

Limitation on Number of Cats and Dogs Kept as Pets...

(Sec. 18-5 of the City Code)

- ❑ You may keep no more than four cats for each adult in your home.
- ❑ You may keep no more than four dogs for the residence.

Pet Vaccinations...

(Sec. 18-52 of the City Code)

- ❑ A licensed veterinarian must vaccinate all dogs, cats and ferrets over 3 months of age against rabies.
- ❑ All dogs must have their vaccination tag attached to their collar or harness. Lost tags may be replaced by presenting the vaccination certificate to the veterinarian who originally vaccinated the animal.
- ❑ Cat and ferret owners are required to present their vaccination certificate upon request of the Director of Public Health and Welfare or his duly appointed representative.



Dogs Running Loose...

(Sec. 18-53 of the City Code)

- ❑ It is unlawful for dogs to run loose. Dogs must be on a leash or behind a fence at all times.



Impounded Dogs...

(Sec. 18-55 of the City Code)

- ❑ All impounded dogs will be held for a period of at least 5 days allowing the owner an opportunity to reclaim them. If no one claims the dog within the 5-day period, the animal may be transferred to an adoption agency or humanely euthanized.

Animal Cruelty /Neglect...

(Sec. 18-9 of the City Code)

- ❑ No one can legally torture, torment, wound, maim, mutilate, or cruelly beat, kill or abandon any domestic animal and leave it to die.
- ❑ No one can legally confine any animal then fail to provide them with food, water or shelter.
- ❑ No one can legally leave an animal in a hot unventilated car during hot weather. The animal will be removed, the vehicle towed and the owner can be charged with animal cruelty.

Biting Animals...

(Sec. 18-121 of the City Code)

- ❑ Any animal (regardless of vaccination status) that breaks the skin of a person through biting or scratching is required to be quarantined by a licensed veterinarian or City Health officials for no less than 10 days. Expenses resulting from this impoundment are the responsibility of the pet owner.
- ❑ If at the end of the 10-day period, the animal is alive and healthy, it may be released to its owner.

Vicious Dogs...

(Sec. 18-7 of the City Code)

- ❑ A vicious dog is defined as one that has attacked any person or animal, caused annoyance in the neighborhood or to people using the street, worried or molested livestock, other dogs and children or caused damage or injury.
- ❑ A vicious dog may be removed by court order and euthanized.



Pit Bull Registration...

(Sec. 18-95 of the City Code)

- ❑ All pit bulls, pit bull mixes, Staffordshire Terriers and Bull Terriers must be registered with the City of Springfield.

Lost Animals...

- ❑ If you have lost an animal, please come to the City Animal Shelter or view the pictures on the City website at www.springfieldmo.gov/health.
- ❑ Animal Control cannot go by descriptions over the phone and we do not maintain a lost and found list.

Additional Information...

- ❑ If you need additional information on animal regulations within the Springfield city limits, you can contact Animal Control.
- ❑ The Animal Shelter is located at 4002 N. Farmer.
- ❑ The shelter number is 833-3592.
- ❑ Animals can be reclaimed at the shelter between the visiting hours of:

8:30-9:30am (Phone is answered)

12:00-1:00pm

4:00-5:00pm (Phone is answered)

Monday through Friday

- ❑ Animals can be reclaimed between the visiting hours of:

8:30-9:30am (Phone is answered)

3:30-4:30pm (Phone is answered)

Weekends and holidays

- ❑ For more information on Animal Control, visit our website at www.springfieldmo.gov/health.

Pet Ownership and the Springfield City Code

Answers to important
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