

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS

Ordinance 24 - 24

Kendall County Animal Control Fees Ordinance

WHEREAS Kendall County has the authority to regulate animals and the possession thereof within the County limits. 510 ILCS 5/24; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the General Assembly amended 510 ILCS 5/8 to include, “A veterinarian who inoculates a cat that is a companion animal shall issue an inoculation certificate to the owner which shall comply with any registration requirements adopted by the county under Section 3 of this Act”; and

WHEREAS that authority includes the ability to establish fees to support the requirements established by the County and the services provided by the County. See 55 ILCS 5/5-1005; 510 ILCS 5/7; 510 ILCS 5/8; 510 ILCS 5/10; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of the County of Kendall, State of Illinois that hereafter the following animal control fees are established in Kendall County and shall be collected by the Kendall County Animal Control Department. These fees will then be remitted to the Kendall County Treasurer in accordance with section 7 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/7), unless required otherwise by applicable state statute or regulation.

Section 1: Rabies Tags. The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals obtaining rabies vaccination tags for dogs and cats that are companion animals from the Kendall County Animal Control Department:

Rabies Tags Fee for 2023:

- a. One-year tags: \$12 for an altered animal, and \$27 for an intact animal;
- b. Three-year tags: \$30 for an altered animal, and \$65 for an intact animal;
- c. Replacement tags: \$5 for a replacement tag, with proof of vaccination and original tag purchase.

Rabies Tags Fee for 2024 and future years:

- a. One-year tags: \$15 for an altered animal, and \$30 for an intact animal
- b. Three-year tags: \$35 for an altered animal, and \$75 for an intact animal
- c. Replacement tags: \$5 for a replacement tag, with proof of vaccination and original tag purchase.

Section 2: Relinquishment Fees. The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals seeking to relinquish ownership of a dog to the Kendall County Animal Control Department:

- a. \$50 for a dog or cat older than four months;
- b. \$25 for a puppy or kitten, four months or younger;
- c. \$50 for a nursing mother with puppies or kittens;
- d. \$25 for the first puppy or kitten in a litter, four months or younger, and \$5 for each additional puppy or kitten in the litter.
- e. \$25 for any domestic animal that is not a dog or cat.

Section 3: Reclaiming Fees. The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals seeking to reclaim an animal, owned by them but taken into the custody of Kendall County Animal Control Department, for whatever reason:

- a. *Impoundment Fees:* \$45 for a first offense, \$120 for a second offense, and \$150 for a third offense;
- b. *Public Safety Fee:* \$25 fee or the amount required pursuant to Section 8 of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/10), whichever is greater. This fee, however, shall be waived for a first offense, but only if (i) the animal has been altered, or (ii) the animal is altered within fourteen (14) calendar days after being reclaimed and the owner submits proof thereof to the Kendall County Animal Control Department within a timely manner;
- c. *Boarding Fees:* \$12 per day for each calendar day the animal is boarded by the Kendall County Animal Control Department (if the animal arrived during the Department's regular business hours), or the following day (if the animal arrived after regular business hours);
- d. *Rabies Vaccination Refundable Deposit:* If an individual seeking to reclaim a dog does not present documentation to verify the dog is current with its rabies vaccination, the individual shall submit a rabies vaccination deposit before the dog may be reclaimed from the Kendall County Animal Control Department. The rabies vaccination deposit may only be refunded if proof of rabies vaccination is received by the Kendall County Animal Control Department within five (5) business days after the dog is reclaimed. The rabies vaccination deposit amount shall be \$40 for a first offense, and \$80 for each subsequent offense;
- e. *Spay/Neuter Refundable Deposit:* If an intact animal is impounded by the Kendall County Animal Control Department a second time, the individual seeking to reclaim that animal must submit a \$40 spay/neuter deposit. No intact, impounded animal shall be released by the Kendall County Animal Control Department prior to receipt of the spay/neuter deposit. The spay/neuter deposit may only be refunded if proof that the animal has been altered is received by the Kendall County Animal Control Department within thirty (30) calendar days after the animal was reclaimed. If an intact animal is received by Kendall County Animal Control Department a third or subsequent time, they may not be released from the Kendall County Animal Control Department without first being spayed or neutered at the expense of the owner.

No animal will be released to the owner until all fees set forth in Section 3 have been paid in full.

Section 4: Adoption Fees. The following fees shall be imposed on all individuals who adopt an animal from Kendall County Animal Control Department:

Animal Type	Animal Age	Days Available for Adoption at KCAC	Adoption Fee
Puppies	6 months or less	ANY	\$175
Dogs	Over 6 months	< 60 days	\$150
Dogs	Over 6 months	60-89 days	\$75
Dogs	Over 6 months	90+ days	WAIVED
Kittens	6 months or less	ANY	\$125
Cats	Over 6 months	< 60 days	\$100
Cats	Over 6 months	60-89 days	\$50
Cats	Over 6 months	90+ days	WAIVED

No adopted animal shall be released by the Kendall County Animal Control Department until the adoption fees are paid in full.

Section 5: Superseding Prior Ordinances. Upon its effective date, this Ordinance replaces and supersedes all previous ordinances which establish fees for the specific circumstances identified above.

Section 6: Effective Date. This Ordinance and the regulations contained therein shall be in full force and effect on and after the date signed below.


Adopted this 16 day of July, 2024, by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 1

Absent: 2

Attest:



 Matthew Kellogg, County Board Chairman



 Debbie Gillette, County Clerk and Recorder

