

Bite Case Requirements

18-167 (a) The LA/SPCA shall impound any dog that has bitten a human being within the city and quarantine for a period of at least ten days at a rabies quarantine facility.

(d) The owner may quarantine the animal at a private veterinary clinic at the owner's expense. The owner shall provide the Agency with signed certification of "No Sign of Rabies" within 48 hours of the end of the quarantine period.

Request a Copy

A hard copy of the Chapter 18 Ordinances can be requested by writing to:

Louisiana SPCA
1700 Mardi Gras Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70114

Please send \$2.00 for printing and postage fee.

Additional Chapter 18 Ordinances

18.2 Cruelty and abuse of animals prohibited:

Medical attention and/or necessary veterinary care when an animal is sick, diseased, or injured. This shall include necessary efforts to maintain an animal's coat and skin in a reasonably healthy condition and free of fleas and ticks.

18.14 c All indoor/outdoor cats that are privately owned must be microchipped or ear tipped.

18.15 All rabbits sold or adopted in Orleans Parish must be spayed or neutered.

18-202 Dogs and Cats brought from outside of Orleans Parish—must be vaccinated against rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvo virus, parainfluenza and bordetella and for cats rabies, rhinoytscheitis, caliciviris and planleukopenia prior to arriving in Orleans Parish.

18.1 Wild or exotic animals
Roosters are NOT permitted within Orleans Parish; hens are permitted as long as they have proper housing and the housing areas are kept clean and sanitary.

To report an Animal Control Violation or Animal Cruelty, call 504-368-5191 ext. 100 or email dispatch@la-sPCA.org.

CHAPTER 18 ANIMAL ORDINANCES

What Orleans Parish Veterinarians and Veterinary Practices Need to Know

Effective Date:

March 22, 2013

As a Veterinary Professional, you play an important role in educating pet owners in Orleans Parish. This brochure provides an overview of the Chapter 18 Animal Ordinances that were recently revised by Councilmember Guidry and the LA/SPCA and passed by the New Orleans City Council.

Pet owners and Veterinarians are responsible for being in compliance with all Chapter 18 Ordinances, even those not included in this brochure. Copies of the complete ordinances can be found at the website address www.la-sPCA.org/ordinances.

Rabies Vaccination Requirements

18-168 The owner of every dog or cat between three and four months old shall, at his expense, have such dog or cat vaccinated by a Louisiana-licensed veterinarian with rabies vaccine. Twelve months later, the animal shall be revaccinated. Thereafter, such dog or cat shall be revaccinated every 36 months by a licensed Louisiana veterinarian. The veterinarian must provide the owner the date when the dog or cat must be revaccinated.

**Participants in the Palm Sunday Rabies Drive will be given the rabies vaccination and license tag each year since it will not be possible to verify that it is the same dog or cat that was previously vaccinated.*

18-169 The tag evidencing the rabies vaccination is affixed to the collar or harness.

18-227 Annual Issuance of City dog or cat licenses. . . Each Licensed Veterinarian shall issue to the owner of any dog or cat an annual municipal dog or cat license tag on which shall appear the license number assigned to that dog or cat.

18-236—Veterinarian to comply with sections 18-227-18-234 (see complete Ordinances for full 18-227-18-234 section). Willful failure to comply with this section may result in a citation and may result in the loss of occupational license.

Mule and Horse Requirements

Do the revised ordinances address mules and horses?

Yes, the revised ordinances require information to be filed by the person keeping horses or mules. Every person within the limits of the city, having one or more horses or mules housed or stabled within the city shall file with the LA/SPCA's Animal Control Division the following information:

- (a) Name of the owner;
 - (b) Number and kind of animals housed or stabled on the premises;
 - (c) Address of place (street and number) where the animals are stabled;
 - (d) Proof of annual negative Coggins' test result;
 - (e) Proof of annual vaccinations, including Eastern and Western Encephalitis, West Nile virus, and rabies;
- and;
- (f) Any other information as the department may deem necessary for the enforcement of proper sanitary regulations on the premises.

This information is required for equine exhibited or used for transportation in parades.

Spay/Neuter/Intact Requirements

Division 5—Spaying and Neutering of Dogs

All dogs over 6 months old are required to be spayed or neutered UNLESS:

- They are less than 6 months old
- They have applied for and received an intact permit
- Have applied for and received an exemption for an intact permit.

18-209 Permit Requirements

Each permit is issued for an individual dog.

Dogs MUST have proof of the following vaccinations: Rabies, Distemper and Parvo Virus.

Dogs MUST be microchipped.

Owner must submit a photo of the dog with the application.

Owner must apply for the permit (Application Fee \$75; annual renewal \$20).

*The permit must be renewed annually at the end of the 12 month period based on the initial permit date.

Additionally, if a permit is not renewed on time, a \$10 per day late fee will be assessed in addition to the renewal fee.