Things to Know from Animal Services

- All dogs must be restrained at all times, either on a leash, cable, or inside a fence or resident's home. It is illegal to let your dog loose to roam the neighborhood. If impounded, microchipping for dogs is required.

- Dogs and cats in Hutchins are required to have current rabies tags attached to their collar at all times. Our Animal Services Officer will ask for proof if the date on your pet's tag dates back more than one year.

- When animals are picked up by Animal Services, they are taken to the Ferris Animal Shelter located at I-45BL in Ferris. The shelter's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Their phone number is (972) 544-2225.

- The Ferris Animal Shelter houses animals from Hutchins.

- If you have a pet you no longer want, you must take it to the Ferris Animal Shelter to surrender it so that you may supply critical information to shelter staff regarding your pet. Animal Services does not pick up owner release animals without prepaid payments.

- Animal Services must be contacted regarding any bite from any animal in which the skin is broken. Animals may need to be quarantined for a period of time for observation to ensure the animal does not have rabies.

- Contact Animal Services for nuisance complaints regarding continuous barking or other noises relating to animals.

- Contact Animal Services if you suspect cruelty. All animals must have food, water and shelter at all times.

- Do not attempt to confront or feed any wild animals you may encounter (snakes, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats, skunks, foxes, etc.). Call Animal Services if you have concerns or questions.

- Special conditions apply to the keeping of livestock (chickens, horses, cows, goats and sheep.) See our Livestock Ordinances in Chapter 2 of the City Of Hutchins Ordinances.