestock owner for losses, made in accordance with Section 19 of the Illinois Animal Control Act, shall be at the current market value for killed livestock, and at the assessed cost for treating injured livestock

**NUISANCE WILDLIFE TRAP AND RELOCATION FEES**

The Health Officer may issue a trap for the purpose of capturing wildlife in accordance with the Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Program Administrative Procedures and Policies. The Health Officer shall only trap and release wildlife when the wildlife is present in the living quarters/occupied rooms of a dwelling, and in accordance with applicable Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations.

Small trap to apprehend a fur-bearing mammal and/or wild animal (refundable deposit)	\$30
Regular trap to apprehend a fur-bearing mammal and/or wild animal (refundable deposit)	\$75
Daily trap rental	\$7
Relocation/per animal on site	\$45
Disposal for animal brought to facility	\$20
Transportation/pick up during regular hours	\$45
Transportation after business hours	\$100

**DOMESTIC ANIMAL TRAP FEES**

The Health Officer may issue a trap for the purpose of capturing domestic animals in accordance with the Lake County Health Department Animal Care and Control Program Administrative Procedures and Policies.

Dog trap to apprehend a domestic animal (refundable deposit)	\$275
Cat trap to apprehend a domestic animal (refundable deposit)	\$50

**VICIOUS AND ANIMAL-AGGRESSIVE DOG REGISTRATION FEES**

Annual registration fee for a declared vicious or animal-aggressive dog (per animal) <i>Ownership of any dog declared vicious is non-transferable</i>	\$100
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**MUNICIPAL CONTRACT SERVICE FEES\***

For the purposes of the application of this section, "disposal" means transferring an animal to an adoption facility or rehabilitation center, or performing humane euthanasia. Normal business hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Normal business hours service visit (including general field assistance, support, and animal pick up) per warden/hour	\$50
After hours service visit (including emergency field assistance, support, and animal pick up) per warden/hour	\$200
Disposal of an animal (excluding bats, biting animals, and small/caged animals) impounded at the Animal Care and Control Facility**	\$150
Dog or Livestock boarding (per animal/day)	\$15
Cat boarding (per animal/day)	\$10
Small/caged animal boarding (per animal/day)	\$5
Service visit for non-contracted municipality during normal business hours (including general field assistance, support, and animal pick up) per warden/hour	\$250

\* Fees shall be assessed in accordance with contractual provisions, but may also be assessed to non-contracted municipalities as specified in this section for requested services.

\*\* If an animal is claimed by its owner, or the animal is sourced to a facility that does not assess a fee to the Lake County Health Department, the disposal fee will not be assessed to the municipality.

**ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**

Request for a payment plan	\$20
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**MULTIPLE PET PERMIT FEES**

Annual fee for a Multiple Pet Permit (as described in Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 172 )	\$75
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**ORDINANCE VIOLATION FEES**

The following are minimum fees to be assessed upon the issuance of a Notice of Ordinance Violation Ticket, or if an animal is impounded due to an ordinance violation or rabies observation. The Lake County Administrative Hearing Officer or the Circuit Court shall assess fees for violations described in this Section in accordance with this Fees Schedule, the Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 178, the Lake County Administrative Adjudication Ordinance and/or applicable Illinois statute(s).

A late fee of 100% of the issued Ordinance Violation Fee may be assessed if the Ordinance Violation Fee is not paid within 35 days.

Failure to confine a biting animal within 24 hours after receiving notification that confinement and observation is required	\$500
Failure to perform owners' duties, or cruelty to animals (per offense per animal)	\$100
Failure to have a dog or cat vaccinated against rabies	\$50
Animal(s) running at large	\$50
Barking or howling dog(s)	\$50
Dog or cat in heat not under control	\$50
Failure to register a dog or cat	\$25
Failure to have a dog or cat wear evidence of rabies vaccination	\$25
Failure to sterilize a dog or cat or to provide written verification of a sterilization	\$500
Violation of the maximum number of cats and/or dogs allowed in a residence	\$100
Failure to comply with any of the requirements of a dangerous dog, animal aggressive dog, or vicious dog determination and/or disposition	\$500
Failure to microchip a biting dog or cat released from rabies confinement and observation or to provide written verification of the procedure	\$50
Violation of, or failure to comply with any other provision of Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 172	\$100

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**VALIDITY**

Should any section, clause or provision of this fee schedule, be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the fee schedule as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

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