

12.1 DESIGNATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: The Commissioners Court hereby appoints the Comal County Sheriffs Office and any Animal Control Officers appointed thereby as the Local Animal Control and Health Authority to assist with the following:

- a) Formulation of rules and procedures to be approved by Commissioners Court for the enforcement of this order;
- b) Supervising the implementation, administration and enforcement of this order.

12.2 DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: The Animal Control Officer or his authorized designee will be responsible for, but not limited to, the following duties as set forth in this order and to carry out provisions of the State laws pertaining to control and eradication of rabies:

- a) **Animal bites:** receive and investigate reports or animal bites within Comal County in a timely manner. Bites occurring within municipalities having animal control ordinances will be referred to the proper municipal authority.
- b) **Quarantine:** perform immediate and proper quarantine procedures for animals suspected of having rabies. Animals may be placed in approved animal shelters, approved veterinary hospitals or owners' approved premises.
- c) **Impoundment:** humanely capture and transport an animal to the County's designated animal shelter or kennel for violations set forth in this ordinance.
- d) **Destruction:** perform immediate, if warranted, proper and humane destruction of certain animals described in this ordinance.
- e) **Citations:** issue citations for various violations and offenses set forth.
- f) **Records:** provide necessary data and reports on a periodic basis as required by the Commissioners Court and to maintain confidential those records listed in Section 15.

12.3 OTHER DUTIES: Among other duties, the Animal Control Officers acting as the designated Local Animal Control and Health Authority shall enforce:

- a) All state laws and rules adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services establishing minimum standards for Rabies Control;
- b) This order and all others promulgated by the County concerning Rabies and Animal Control; and
- c) The rules adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services concerning area rabies quarantines.