FAQ

Related Questions

How old should my pet be before its first rabies vaccination?

4 Months old

How do I go about adopting a new pet?

Adoptions are handled through City of Ferris Animal Shelter.

How do I surrender my pet?

Owners who want to surrender their pet can contact Animal Services during the following hours:

**Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)**

Please bring current medical records of the animal if available and proof of Hutchins residency (driver's license, utility bill, housing rental contract, etc.)

**Owner Surrender Fee:** The City of Hutchins charges a $20.00 owner surrender fee per healthy animal, $40.00 for a sick, injured, or aggressive animal, and $65.00 for a litter. These fees are utilized to offset the cost of housing and care for pets placed in our care, which can range between $28.00 – $41.00 per day.

Animal Services tries to find homes for every suitable animal entering our shelter, but we can never guarantee the placement of any animal. For this reason, we ask that you use Animal Services as a last resort, after you have exhausted all other attempts to find your pet an alternative suitable permanent home. The transfer of ownership to the City of Hutchins is final and irrevocable once the animal has been surrendered.
How many animals can I have?

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor more than three (3) adult dogs, six (6) cats, six (6) adult ferrets, or any combination thereof in any residential district. A person shall be permitted to keep only one litter of dogs or cats per residence.

What City ordinances regarding animals do I need to know about?

Article 2.07 At-Large Animals

Definition of an animal at-large - An animal not physically confined within the boundaries of the owners’ property, either by fencing that the animal cannot penetrate with any part of its body, go over or under, or by leash, tether or chain 6 feet or longer of sufficient strength to hold the animal, and prevent the trespass of any part of its body onto public or private property, walkways or easements.

Sec. 2.07.001 Violations; Proof

1. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing, or keeping an animal within the city to allow such animal to run at-large.

2. Evidence that an animal has escaped from a fence, enclosure, or leash on two or more occasions, shall be sufficient proof that such fence, enclosure, or leash is inadequate for the purpose of confining such animal and necessary changes may be ordered by the Animal Services Officer by written notice.

Sec. 2.04.002 Rabies Vaccination Requirements

All animals for which rabies vaccinations are required by state law, located within the city, shall be currently vaccinated for rabies. Owners shall provide detailed proof of vaccination status.

What local resources are there?

Please visit our Local Resources page here.

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