

Registration, Vaccination and Microchipping



- You must register your pet every year with Animal Services. This can be done at your veterinarian's office.
- If you are not a resident of the City of El Paso, but will have your pet in the city for more than 90 days, it has to be registered.
- You must vaccinate your pet against rabies if it is more than four months old.
- Your pet must have a microchip.
- If you are a new pet owner, or if your information changes, you must update your information with Animal Services within seven days. (This will help us find your pet if it's lost.)



- You must make sure your pet wears its registration tag at all times and replace it if it's lost or destroyed.
- You can't transfer the registration or certificate to someone else.

Standards of Care

- You must provide shelter and shade for your pet.
- You must make sure you give your pet the good food and fresh water it needs.
- You must make sure that any building or area where your pet lives is clean, safe and sanitary.
- You can't use something dangerous to restrain your pet or something that could hurt it or be cruel in any way. (We don't recommend chaining or tethering your pet as a way of restraining it.)
- If you take your dog outside, you must make sure it is on a leash and both dogs and cats must always be with someone who is in control.
- You can't neglect your pet or abandon it.
- You can't put your pet in danger by leaving it inside a vehicle.



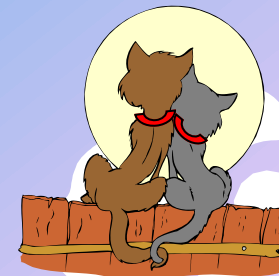
Your Pet as Part of the Community



- You must keep your pet on your property at all times by means of physical restraint. It cannot roam into public or private property.
- Your pet cannot put others in danger.
- You must make sure to dispose of your pet's waste whether it is on your property or someone else's.
- You must make sure your pet does not cause offensive odors or create an unhealthy situation for other animals or people.

Litter Permits and Selling Pets

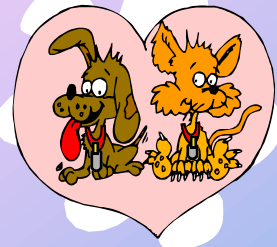
- Whether it was planned or not, you must get a litter permit if you have a dog or cat that is pregnant.
- You must get the litter permit within 14 days after the litter is born.



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Litter Permits and Selling Pets (Continued)

- A litter permit is good for a year and for one litter per year.
- You cannot sell, transfer or give away a puppy or a kitten that is less than 8-weeks-old.
- If you are selling or transferring a pet that is less than a year old and is not spayed or neutered, you can't charge more than \$50.00 unless you have proof that you spent more than this to take care of it.
- If you are selling or transferring a pet that is less than a year old and it has been spayed or neutered, you can't charge more than \$150.00 unless you have proof that you spent more than this to take care of it.
- No one is allowed to sell, trade, lease or display a pet for commercial reasons along any roadside, public right of way, commercial parking lot, flea market or festival.



Failure to comply with the City Ordinance could result in fines and penalties.

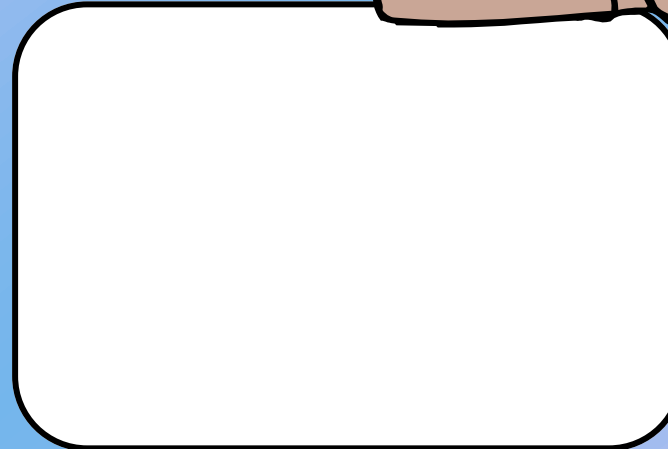
Don't Get Left Behind!

To learn more about the programs offered by Animal Services visit:
www.elpasotexas.gov/health



Owning a Pet in El Paso

What You Need to Know



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