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Chapter 060 Rabies Control

- - Section 010 Intent**
 - A. It is the intent of this chapter to provide for coordination of the administration of animal control and rabies control programs provided by the county within the unincorporated areas of the county and within cities in the county that contract for such services.
 - B. Except as provided in Chapter 8.04, the health officer shall have primary responsibility for administration of those provision of the Health and Safety Code and related ordinances dealing with rabies control, as more particularly set forth in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1900 of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code). The animal control officer shall have primary responsibility for administration of those provision of the Food and Agriculture Code and related ordinances dealing with the regulation and licensing of dogs, as more particularly set forth in Division 14 (commencing with Section 30501) of the Food and Agriculture Code. (Ord. 1045 § 12 (part), 1994)
- - Section 020 Services Provided**
 - A. The health officer and animal control officer shall jointly determine the kinds and levels of services to be provided as part of the county's rabies control programs, subject to the availability of funds in any fiscal year to support such programs.
 - B. The level of rabies control provided within the boundaries of any city that has contracted for animal control services pursuant to Section 8.04.600 shall be identical to the level of rabies control services provided within the unincorporated area, unless the contract otherwise provides.
 - C. During any period in which the county has been declared a rabies area pursuant to Section 1920 of the Health and Safety Code, the level of rabies control services provided within a city which has not contracted with the county for animal control services pursuant to Section 8.04.600 shall be the same as that provided within the unincorporated area of the county, unless the city contracts with the county for a different level of rabies and control services.
(Ord. 1045 § 12 (part), 1994)
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Section 030 Effect of Rabies Area Designation

During any period in which the county has been declared a rabies area pursuant to Section 1920 of the Health and Safety Code:

- A. Any dog license issued by the county shall be deemed to meet the licensing requirements of that section and not further evidence of vaccination for rabies of any dog so licensed shall be required.
- B. Any dog license issued by any city shall not constitute evidence of the current vaccination for rabies of the dog so licensed, unless the city, by ordinance, conditions the issuance of such license upon the prior vaccination of the dog for rabies and limits the licensing period to the remaining period of validity for the dog's current rabies vaccination as required by Section 2606.4 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.
- C. The owner of any dog not licensed pursuant to subsection A or whose license is not deemed to be evidence, pursuant to subsection B, of the dog's current vaccination for rabies, shall secure a vaccination certificate and tag from the animal control officer in the same manner provided in by Chapter 8.04 for the issuance of license certificates and tags. All other provisions of Chapter 8.04 requiring and pertaining to the licensing of dogs apply in all respects to a dog for which a vaccination certificate and tag have been issued in lieu of a license. However, the issuance of a vaccination certificate and tag for a dog pursuant to this subsection does not satisfy any other law requiring that the dog be licensed. The fee established pursuant to Section 8.04.200 for the licensing of a dog is the fee for issuance of a vaccination certificate and tag pursuant to this section.
- D. Pursuant to section 510 of the Health and Safety Code, there is hereby imposed within every city that licenses dogs a fee for rabies control services to be collected by that city for each dog licensed by the city. The fee shall equal the fee established pursuant to Section 8.05.200 for the licensing of a dog by the county and shall be collected each time a dog is licensed by the city. All such fees shall be remitted by the city to the county animal control officer within five business days of collection and be deposited into the county treasury as revenue to the animal control officer. Two-thirds of the fee received by the county under this subsection for any dog to which subsection C applies shall be credited against the fee due under subsection C for the dog's vaccination certificate and tag.
(Ord. 1045 § 12 (part), 1994)

- **Section 050 Revenue**

- A. Except as provided in Subsections B & C, fees for services rendered by the health officer and animal control officer to implement this chapter shall be set by resolution by the board of supervisors and shall be due and payable before such services are rendered.
- B. Fees for services for which actual costs cannot be readily determined, e.g., the costs of impounding animal suspected of exposure to rabies and the costs of impounding and testing biting animals, shall be the actual cost incurred by the county in providing the service. Payment of such fees is the responsibility of the owner or keeper of the animal or any person claiming an ownership interest in the animal.
- C. Fees if any, for services rendered to or on behalf of a city pursuant to a contract made under Section

8.04.600 shall be determined by reference to the contract. Fees for services provided by the county to a city which has not contracted with the county for such services pursuant to Section 8.04.600 shall be charged against and be the responsibility of the city, if such services are determined by the health officer to be outside the scope of responsibility of the health officer for rabies control, e.g., impoundment of wild or domestic animals captured or taken within the limits of the city at the request of such a city or its officers, employees or residents, when such animals are thereafter determined not to be rabid.

D. All fees and fines collected pursuant to this chapter shall be paid into the county treasury and credited as revenue to the animal control officer or health officer, as appropriate.

(Ord. 1045 § 12 (part), 1994)

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Section 060 Limitations of Chapter

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed or construed to:

A. Infringe upon the right and power of any city which has not contracted with the county for animal control services pursuant to Section 8.04.600 to require licensing of dogs, or upon the duty of such a city to require, during any period when the county has been declared a rabies area, that dogs be vaccinated for rabies as a prerequisite to such licensing.

B. Relieve any dog owner of any duty imposed by other laws regarding the licensing, care, treatment or keeping of dogs.

C. Relieve any peace officer of the duty imposed by Section 1906 of the Health and Safety Code to enforce the provisions of Article 1 (commencing with Section 1900) of Chapter 3 of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code, pertaining to rabies control.

(Ord. 1045 § 12 (part), 1994)

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