

COMMISSION ON ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL CITY OF CHICAGO

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Carrie M. Austin Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

- From: Sandra Alfred Executive Director Commission on Animal Care & Control
- CC: Samantha Fields Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

Date: October 13, 2015

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

Ref ID: 73-1 Pet Surrender

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 2, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Lopez asked for information on and list of locations for residents that need to surrender pets.

Chicago Animal Care & Control currently offers an in depth list of Chicago area shelters that may have stray animals (please see the attached Lost Pet Flyer). Currently, no comprehensive document exists to advertise where pet owners can surrender their animals. We will broach this subject at the next Chicago Area Shelter Alliance meeting, as there will be several Chicago area shelters in attendance.

As background on the topic, while Chicago Animal Care & Control is an open admission shelter (meaning we do not turn away animals for reasons like lack of space or belief that animal will not be highly adoptable), other Chicago shelters may have different standards for accepting ownersurrendered animals. While many of these organizations may have intake criteria, often times these decisions are made on a case by case basis.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.







LOST YOUR PET.....? Check with your local police district, the supermarket bulletin board and lost/found ads in your local newspaper. The following is a **LIMITED** list of animal shelters to search for your lost pet. Generally, you must go to these places in person because descriptions over the telephone may lose accuracy. Call prior to leaving for times open to the public. Don't forget.....contact your local police department for impoundment procedures. Visit: <u>www.petharbor.com/chicago</u> for a list of lost animals at our shelter.

CHICAGO Animal Care and Control 2741 S. Western 312-747-1406 6224 S. Wabash Animal Welfare League 773-667-0088 Tree House (cats only) 1212 W. Carmen 773-784-5488 • Tree House (cats only) 1629 N. Ashland 773-784-5488 Harmony House (cats only) 2914 N. Elston 773-293-6103 **NORTH & NORTHWEST SUBURBS** Deerfield Orphans of the Storm, 2200 River Woods Road 847-945-0235 **Des Plaines** Wright Animal Hospital, 265 River Road 847-299-0135 Lake County Lake County Animal Control, 29278 N. Hwy 83 847-949-9925 Evanston Evanston Animal Shelter, 2310 Oakton St. 847-866-5080 Arlington Heights Kay's Animal Shelter, 2705 N. Arlington Heights Rd. 847-259-2907 WEST OF CHICAGO Oak Park Village Humane Society, 1013 Garfield 708-848-8155 Hinsdale Hinsdale Humane Society, 22 N. Elm St. 630-323-5630 Humane Society of Northcentral IL Kane County 847-697-2880 **DuPage Cnty Animal Control** 630-682-7197 Wheaton Bloomingdale Pet Rescue, 151 N. Bloomingdale Rd. 630-893-0030 **SOUTH & SOUTHWEST OF CHICAGO** Animal Welfare League, 10305 SW Hwy 708-636-8586 Chicago Ridge Chicago Heights South Suburban Humane Society, 1103 W. End Ave. 708-755-7389 Animals straying into an unincorporated area of Cook County are impounded at: South of Eisenhower Expwy The Animal Welfare League 708-636-8586 North of Eisenhower Expwy Mount Plaines Animal Hospital 847-259-0330 SOME OF THE OVERNIGHT EMERGENCY HOSPITALS NEAR CHICAGO Chicago Vet Emergency Service 3123 N. Clybourn 773-281-7110 . Animal 911 (Skokie) 3735 W. Dempster 847-328-9110 • Emergency Veterinary Care (Crestwood) 13715 S. Cicero Ave. 708-388-3771 ٠ Animal Emergency Clinic (Berwyn) 2845 S. Harlem Ave. 708-749-4600 Furnetic Animal Emergency 2242 W. Harrison Ste 101 312-226-2588

TAG YOUR PET! REMEMBER.....IT'S THE LAW....AND BESIDES....A TAGGED ANIMAL IS NEVER LOST! A CURRENT RABIES TAG & CITY LICENSE AFFIXED TO YOUR PET'S COLLAR WILL IDENTIFY YOU AS THE OWNER. IF YOUR ANIMAL HAS A MICROCHIP, MAKE SURE THE CHIP IS REGISTERED TO <u>YOU</u> WITH YOUR <u>CURRENT</u> CONTACT INFORMATION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE!





If you've lost your pet, here are a few things you can do:

- Make a flier with a clear picture of your pet, list the pet's description, where the pet was last seen and your contact information. Do not put your name on the flier, a phone number is sufficient. Offer a reward do not list the amount.
- Post the fliers in the area he was lost, local vets, grocery stores, groomers, trainers and pet stores.
- Walk the area he was last seen and ask people if they have seen him and if they would keep look out for him. Knock on doors. Give out your fliers.
- Call or visit vets in the area. If he was hurt, someone may have brought him in.
- Call and visit animal shelters and animal control. Do not confine your search to Chicago shelters. Some people will only turn lost animals in to "no kill" shelters.
- If your dog is a purebred, check with local breed rescue.
- Put an ad in the local paper.
- If someone contacts you claiming to have found your pet, arrange to meet with them and take someone with you.

Online and Social Media Resources

Crowofynd mobile and social app, visit <u>www.crowdfynd.com</u>. Services offered: register your pet before he/she becomes lost, post notice of lost pets, and post information on found pets.



Petharbor – <u>www.petharbor.com/chicago</u> – photos of stray animals brought to CACC are posted on petharbor.com, and are updated every hour.

> Facebook – "Lost Dogs of Illinois" www.lostdogsillinois.org/lost-a-dog/





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- **Date:** October 8, 2015

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

Ref Id: 73-02 State Permits for Wildlife Nuisance

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 2, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Austin asked about information on whether Aldermanic offices are able to obtain state permits to trap nuisance wildlife on behalf of residents (senior citizens, etc.).

Chicago Animal Care and Control is working on scheduling a meeting with representatives of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to further explore the topic of wildlife management in Chicago. We will be sure to include your office on significant updates during these discussions.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.