



St. Charles Animal Control & Shelter

SERVICES

Issue citations for violations of the parish animal ordinances.

Seize and impound dogs found to be at large. Issue warnings to dog owners for allowing their dogs to be at large, followed by patrols to assure compliance.

Quarantine animals that have bitten persons.

Rescue animals in distress and respond to calls for assistance on animal problems.

Accept unwanted animals.

Offer healthy dogs and cats for adoption and low cost spay / neutering sponsored by the **St. Charles Humane Society**.

Maintain lost and found file to reunite pets with their owners.

Investigate reports of cruelty to animals, take action to alleviate cruelty and prosecute those guilty of cruelty to animals.

Investigate reports of nuisances created by animals and seek cooperation of owners of offending animals to abate nuisances. Assist in prosecution of those animal owners allowing nuisances to persist.

Inspect and license animal breeders, grooming establishments and pet shops to assure high standards in the parish.

St. Charles Parish Animal Control
921 Rue La Cannes
Luling, LA 70070



PET LAWS & ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter
921 Rue La Cannes, Luling

8:30 am – 4 pm Monday – Friday

Closed Saturday and Sunday

(Except for announced adoption days.)

985. 783.5010 | 985. 783.5050 (emergencies)

www.stcharlesparish-la.gov/animalcontrol

St. Charles Parish ANIMAL ORDINANCES

The following is a summary; please refer to complete ordinances at www.stcharlesparish-la.gov.

Cruelty to Animals: Sec. 4-2. No person shall beat, mutilate, kill, torture, abuse, abandon or fail to provide obviously necessary veterinary care. No animal shall be tethered as the primary means of stationary confinement; such confinement shall be considered cruel treatment.

Running At Large: Sec. 4-4. No person shall permit an animal in his possession to run at large on any unenclosed land, or trespass upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands of another. Every female animal in heat shall be confined in a building or secured enclosure so that the animal cannot come into contact with other animals except for planned breeding.

Public Nuisance: Sec. 4-5. Every owner or keeper of animals shall exercise proper care and control of such animals to prevent them from creating or becoming a public nuisance; excessive or untimely barking, attacking or molesting passersby or other animals; chasing vehicles; and digging into or urinating or defecating upon lawns, either public or private, other than on property of the owner.

Fierce, Dangerous or Vicious: Sec. 4-6. Any animal classified as fierce, dangerous or vicious by its actions which subsequently attacks, causes injury, or otherwise exhibits a propensity to endanger the safety of human beings or domestic animals shall require such animal to be registered with Animal Control and comply with regulations.

American Pit Bull Terriers and Wolf Hybrids: Sec. 4-10. Microchipping is required for registration with Animal

Control; including a color picture with full detailed description. All premises must be inspected by an Animal Control officer for confinement of said animal and comply with regulations before final registration is approved.

Prohibited Acts: Sec. 4-11. The raffling or giving away as a prize; coloring, dying, staining or otherwise changing the natural color of any living animal for the purpose of sale; the giving of any alcohol, narcotic drugs, stimulants, drugs or barbiturates unless prescribed by a licensed veterinarian; the inertional exposure of any known poisonous substance; the promoting, staging, conducting, participating in or observing any dog fight, cock fight, pigeon shoot, turkey shoot or other staged animal fighting contest.

Riding in Open Vehicle Prohibited: Sec. 4-13. It shall be unlawful to permit any animal to ride unsecured in an open bed vehicle or other open areas of a moving vehicle, unless secured in a cage, crate or compartment.

Dogs on Tethers: Sec. 4-14. Tether shall be equipped with swivel ends and be positioned to prevent tangling and/or hanging. The tethered dog shall wear a properly fitted harness or buckled type collar. The line must be at least five times the length of the dog. The dog cannot be tethered in an area which would pose a threat to public safety and health and *cannot be the primary means of confinement for any animal.*

Autoists Striking Animals: Sec. 4-15. Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic animal, shall stop at once and render such assistance as may be possible and shall immediately report such injury or death to the animals' owner, Sheriff's Department or Animal Control.

Licensing – Rabies Inoculation: Sec. 4-40. It shall be the duty of the owner / keeper of any dog or cat to have the animal be inoculated once every 12 months by or



under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian with an approved anti-rabies vaccine. Dogs and cats must wear identification tags and collars at all times when off the premises of the owner or keeper.

Treatment of Animals Which Have Bitten Persons: Sec. 4-42. Should an animal bite a person, it shall be the duty of the owner to immediately notify Animal Control.

Impoundment: Sec. 4-50. Any dog or public nuisance animal found at large within the parish may be seized and impounded. Any dog or public nuisance animal not claimed or redeemed by the owner within five business days shall be offered for adoption or destroyed in a humane manner.

Adoption and Seizure of Impounded Animals: Sec. 4-51. Any person claiming a dog or cat which was seized and impounded and proving ownership thereof shall be entitled to possession of the animal only upon proof that it has been inoculated with an approved anti-rabies vaccine and pay redemption fees.

Adoption of Animals: Sec. 4-52. No person shall offer dogs or cats for adoption by the public without obtaining from the adopter a signed pledge that the animal will be sterilized by spaying or neutering within 20 days or as soon as it reaches an appropriate age.

Animal Breeders, Pet Shops and Grooming Establishments: Sec. 4-54, 55 & 56. *Permit required.* Application procedures and requirements for such permit shall be in accordance with rules and regulations stipulated by Animal Control.

MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide a service to the people by protecting the animals of St. Charles Parish, securing a safe environment for all homeless creatures and improving the quality of life for all animals."