

## **VITAL REMINDERS TO OWNERS OF DOGS & CATS!!!**

Take time to read these reminders and do your part to be a responsible pet owner. Keep your pet safe, happy, and protect other citizens (especially the children and elderly) safe from undue harm and annoyance. By following these simple ordinances you will likely save yourself from receiving any legal nuisance letters, or costly municipal citations.

**TO FILE A COMPLAINT RELATED TO ANIMAL CONTROL CONTACT POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL, PH. 712-366-0152, OR FOR AN ANIMAL CONTROL EMERGENCY DIAL 911.**

### **\*PET'S MUST BE KEPT RESTRAINED AT ALL TIMES, THIS IS CITY CODE**

Dogs AND cats must be restrained at all times per City Code Chapter 55. If your pet is found to be at large in violation of this Chapter it will be seized and impounded by Pottawattamie County Animal Control. The definition of an animal running at large is: off the premises of the owner and not under the control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, or housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel. Be sure to inspect your pets cages, kennels, leashes, etc. to insure that they are properly restrained at all times. This small bit of effort may protect your pet and your neighbors from undue harm and annoyance.

### **\*\*DOGS THAT CAUSE ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE IS PROHIBITED BY CITY CODE**

Your pet may be a very special part of your family, but that doesn't mean your neighbor's enjoy him/her as much as you do. Please be courteous of the rest of the Carson residents and keep your pet under control. If your dog is barking continuously, find out why and take care of the problem. Quite often, pets are left outside during the owners' working hours. Dogs tend to bark when lonely. This is extremely annoying to neighbors. Dogs (and cats) should never be allowed to wander the city...either on their own, or with their owners. Disturbance to others property will not be tolerated. It is your responsibility to pick up after your pet.

### **\*\*\*\*DOG & CAT LICENSE REQUIRED PER CITY CODE CHAPTER 56**

Every owner of a dog or cat over the age of 4 months shall procure a dog or cat license from the City Clerk. Licenses expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Before a license is issued, the owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies. We often hear from cat owners "My cat never goes outside so do I still need a pet license?" the answer to this is Yes. All cats and dogs within the City Limits must be licensed and show proof of rabies immunization.

### **\*\*\*\*NUMBER of PETS RESTRICTED PER CITY CODE CHAPTER 55**

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor at any time more than a total of four (4) of any combination of the following types of animals per residential or dwelling unit in the City:

1. Cats over the age of four (4) months.
2. Dogs.

Provided however, this section does not apply to:

1. A boarding kennel or commercial kennel as defined by Chapter 162 of the Code of Iowa; or
2. Cats under the age of 4 months; or
3. Specific animals owned, kept or harbored by a person prior to January 1, 2000; or
4. *Any specific animals owned and kept by an individual upon moving into the City, which specific animals may be owned, harbored or kept for the remainder of the animals' lives, if the animals are licensed as provided for in Chapter 56 of the City Code. Any other excuses pertaining to this code WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.*