

§ 172.01 ADMINISTRATION.

(A) *Title.* This chapter shall be known as the “Animal Care and Control Ordinance of the County of Lake”, hereinafter referred to as “this chapter”.

(B) *Intent.*

(1) This chapter is enacted in order to define procedures for:

- (a) The prevention and control of human and animal rabies;
- (b) Reporting and investigating animal bites;
- (c) Confining and/or impounding biting animals, and for referring bitten persons to appropriate health entities;
- (d) Requiring the rabies inoculation of dogs and cats, the provision of vaccination certificates and rabies tags, and the registration of dogs and cats with the Lake County Board of Health;
- (e) Prohibiting the running at large of domestic animals and livestock;
- (f) Persons who cruelly treat or neglect animals;
- (g) The control of barking dogs;
- (h) The control of dangerous, animal-aggressive or vicious animals;
- (i) Providing assistance to municipalities through contractual arrangements;
- (j) Contracts with Attorneys; requiring veterinarians to provide dog and cat registrations and tag sales;
- (k) Control of domestic animals;
- (l) Limiting the number of dogs and cats; and
- (m) Providing for enforcement and assigning penalties for violation of this chapter.

(2) The County of Lake recognizes the great hazard of human and animal rabies and therefore, in order to protect the health and safety of the people of Lake County and of the general public, the Lake County Board of Health is authorized and directed to promulgate this chapter as approved by the County Board as may enable it to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(C) *Scope/referenced materials.* This chapter adopts by reference the Illinois, Animal Control Act, the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act, and the Illinois Animal Welfare Act, ~~the Illinois Dangerous Animals Act and the Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act~~, three copies of which are on file with the Lake County Clerk and at all Lake County Health Department locations. All matters pertaining to the health and/or safety of the animals and human residents of the County of Lake shall be administered and enforced in accordance with these referenced Acts, this chapter and the Lake County Animal Care and Control Program Administrative Procedures and Policies.