What Happens if your Animal Bites?

If your animal, when unprovoked, inflicts bodily harm on a person, domestic pet or animal on public or private property, it may be classified as a dangerous animal. Owners of dangerous animals must adhere to strict regulations in the City of Chippewa Falls including, but not limited to, leash and muzzle, spay and neuter, and liability insurance requirements. Further information regarding the procedure for declaring an animal dangerous can be found in the City Municipal Code, Section 12.11, Animal Care and Licenses.

Checklist for Potential Pet Owners

Before buying or adopting a pet, ask yourself the following questions:

- Will someone be at home to provide meals for the animal according to a fixed schedule?
- Will someone be at home most of the day to care for the animal and train it properly?
- Are you willing to exercise the animal daily?
- Are you willing and able to pay for all veterinary examinations, vaccinations, licensing and any other emergency treatment the animal may need?
- Are you willing to obey the leash laws and other laws pertaining to animals in this community?
- Are you committed to taking care of the animal for its lifetime?

If you are unable to answer "YES" to ALL of the above questions, you should carefully consider the responsibilities before taking on ownership of a pet. A pet will be a loyal friend if given the care and protection it deserves.

Remember...your animal, your responsibility.

CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS—MAIL IN APPLICATION FOR DOG/CAT LICENSE

Owner Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address (City Residents Only):_____ Animal Name:_____

Breed:_____ Color:_____ Cat: Long Hair___ Med___ Short___

Sex: M / F Neutered / Spayed Date of Rabies Shot:_____ Date of Rabies Expiration:_____

Veterinary Clinic:_____ Clinic Phone:_____

Neutered/Spayed Pet $8.00 All Others: $13.00

Complete this application and mail with the following information:

1. Rabies certificate;
2. Proof of sterilization;
3. **Self-addressed, stamped envelope (may require additional postage)**; and
4. Check (do not send cash) made payable to the Chippewa Falls Police Department

One completed license application and fee is required per animal.

Mail to:
Chippewa Falls Police Department
210 Island Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Animal Care and Licensing in the City of Chippewa Falls

This pamphlet has been prepared to provide an overview of the City Ordinances that govern animal ownership in the City of Chippewa Falls. See the City Municipal Code, Section 12.11, Animal Care and Licenses, for full ordinance text.

Licensing/ Vaccinations

Licenses for dogs and cats may be purchased at the Police Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am—4:30 pm.

- Every dog or cat more than five months of age on March 1 of any year or five months of age within the license year shall **annually** or within 30 days from the date such dog or cat becomes five months of age obtain a license.
- Licenses must also be obtained within 30 days of acquiring a licensable dog or cat.
- Rabies vaccinations must be kept current and owner must be able to provide proof of valid rabies vaccinations.
- Neutered males and spayed females - $8.00 per year or part thereof. All others - $13.00 per year or part thereof.
- Owner must be able to provide proof of neuter or spay to qualify for lesser fee.

Municipal Ordinance, Section 12.11

Animal Care - No owner or caretaker shall fail to provide an animal with adequate food, water, heating, cooling, ventilation, sanitation, and shelter.

Mistreating Animals - No person may treat any animal, whether belonging to themselves or another, in a cruel manner.

Limit Allowed - Any person with three (3) or more animals over the age of six months shall obtain a kennel license.

Leash Law - No person shall exercise or walk a dog on a leash more than 6' in length.

Removal of Waste - No owner or caretaker shall allow any animal to defecate upon any property not owned by him/her, any public property including streets, sidewalks, boulevards, City right-of-way areas, easement areas, park properties, or any City-owned property, without immediately removing the excreta in a sanitary manner.

Animals not to Run at Large - No person shall own, keep or harbor a dog or cat which runs at large within the limits of the City. A dog or cat shall be considered at large when it is unleashed and not on the premises of its owner.

Howling - No person shall keep any animal which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping or barking causes a serious disturbance.

Report of Animal Bites and Scratches - Any person bitten or scratched by any animal shall report the fact within 12 hours to the City Health Officer and /or a physician.

Offenses

OFFENSES WILL RESULT IN FINE AMOUNTS OF BETWEEN $169.00 and $326.50 AND POSSIBLE EUTHANIZING OF THE ANIMAL DEPENDENT UPON THE TYPE OF INCIDENT

This list of offenses is not meant to be all-inclusive.

Unlicensed Animal

Running at Large

Howling Animal

Failure to Comply with Rabies/ Quarantine Order

Dangerous Animal

If your animal should happen to get loose, please contact the Police Department immediately at 715-723-4424, Ext. 1