



# Taylor County

## Board of County Commissioners'

### Policy Manual

5.14

Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
2009-16	Spay/Neuter Non-compliance	03/17/09

#### PURPOSE

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To provide guidelines when an animal owner is non-compliant with State and/or Local spay/neuter laws for adopted animals.

#### REFERENCE

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Chapter 823.15 F.S.

#### POLICY

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Taylor County Animal Control will schedule and transport to a licensed veterinarian any animal of mature age for spaying or neutering. Citizens that wish to adopt an animal that is less than six (6) months of age will be required to provide a cash deposit of \$50.00. The owner will be given a date in which to comply with the spay/neuter law. If the adopter does not comply by the date given, the adopter will forfeit the fifty (50.00) dollar deposit. Citations or impoundment of the animal will follow.

If the animal is lost or stolen prior to spay/neuter, a Police report must be filed in order to avoid further action. If the animal dies, either verification of death from a veterinarian is required or the carcass shall be brought to Animal Control. A citizen in violation of this section may be prohibited from future adoptions of animals.

#### RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

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Environmental Services Department – Animal Control

**Sunset Date: 03/01/19**