

## PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS AND CATS (531-202)

Dogs and cats over 3 months old must wear permanent identification at all times. Permanent identification includes: a permanent tag attached to a durable collar that bears the owners current name, address, telephone number, or an implanted microchip that bears a registered identification number. IACS offers microchipping for \$10 during regular business hours.

## DOG & CAT CURBING REQUIREMENTS (531-203)

No person, knowingly, shall allow a dog or cat that is kept by that person to urinate or defecate on public or private property without prior permission of the property owner, unless the feces is promptly removed.

## ANIMALS CAUSING NUISANCE PROHIBITED (531-204)

Frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, screeching, or other vocalization causing serious annoyance or disturbance to persons in the vicinity is prohibited.

## SEC. 531-401. - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL CARE AND TREATMENT.

It is unlawful to beat, starve, or otherwise mistreat an animal in the city. In addition, every pet owner or keeper of an animal must ensure that the animal:

- Is kept in a clean, sanitary, and healthy environment, and is not forced to stand, sit, or lie in it's own excrement.
- Has adequate food, fresh, potable drinking water, and access to shelter and ventilation protecting the animal from excessive heat and cold with sufficient size permitting the animal to move about freely.
- Is protected against abuse, cruelty, neglect, torment, overload, or other mistreatment.
- Is provided reasonably necessary medical care, including recommended vaccinations as required by accepted veterinary standards and proper care if the animal is diseased or injured.
- Dogs must be brought into a temperature controlled facility when the temperature is at or below 20°F or above 90°F

## CONTINUOUS TETHERING PROHIBITED (531-401)

It is unlawful for any animal to be tethered between the hours of 11pm and 6am, or to tether any un-spayed/neutered dog for any period of time, unless it is in visual range of an adult who is outside with the dog. Further, animals should not be tethered by the use of a choke collar or any collar too small for the animals size and age nor by a rope, chain, or cord directly attached to the animal's neck.

Tethers must be at least 12 feet in length, have working swivels on both ends and must not be of such unreasonable weight as to prevent the animal from moving about freely.

## CONTACT US

Indianapolis Animal Care Services  
2600 South Harding Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46221

To report an animal, or request assistance, please visit:  
<http://maps.indy.gov/RequestIndy/>

# IT'S THE LAW



**INDIANAPOLIS ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

ACTIVITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OUR MISSION

Indianapolis Animal Care Services (IACS) works in partnership with the community to address problems associated with pet overpopulation, to promote responsible pet ownership and to enhance the health and safety of the community.

## SHELTER HOURS:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Closed

## FREQUENTLY CITED ORDINANCES

The following is a summary of frequently cited local animal ordinances. **This summary is not meant to serve as a substitute for the city code.** For an unabridged copy of the ordinances, visit: [https://library.municode.com/in/indianapolis/\\_marion\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/in/indianapolis/_marion_county/codes/code_of_ordinances)

## ANIMALS "AT LARGE" PROHIBITED (SEC. 531-102)

It is unlawful for the owner or keeper of an animal to allow that animal to be "at large" within the city. "At large" means not confined without means of escape within a secure enclosure, unless on a leash and under the control of a competent human being.

## DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN VEHICLES (531-207)

It is unlawful to leave a domestic animal unattended in a vehicle when conditions in that vehicle would cause a health hazard to that animal.  
It is unlawful for any dog or cat to ride in the bed of a pickup truck on public streets, highways, and/or right-of-ways, unless that animal is securely caged and protected from the environment.

## RABIES VACCINATION & TAG REQUIRED (531-301/302)

Dogs and cats over 3 months old must have a current vaccination against rabies performed by a veterinarian. In addition, dogs and cats must wear a rabies vaccination identification at all times - such tag is generally provided by the veterinarian.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CAT?

A community cat is an unowned/free-roaming cat that has been sterilized, ear tipped for identification and rabies vaccinated. They live outdoors and do not have a particular home or owner. They may be friendly, or in some cases, feral (not socialized with people).

## COMMUNITY CAT GUIDELINES (SEC. 531-210)

1. Get the cats fixed. Free or low cost spay/neuter is available.
2. Provide adequate food and water for the cats on a daily basis. Do not leave food out at night which will attract wildlife.  
  
For food assistance contact FIDO Pet Food Pantry at [www.fidoindy.org](http://www.fidoindy.org), at 317-221-1314
3. Provide adequate winter shelter. Winter shelters are available at no cost if needed.
4. Seek assistance for any injured or ill cats. Call the FACE Low-Cost Animal Clinic at (317) 638-3223 or IACS at (317) 327-4622. After hours, weekends or holidays call (317) 327-3811.
5. Help resolve nuisance or neighbor concerns. [www.alleycat.org/resources/how-to-live-with-cats-in-your-neighborhood](http://www.alleycat.org/resources/how-to-live-with-cats-in-your-neighborhood)
6. Report neglect, cruelty, poisoning or abandonment directed against any cat(s) to the Mayor's Action Center (317) 327-4622.