



VAN METER DEPARTMENT POLICE

VAN METER ANIMAL CONTROL

The Van Meter Police Department is responsible for animal control in the City of Van Meter. If you have need of animal control services please call:

Dispatch: 515-993-4567

They will dispatch an officer to handle the complaint.

If an animal is impounded the following city ordinances apply:

*** We try not to impound animals but if we have to we do so under this ordinance. They are impounded to Aheinz57 Shelter in DeSoto, Iowa.**

55.13 AT LARGE: IMPOUNDMENT. Animals found at large in violation of this chapter shall be seized and impounded at the impoundment facility utilized by the City, or at the discretion of the peace officer, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made thereunder.

***Owners will be required to show proof of vaccination to pick up the animal.**

55.10 RABIES VACCINATION. Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which has not been vaccinated against rabies. Dogs kept in kennels and not allowed to run at large are not subject to these vaccination requirements.

*** We try to immediately locate the owners, post the animals picture on the city Facebook page and return the animal to the owner as soon as possible. WE WILL NOT TAKE THE ANIMAL TO ANY LOCATION THAT WILL EUTHANIZE THEM unless it is for quality of life/medical issues determined by a qualified veterinarian.**

55.14 DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS. When an animal has been apprehended and impounded, written notice shall be provided to the owner within two (2) days after impoundment, if the owner's name and current address can reasonably be determined by accessing a tag or other device that is on or part of the animal. Impounded animals may be recovered by the owner upon payment of impounding costs, and if an unvaccinated dog, by having it immediately vaccinated. If the owner fails to redeem the animal within seven (7) days from the date that the notice is mailed, or if the owner cannot be located within seven days, the animal shall be disposed of in accordance with law or destroyed by euthanasia



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***We do now charge a fee under the ordinances if we have to impound an animal due to the cost of transportation, personnel costs etc. This is paid to the Van Meter City Hall. The owner will also have to pay any boarding fees charged by Aheinz57. They also will be required by Aheinz57 to show proof of ownership, rabies vaccination and payment of the city fee.**

55.15 IMPOUNDING COSTS. Impounding costs are fifty dollars (\$50.00) for first impoundment, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for second impoundment and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for third and subsequent impoundments plus boarding costs as established by the impoundment facility.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call my departmental phone at 515-202-4154.

Bill Daggett
Chief of Police