

ORDINANCE #09-16-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS, CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL, ARTICLE 2.200, IN THE CITY OF SANGER CODE OF ORDINANCES IS HEREBY AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article 2.200 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sanger, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2.200 VACCINATION OF ANIMALS CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING RABIES

2.201 Dog and Cat Vaccination Requirements

The custodian of each dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies by 16 weeks of age. The animal must be vaccinated by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian with rabies vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture for that species at or after the minimum age requirement and using the recommended route of administration for the vaccine.

Each dog or cat must receive a rabies booster within the 12-month interval following the initial vaccination. Every dog or cat must be revaccinated at a minimum of at least once every three years.

If a previously vaccinated animal is overdue for a booster, once revaccinated, the animal will be considered currently vaccinated; the animal should be placed on a vaccination schedule according to the maximum labeled duration of immunity for the most recently administered vaccine. The attending veterinarian has discretion as to when the subsequent vaccination will be scheduled as long as the revaccination due date does not exceed the recommended interval for booster vaccination as established by the manufacturer.

2.202 Vaccination Certificate

(1) An official rabies vaccination certificate shall be issued for each animal by the veterinarian responsible for administration of the vaccine and contain the following information:

- (a) custodian's name, address, and telephone number;
- (b) animal identification-species, sex (including neutered if applicable), approximate age, size (pounds), predominant breed, and colors;
- (c) vaccine used-product name, manufacturer, and serial number;
- (d) date vaccinated;
- (e) revaccination due date;
- (f) rabies tag number if a tag is issued;
- (g) veterinarian's signature, signature stamp, or computerized signature, plus address and license number.

(2) Each veterinarian who issues a rabies vaccination certificate, or the veterinary practice where the certificate was issued, shall retain a readily retrievable copy of the certificate for a period of not less than five years.

(3) If a veterinarian ceases the practice of veterinary medicine, the duplicate rabies vaccination certificates retained by that practice shall be turned over to the local rabies control authority. This does not apply to the sale or lease of a practice, when the records of the practice are transferred to a new owner.

(4) The custodian shall retain each rabies vaccination certificate until the animal receives a subsequent booster and shall produce the certificate upon request by any local rabies control authority, public health official, animal control, law enforcement, or peace officer when the request is part of the requester's official duty.

2.203 Injury To a Person By an Unvaccinated Dog or Cat

If an unvaccinated cat or dog inflicts a bite, scratch, or otherwise attacks any person within the city limits, a rabies vaccine shall not be administered to the cat or dog until the conclusion of a ten (10) day quarantine period, beginning with the date of the bite, scratch, or attack.

2.204 Unlawful to Knowingly Possess an Unvaccinated Animal

It shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly possess a dog or cat that has not been vaccinated against rabies as prescribed by this section.

2.205 Unlawful to Knowingly Use a Certificate of Vaccination for Another Animal

It shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly use a certificate of vaccination or tag of any dog or cat other than the one for which it was issued.

2.206 Unlawful to Alter or Obliterate Information on a Vaccination Certificate

It shall be unlawful for a person to alter or obliterate any information contained in a certificate of vaccination or on a vaccination tag.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance are severable and, if any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionally shall not affect any of the

remaining portions of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

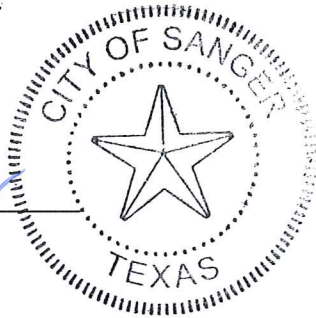
Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in Section 1.109 of this code.

Section 5. This ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication of the caption, as the law and Charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the 15 day of August 2016.

ATTEST:

Tami Taber
Tami Taber, City Secretary



APPROVED:

Thomas E. Muir
Thomas Muir, Mayor