

RESOLUTION 25-R-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR FEES AND COSTS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ANIMALS WITHIN MARION COUNTY AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR A SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (Board) has amended Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code establishing rules and regulations governing animals kept in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the Schedule of Fees and Fines relating to the regulations governing animals kept in Marion County; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida:

SECTION 1. FEES AND COSTS. The Board hereby amends the fees and costs to be assessed and collected by Marion County Animal Services attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. FINES AND PENALTIES. The Board hereby amends the fines and penalties attached hereto as Exhibit B to be assessed for violations of Chapter 4 of the Marion County Code. All fines and penalties shall be paid to the Clerk of Court at the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The Schedule of Fines and Penalties attached hereto provides fines for first, second, third, and subsequent violations.

SECTION 3. CONFLICT. All Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Board.

DULY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK

KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN

Marion County Animal Services
2025 Schedule of Fees
Exhibit A

Adoption:	
Dog or Cat Adoption ¹	
Puppy (under 6 months of age)	\$80
Adult Dog (6 months to under 7 years of age)	\$60
Mature Dog (7 years and above)	\$30
Kitten (under 6 months of age)	\$60
Adult Cat (6 months to under 7 years of age)	\$40
Mature Cat (7 years and above)	\$20
Working Cat	\$0
Second/Additional Cat or Kitten	\$0
Foster Adoption ¹	\$0
Finder Adoption, following Finder to Foster ¹	\$0
Senior Citizen (55+), Veteran or First Responder Discount	50% off adoption
Pocket Pet (rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.)	Market Value
Bird (macaws, parrots, cockatiels, parakeets, etc.)	Market Value
Reptile or Other Exotic	Market Value
Special Adoption Pricing	Per Event/Promo
¹ Includes sterilization, microchip with registration, age appropriate vaccinations, and license for Marion County residents.	
Sterilization:	
Puppy (under 6 months of age) ²	\$55
Kitten (under 6 months of age) ²	\$15
Dog (6 months and older) ²	\$75
Cat (6 months and older) ²	\$35
Public Surgery for Bully-type breed, large breed, or any other breed commonly found in the shelter ²	\$15
TNVR Package (includes age appropriate vaccinations, microchip with registration to caretaker if requested, and ear tip)	\$15
Rabbit	\$75
² Includes age appropriate vaccinations, microchip with registration, and license for Marion County residents.	
Redemption:	
Reclaimed Sterilized Dog or Cat ³	
First impoundment	\$0
Second impoundment	\$50
Third impoundment	\$100
Subsequent impoundment	Previous impound + \$75
Reclaimed Intact Dog or Cat ³	
First impoundment	\$50
Second impoundment	\$100
Third impoundment	\$200
Subsequent impoundment	Previous impound + \$150
Reclaimed Dangerous Dog ³	
First impoundment	\$300
Second impoundment	\$400
Third impoundment	\$500
Subsequent impoundment	Previous impound + \$200

Reclaimed other species	\$50
Redemption Spay/Neuter package (dog/cat), in lieu of other redemption/boarding fees; includes sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, microchip with registration, and license for Marion County residents; all other impound & board fees waived	\$50
³ <i>Vaccination, Microchip, Board, and any additional veterinary fees to be sustained, if and as needed</i>	
Board & Care:	
Board, per day	\$15
Dangerous Dog Board, per day	\$20
Quarantine Board, per day	\$20
Special Dietary Needs, per day	\$15
Non-routine Veterinary or Other Care, per treatment in house	\$15
Off-Site Veterinary Care	Actual Cost
Licenses⁴:	
Adoption License – any currently vaccinated and sterilized cat or dog, adopted from MCAS, Rescue Partner or permitted Animal-Related Organization in good standing and in Marion County; One-year duration only	\$0
Juvenile Pet License – cat or dog under 4 months of age ⁵	\$0
One-year License – any vaccinated cat or dog under 1 year of age ⁶	\$15
Sterilized cats and dogs, 1 year of age and older ⁶	
One-year duration	\$15
Three-year duration	\$40
Intact cats and dogs, 1 year of age and older ^{6,7,8}	
One-year duration	\$75
Three-year duration	\$220
Replacement license	\$5
⁴ <i>Licenses will only be issued to Marion County Residents. Unless listed otherwise, no license will extend beyond the expiration date of the Rabies Vaccination on file at the time of purchase.</i>	
⁵ <i>Valid until pet receives Rabies Vaccination or reaches four months of age, whichever comes first.</i>	
⁶ <i>Any cat or dog with a microchip currently registered with a microchip company will receive a \$5 discount per year.</i>	
⁷ <i>Refund of intact license, to price of sterilized license, will be issued if proof of sterilization is provided within 30 calendar days of license purchase date</i>	
⁸ <i>License Fee reduced to \$30 for one-year duration or \$90 for three-year duration with proof of Medically Exempted Sterilization provided by a Licensed Veterinarian or Breeding animal owned by currently permitted Hobby or Commercial Breeder, in good standing</i>	
Microchip:	
Microchip, including registration	\$10
Vaccination & Preventative Care:	
Rabies Vaccination	\$15
DHPP (Combination Dog/Puppy Vaccination)	\$10
FVRCP (Combination Cat/Kitten Vaccination)	\$10
Bordetella	\$10
Anthelmintic (de-wormer); pyrantel or similar	\$5
FeLV Test	\$20
Heartworm Test	\$20
Other Vaccinations, as warranted and available	Actual Cost
Other Preventatives, as warranted and available	Actual Cost
Misc Medical Diagnostics or Treatments	Actual Cost

Rescue Partner:	
Transfer	\$0
Redemption fee, if in violation of County Ordinance at the time of impound	\$20
Surrender:	
Owner surrender ⁹	\$50
⁹ <i>Vaccination fees to be charged if unable to provide proof of current vaccination at the time of surrender</i>	
End of Life Services:	
Humane Euthanasia	\$25
Communal Cremation	\$20
Private Cremation	Paid directly to Vendor
Home Burial	\$0
Permitting¹⁰:	
Animal Related Business Permit, per location	\$100
Each Additional Service, after Initial Service	\$50
Animal Related Organization Permit	\$0
Commercial Breeder Permit	\$1,000
Hobby Breeder Permit	\$500
High Volume Owner Permit	\$250
¹⁰ <i>Permits shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance and must be renewed annually.</i>	
Dangerous Dog:	
Initial Registration	\$600
Annual Renewal	\$300
Dangerous Dog Sign, per sign	\$10
Dangerous Dog Transport to veterinarian or boarding facility	\$75 per trip
Dangerous Dog Hearing fee	\$100
Dangerous Dog 2 nd and Subsequent hearing/appeal fee	\$200
Miscellaneous:	
Dog Adoption Kit	Market Value + 10%
Cat Adoption Kit	Market Value + 10%
Landlord Animal Removal fee, per animal	\$50
Transportation	\$50 per trip
Trap Rental, per week (not pro-rated)	\$15
Preparation and packaging of laboratory specimens	\$50
Shipping	Actual Cost
Animal Abuser Registry Initial Registration ¹¹	\$126
Animal Abuser Registry Annual Renewal ¹¹	\$10
Irresponsible Animal Owner, annually	\$125
¹¹ <i>Fee established in Marion County Ordinance, as may be amended</i>	

**Marion County Animal Services
2025 Schedule of Fines and Penalties
Exhibit B**

Code Section	Description	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd and Subsequent Offense
4-7	Impounding authority of officers; interference	\$250	MCA*	MCA*
4-8	Licensure, exemptions, requirements	NTC** or \$100	\$200	MCA*
4-9	Rabies, exceptions, requirements	NTC** or \$100	\$200	MCA*
4-10	Mandatory Microchipping	NTC** or \$100	\$200	MCA*
4-11	Control of animals	\$200	\$400	MCA*
4-11 (e)	Control of animals – Results in bite or injury to a person or an animal. Failure to confine humanely while in heat (estrus)	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-11 (f)	Control of animals – Livestock fencing minimum requirements	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-12	Animals creating a nuisance	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-13	Humane treatment for animals; improper tethering	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-14	Animals in motor vehicles or vessels	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-15 (g)	Animal Abuser Registry – Violation of Prohibitions	MCA*	MCA*	MCA*
4-15 (h)	Transfer of animal ownership to Offender	Warning	\$200	MCA*
4-15 (d), (e), (f)	Failure to register or update registry information with Maintaining Agency	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-16	Enjoinment Violation	\$500	MCA*	MCA*
4-16 (f)	Transfer of animal ownership to Enjoined Person	Warning	\$200	MCA*
4-17	Impoundment, redemption, adoption	NTC** or \$100	\$200	MCA*
4-18	Location of sale of dogs and cats	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-19	Requirement for sale of dogs and cats	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-20	Community Cat Violation	Warning	\$200	MCA*
4-22	Dangerous Dog Violation	\$500	***	MCA*
4-28	Irresponsible Owner Violation	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-29	Permitting, exemptions, requirements	\$250	\$500	MCA*
4-30	Standards of Care	\$250	\$500	MCA*

***Mandatory Court Appearance**

****Notice To Comply**

*****Maximum fine as allowed by FSS**