

I.O. No.: 4-51  
Ordered: ~~9/19/17~~  
Effective: 10/~~91~~/201~~78~~

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
IMPLEMENTING ORDER

ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FEES

**AUTHORITY:**

The Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, including, among others, Section 1.01 and 2.02A, and Sections 5-5, 5-7, 5-8, 5-13, 5-14, 5-18, and 5-23 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

**SUPERSEDES:**

This Implementing Order (IO) supersedes IO 4-51, ordered September ~~22~~19, 201~~6~~7, and effective October ~~19~~19, 201~~6~~7.

**POLICY:**

This Implementing Order establishes a schedule of fees for rabies vaccination, animal registration and license tags, adoption, impound/redemption charges, veterinary services, licenses, refundable deposits, hearing fees, expert witness fees, euthanasia, microchipping, and other services.

**FEE SCHEDULE:**

The fee schedule adopted by this Implementing Order is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The official fee schedule is also filed with and subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and on file with the Clerk thereof. Fees that are charged by the Animal Services Department shall be the same as those listed in the official fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the County Commission.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency \_\_\_\_\_

## ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

The Miami-Dade County Animal Services Department shall charge and collect fees for the items and rates listed in the following schedule:

Service	Fee
<b>License Tag</b>	
➤ Intact – Dog 12 months old or more	<del>\$60</del> 55.00
➤ Intact – Dog between 4 months and 12 months old	\$30.00
➤ Sterilized – Dog 12 months old or more	\$30.00
➤ Intact Dog - Low Income – (note 1)	\$15.00
➤ Sterilized Dog - Low Income – (note 1)	\$5.00
➤ Intact – Cat (VOLUNTARY)	\$10.00
➤ Sterilized – Cat (VOLUNTARY)	\$5.00
➤ Intact – Cat (VOLUNTARY) – Low Income (note 1)	\$5.00
➤ Sterilized – Cat (VOLUNTARY) – Low Income (note1)	\$3.00
➤ Replacement Tag	\$5.00
➤ Service Animal/Working Police Dog	No Charge
➤ 3-Year License (note 2)	3x above fees
<b>Impoundments (note 3)</b>	
➤ Redemption/Sterilized Dogs	\$50.00
➤ Redemption/Intact Dogs	\$100.00
➤ Redemption/Sterilized Dogs – Low Income (note 1)	\$25.00
➤ Redemption/Intact Dogs – Low Income (note 1) w/o Services	\$75.00
➤ Dogs: Subsequent Impoundment within 12 months/sterilized	\$75.00
➤ Dogs: Subsequent Impoundment within 12 months/intact	\$125.00
➤ Dogs: Subsequent Impoundment within 12 months/sterilized – Low Income (note 1)	\$50.00
➤ Dogs: Subsequent Impoundment within 12 months/intact – Low Income (note 1)	\$100.00
➤ Animal Care Fee/Dogs (includes day of impoundment)	\$10.00/day
➤ Redemption/Sterilized Cats	\$30.00
➤ Redemption/Intact Cats	\$50.00
➤ Cats: Subsequent Impoundment within 12 months/sterilized	\$60.00
➤ Cats: Subsequent Impoundment within 12 months/intact	\$85.00
➤ Animal Care Fee/Cats (including day of impoundment)	\$5.00/day
<b>Microchip Service (General Public)</b>	
➤ Microchip Implant	\$15.00
➤ <u>Microchip Implant – Low Income (note 1)</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Surrender Dog/Cat</b>	
➤ Surrender Fee	\$10.00
➤ Euthanasia & Disposal (25 lbs and under)	\$25.00
➤ Euthanasia & Disposal (26 lbs to 50 lbs)	\$30.00
➤ Euthanasia & Disposal (51 lbs and over)	\$40.00
➤ Disposal Service Only (25 lbs and under)	\$10.00
➤ Disposal Service Only (26 lbs to 50 lbs)	\$15.00
➤ Disposal Service Only (51 lbs and over)	\$20.00

**Rabies Inoculation/ Vaccines**

➤ Low Income (note 1)	\$ 5.00
➤ General Public	\$15.00
➤ <del>FHRCPG</del> <u>FRCPC</u>	\$15.00
➤ Bordetella	\$15.00
➤ DHPP	\$15.00
➤ Low Income Vaccine Package (Canine) (notes 1, 4)	\$25.00
➤ Vaccine-X Package (Canine) (note 4a)	\$20.00
➤ Vaccine Package (Canine) (note 4)	\$35.00
➤ Vaccine Package (Feline) (note 5)	\$20.00

**Other Package Services**

➤ Low Income Full Service Package (Canine) (notes 1, 6)	\$40.00
➤ Full Service Package (Canine) (note 6)	\$50.00
➤ Full Service Package (Canine) (note 7)	\$35.00
➤ Low Income Special Service Package (Canine) (notes 1, 8)	\$70.00
➤ Special Service Package (Canine) (note 8)	\$90.00
➤ Special Service Package (Feline) (note 9)	\$55.00

**Registrations**

➤ Dangerous Dog Annual Registration Fee	\$125.00
➤ Dangerous Dog Life Registration (non-transferrable)	\$500.00
➤ Guard Dog Registration Fee/Dog	\$125.00

**Spay/Neuter Fees**

➤ Cats: Spay/Neuter Surgery Co-Payment	\$20.00
➤ Dogs: Spay/Neuter Surgery Co-Payment	\$40.00
➤ Spay/Neuter: Veterans Only (note 13)	No Charge
➤ Special Events Spay/Neuter Surgeries	No Charge

**Adoptions and Return to Owner (RTO)**

➤ Adoptions - Dogs	\$65.00*
➤ Adoptions - Puppies	<del>\$80.00</del> \$75.00**
➤ Cats/Kittens	\$35.00*
➤ 2 for 1 Cat/Kitten Adoption	\$35.00*
➤ Adoptions (Specials Events Only)	No Charge
➤ Adoptions: Veterans Only (note 13)	No Charge
➤ Return to Owner – Dogs	\$65.00**
➤ Return to Owner – Puppies	\$75.00**
➤ Return to Owner – Cats/Kittens	\$35.00**

(\*includes microchip, vaccines, license, and spay/neuter service; does not include license for non-county residents)

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**Rescue Group Adoptions**

➤ Dog (2 months +)	\$30.00**
➤ Dog – Mom w/ Litter	\$25.00**
➤ Puppy Litter (8 weeks and under) non-refundable	\$20.00
➤ Cats/Kittens (2 months +)	\$15.00**
➤ 2 for 1 Cat/Kittens	\$15.00**
➤ Cats – Mom w/Litter	\$15.00**
➤ Kitten Litter (8 weeks and under) non-refundable	\$15.00
➤ Cat Network Partnership: Transfer of Cats/Kittens	No Charge

(\*\*includes microchip, vaccines, and spay/neuter service)

**Licenses (Annual Fees)**

➤ Kennel	\$400.00
➤ Hobby Breeder (annual fee) (note 10)	\$150.00
➤ Pet Dealer( (Animal Sales less than 30/year)	\$500.00
➤ Pet Dealer (Animal Sales less than 50/year)	\$600.00
➤ Pet Dealer (Animal Sales less than 75/year)	\$700.00
➤ Pet Dealer (Animal Sales less than 100/year )	\$800.00
➤ Pet Dealer (Animal Sales more than 100/yr)	\$1,000.00
➤ Pet Dealer Permit Late Fee	\$30.00
➤ Pet Care Grooming Center	\$400.00
➤ Mobile Grooming Center	\$225.00

**Deposits (note 11)**

➤ Cat Traps Deposits (refundable)	\$50.00
➤ <u>Spay/Neuter Deposits (refundable) — Miami-Dade County</u>	
\$50.00	
➤ <u>Spay/Neuter Deposits (refundable) — Broward County Residents outside of Miami-Dade County</u>	\$100.00

**Large Animals**

➤ Confiscations/At Large Cases: Legal Advertisements	Actual Cost +20%
➤ Medical Care	Actual Cost +20%
➤ Euthanasia	Actual Cost +20%
➤ Disposal	Actual Cost +20%
➤ Care & Feeding	\$22.00/day
➤ Transportation	\$225.00
➤ Impoundment Fee	\$50.00

**Lien Processing**

➤ Processing Fee	\$500.00
➤ Lien Search (1 unit/folio)	\$30.00
➤ Lien Search (applies to multiple units under one folio)	\$30 plus \$10/unit
➤ Lien Recording	\$50.00
➤ Lien Settlement Agreement	\$75.00
➤ Lien Cancellation	\$50.00
➤ Case / Lien Search Fee	\$125.00

**Hearings/Case Proceedings**

➤ Criminal/Civil Case Processing Recovery Fees	\$250.00
➤ Hearing Adm. Fee (applies to Rabies/License Ch. 5 Civil Violations)	\$50.00
➤ Hearing Adm. Fee (applies to other Ch. 5 Civil Violations)	\$125.00
➤ Pathology Services: Projectile Retrieval (per animal)	\$250.00
➤ Pathology Services: Necropsy (per animal)	\$1,000.00

**Expert Witness Fees (note 12):****Chief of Veterinary Services and Veterinarian:**

➤ Court Time, Deposition Time, Conference and Phone Conference Time (note 13)	\$75/hr or \$1,000/day
➤ Review of Records & Preparation Time	\$75/hr
➤ Wait or Travel Time to Testify in Court or Deposition (up to one-hour, thereafter at "Court Time Rate)	\$75/hr

**Other Professional Staff (Investigators, Technicians, Supervisors):**

➤ Court Time, Deposition Time, Conference and Phone Conference Time (note 13)	\$50/hr or \$500/day
➤ Review of Records & Preparation Time	\$50/hr

- Wait or Travel Time to Testify in Court or Deposition  
(up to one-hour, thereafter at "Court Time Rate") \$50/hr

**Miscellaneous Fees:**

➤ Volunteer Registration Fee (note 14)	\$35.00
➤ Training Room Rental Fee	\$25.00/hr
➤ Trapper Service: Disposal/Surrender Fee	\$5.00
➤ Photographs/Color Copies	\$2.00
➤ Notary Fee	\$10.00
➤ Leashes	\$1.00
➤ Pet Carrier	\$4.00
➤ Field Visit/ Bite Report	\$15.00
➤ Dog Obedience Class	\$35.00
➤ Additional Medical Testing	Cost + 10%

The Department Director or designee of the Animal Services Department shall have the authority to issue refunds of charges for adoption, medical, or impoundment services rendered under this Implementing Order, as may be required due to uncertainties or negative outcomes associated with those services. In addition, the Department Director or designee of the Animal Services Department shall have the authority to adjust or waive fees for services enumerated by this Implementing Order in the following circumstances: (1) as part of a promotional/marketing event; (2) for services provided to the homeless population; (3) for the purpose of negotiating for services rendered on behalf of large groups; or (4) on a case-by-case basis deemed to be in the best interest of the Department's goal of reducing the stray pet population, and, which would not adversely or materially impact the Department's annual budget.

Note 1: Low income owner is a Miami-Dade County resident, at least 18 years old, receiving public assistance (i.e. Food Stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Jackson Memorial Low Income Medical Program). Pet owner shall provide letter (original copy) establishing federal/state benefits and period of eligibility to qualify for reduced fees as a low income owner. Discount applies only to annual license and vaccine.

Note 2: Requires evidence that vaccination is valid for 3-years. Three (3) year license fee shall not be pro-rated or refunded.

Note 3: In lieu of paying impoundment and animal care fees, owners redeeming impounded animals may choose "Return to Owner Services", which may include all or only some of the services typically offered as part of an adoption package, depending on the needs of the particular animal.

Note 4: Package includes Rabies, Bordetella, and DHPP vaccines

Note 4(a): Package includes Bordetella and DHPP vaccine

Note 5: Package includes Rabies and ~~FHRCPG~~FRCPC vaccines

Note 6: Package includes Rabies, Bordetella, DHPP vaccines and Microchip

Note 7: Package includes Rabies and ~~FHRCPG~~FRCPC vaccines and Microchip

Note 8: Package includes Rabies, Bordetella, DHPP vaccines, Microchip and Spay/Neuter Surgery

Note 9: Package includes Rabies and ~~FHRCPG~~FRCPC vaccines, Microchip and Spay/Neuter Surgery

Note 10: Hobby Breeders who were validly registered prior to February 21, 2008, shall be required to annually renew their hobby breeder licenses, but will be exempted from paying any additional fees for their hobby breeder licenses. However, failure to annually renew their license will result in forfeiture of fee exemption.

Note 11: Refundable deposits shall be maintained in the Animal Services Trust Fund as established by Resolution No. R-575-07, as may be amended from time to time.

Note 12: Fees for expert testimony services. Hourly rates are billable to the nearest quarter of an hour.

Note 13: In accordance with Resolution No. R-512-16, the following documents must be presented to be eligible for Veteran fee waiver:

- Proof of residency in Miami-Dade County
- Proof of Service and honorable discharge: A DD Form 214; also acceptable are several forms used prior to January 1, 1950: the WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD, and the NAVCG 553
- Proof of Active Duty: For those members still in active duty, they will be required to provide the most recent copy of the Leave and Earning Statement (LES) or ID card as proof of current military status.

Additionally, the following requirements must be met for the Veteran fee waiver:

- The veteran must be in good standing with no unresolved animal related code enforcement violation
- All pets in household must be in compliance with licensing and vaccination requirement;
- Adoption must be under the veteran's name (if applicable)
- Pets must be registered under veteran's name to qualify for spay/neuter fee waiver;

Note 14: The volunteer registration fee is refundable once the volunteer completes the minimum number of services hours, otherwise, the fee will be forfeited and deposited into the Animal Services Trust Fund.