

## **Oakland County Animal Control Services**

Oakland County Animal Control will begin providing animal control services to the City of Clawson on April 13, 2011. Beginning on that date, those requesting animal control services will be required to contact the Oakland County Animal Control Division to have a deputy dispatched. Those requesting assistance for animal control are to call the Oakland County Pet Adoption Center direct at (248) 391-4102, Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. On weekends and holidays, they must call the Oakland County Sheriff Department dispatch center at (248) 858-4950. Troy dispatch will begin the process of educating the public about the new procedure. When someone calls Troy dispatch for an animal control issue, they will be given the phone number to reach Oakland County Animal Control. By calling direct, the person can explain their problem and hear directly from the county personnel what types of calls that they will and will not respond to. On calls for service involving local ordinance violations such as a barking dog, Clawson Officers will be dispatched to handle the incident. Oakland County Animal Control will respond on a 24/7 basis in emergency situations. A Clawson officer be dispatched to verify the situation before the County will respond after hours. If the call involves an animal issue not requiring immediate attention, the call will be handled when an Animal Control Officer is available.

The City will sell Oakland County dog licenses at City Hall. At the present time, cat licenses are not required of Clawson residents. A person wishing to purchase a dog license can come to City Hall and purchase one at a cost of \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered animal, and \$15.00 for an intact animal. A senior citizen will be given a 25% discount. Clawson dog licenses that have already been issued will be honored by Oakland County. At this time, the county only offers a one year license for sale. The multiple year Clawson licenses will be entered into the county data base system and they will be valid until their expiration.

The Oakland County Animal Control will have deputies patrolling their respective areas within the county Monday – Friday, from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Clawson officers will continue to respond to calls for service involving a public safety concern. The Oakland County Animal Control Division will assume responsibility for the enforcement of all state mandated services. Those mandated services include the following:

- A. Animal bite investigations
- B. Animal licensing
- C. Kennel inspections
- D. Impoundment/boarding of animals
- E. Annual dog census
- F. Animal cruelty investigations
- G. Shelter support and administration

- H. Sterilize/neuter of animals before adoption
- I. Enforce the Dangerous Dog Act
- J. Enforce the ban on wolf/dog crosses
- K. Enforce ban on large carnivores
- L. Investigate dog fighting
- M. Investigate suspected rabies cases

The Oakland County Animal Control will assume responsibility for many non-mandated services. Those non-mandated services include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Respond 24/7 to calls that put the public at risk (They request an officer response and verification before dispatch after hours).
- B. Response to private property instances where animal is inside the living quarters or those with possible rabies exposure.
- C. Respond to a request by police where animals are involved in an incident
- D. Acceptance of stray dogs and cats at the shelter
- E. Provide limited shelter for quarantine animals
- F. Provision of contracted services to municipalities for boarding and disposal
- G. Euthanasia of sick animals
- H. Limited acceptance of give-up animals by residents
- I. Adoption of impounded animals
- J. Spay/neuter services to low income families
- K. Limited animal welfare presentations at schools

The Clawson DPW will continue to respond to dead animals, wild or domestic, on public roads. A resident is responsible for the disposal of a dead animal found on their property. The residents will continue to be referred to a private contractor for wildlife issues on private property, unless the animal is contained/trapped and visible. In those instances, the Clawson Police will respond to the residence to confirm and report to the Oakland County Animal Control, and they will respond if needed.

Information regarding the Oakland County Animal Control can be found on the county web site [www.oakgov.com/petadoption](http://www.oakgov.com/petadoption). The county will provide informational booklets that will be available at City Hall to be given out upon request.