

Animal Services Workshop

Tuesday, January 25, 2022



Ordinance Changes

- Focused changes on 4 major areas
 - Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs
 - Hobby Breeder
 - Pet Shops
 - Citations

Aggressive Dogs

- Create a classification for Aggressive Dogs
 - Causes severe injury to a person or domestic animal without provocation;
 - OR
 - Causes minor injury to a person or domestic animal without provocation twice within a 1-year period.
- Follows the same process as classification for Dangerous Dogs

Dangerous Dogs

Requirements for a Dangerous Dog per Florida Statute:

- Has **aggressively bitten, attacked or endangered** or has inflicted severe injury on a human being on public or private property;
- Has more than **once severely injured or killed a domestic animal** while off the owner's property; or
- Has, when **unprovoked, chased or approached a person upon the streets, sidewalks or any public grounds** in a **menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack**, provided that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more persons and dutifully investigated by the County.

Restrictions For Aggressive or Dangerous Dogs

- Securing and maintaining insurance coverage in an amount of no less than \$100,000 covering any damage or injury which may be caused by the dog in an amount to be determined by the division;
- Sending the dog to an obedience training course approved by the division that addresses aggression toward human beings and animals and to submit documentation to the division upon completion of the course;
- Requiring the dog to be muzzled whenever the dog is off the owner's private property;

OR

- Any other reasonable restriction that the division determines is necessary to prevent further violations of this article, specifically including any further penalties or restrictions provided by section 767.12, Florida Statutes.

Insurance Requirements

- \$100,000 Animal Liability Policy

	Min	Max	
Dean Insurance	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00	Pricing can vary
Prime Insurance	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00	Pricing can vary
Xinsurance	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,250.00	Pricing can vary
Florida Peninsula Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	does not carry 100K policy

Hobby Breeder

- Any breeder not classified under the Federal Commercial Breeder license will be required to register with the County
- Limits the number of litters per year to 2 or 20 offspring
- Certain requirements for housing of animals
- Requirements for feeding\watering
- Allows for inspections of property

USDA License Requirement

- A license is required if:
 - Produce dogs and/or cats for:
 - Research
 - Sell 25 or more dogs and/or cats per year
 - Wholesale distribution to retail pet stores or exhibition
 - Five or more breeding female dogs, cats, or small exotic/wild pocket pets
 - Sell any dog and/or cat not born and raised on your premises for research
 - Retail sales businesses that sell animals sight unseen (born and raised)
 - Four or more breeding females

USDA License Requirement

- EXEMPTION:
- Any person who breeds and sells dogs and/or cats directly to a pet owner, at retail, for the buyer's own use as a pet...
 - AND has 3 or fewer breeding females on premises
 - AND does not buy any animals for resale
 - AND does not sell any animals to a research facility, dealer, or pet store
 - AND does all sales face-to-face

Retail Sale of Dog and Cats

- It shall be unlawful for any commercial establishment to engage in the retail sale of a dog or cat.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the retail sale of a dog or cat from a public thoroughfare, public common area, or flea market sale.
- Current establishments in the County will have 1 year to transition in to compliance with the ordinance

Citations

- Creates a method for Animal Services to issue a citation
- Fees will be established by a Board resolution
- Some fees will have a mandatory court appearance

Updated Ordinance

- Review/Discussion
- Updates
- Questions
- Action