



## **Animal Control Policy Municipality of Monroeville 2022**

Outlined below is the Animal Control Policy for the Municipality of Monroeville. The policy has been developed to control domestic and wild animals in a reasonable fashion with the resources available to the Municipality. The Municipality cannot control all animals within its boundaries, but will attempt to keep residents safe and undisturbed with respect to animals. The most effective policy to control domestic animals (dogs and cats) is for owners to have them licensed from Allegheny County, keep them under control and to care for them in a humane manner. If residents encounter wild animals, the best policy is to stay clear of them and call the municipality. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) will address wild animals pursuant to the below policy. If nocturnal animals (raccoons, skunks, possums, etc.) are encountered, especially during the day, it is critical to stay clear of them and call the Municipality. Nocturnal animals that appear during the day could indicate they have rabies and should not be approached.

Monroeville is committed to caring for its animals in a humane and prudent manner through the below policy:

Business Hours: 6:30am to 3:00pm

### **1. DOMESTIC ANIMALS, ONLY DOGS OR CATS (ALSO, FERAL CATS); INCLUDES INTRAPS.**

- The ACO shall respond to any domestic animal (dog or cat) on public/private property that is in distress and is in immediate danger. If on private property, the ACO will attempt to contact the property owner, or resident of the property, before attempting to remove the domestic animal from the property; however, the domestic animal's well-being is principal.
- The ACO shall NOT attempt to continually capture stray domestic animals that are not in immediate danger during non-business hours. Barking or roaming domestic animals during non-business hours shall initially be referred to the police department. The ACO may be called for roaming domestic animals during business hours.
- The ACO shall remove a domestic animal (dog or cat (feral or domestic)) that has been inadvertently caught in a trap or confined in anyway, whether on business hours or non-business hours.
- When appropriate, the ACO will attempt to obtain possession and reunite domestic animal with the household for the domestic animal's safety, health and well-being

**2. ANY WILD LIVE OR DEAD ANIMALS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; INCLUDES IN TRAPS**

- ACO shall only respond to wild animals during operating hours unless there is an emergency\* to person or property.
- ACO shall only respond to reduce traumatic exposure to the public especially the long-term negative impact to the public and especially to children.
- ACO shall only respond to reduce the spread of animal related diseases from a decomposing carcass.
- The Municipality shall not lend traps for wild animals to residents or commercial establishments to set on private property.
- The ACO shall NOT remove a wild animal from a private trap on private property. The ACO will provide the contact information of private firms that provide this service.
- The ACO shall respond to wild animals in traps during normal business hours at the Gateway School District buildings.

**3. ANY DEAD DOMESTIC ANIMAL, DOG OR CAT, ON PUBLIC ROADWAY.**

- ACO shall respond on business hours or off-business hours to remove domestic animals (dog or cat) from public roadway to prevent traffic related incidents such as vehicle accidents, property damage to vehicles, traffic back up, etc.
- ACO shall only respond to reduce traumatic exposure to the public especially the long-term negative impact to the public and especially to children.
- ACO shall only respond to reduce spread of animal related diseases from a decomposing carcass of a domestic animal

**4. ANY DEAD WILD ANIMAL ON PUBLIC ROADWAY**

- The ACO shall only respond during operating hours unless traffic is impeded or a danger of injury to a person. Off-Hours: Police Officer shall remove animal to the shoulder of the road so as not to impede traffic. ACO will address the dead animal the next business day. If an adjacent resident complains that he/she wants the animal immediately removed, then the police officer or supervisor shall call the ACO for removal of the dead animal.

**5. ANY DEAD ANIMALS, DEER OR SKUNK, ON THE PROPERTY OF BUSINESS.**

- ACO shall respond to reduce traumatic exposure to the public especially the long-term negative impact to the public and especially to children.
- ACO shall respond to prevent the spread of animal related diseases from a decomposing carcass.
- ACO shall respond only during operating hours unless traffic is impeded or danger of injury to a person. The ACO will provide the contact information of private firms that provide the service of removing wild animals.

**6. ANY DOG OR CAT BITE. POLICE RESPOND FIRST THEN WAIT FOR ACO.**

- Requires call out of ACO (first hand) and also required by law for proper report of any animal bite or attack. Proper documentation, follow up for animal testing or destruction, if needed; advocacy for victim and proper medical treatments, if needed etc.

**7. ANY NEGLECTED DOG OR CAT.**

- ACO shall investigate and obtain possession for animal safety, health and well-being.
- Only during operating hours unless the animal is in imminent danger of injury or death.

**8. ANY DEAD ANIMALS ON PLACES OF WORSHIP**

- ACO shall respond to reduce traumatic exposure to the public especially the long-term negative impact to children.
- ACO shall respond to reduce the spread of animal related diseases from decomposing carcass.
- The ACO shall respond on non-business hours only during normally scheduled services (usually Sunday) for the removal of a dead animal.

**ANY NON-MONROEVILLE REQUESTS (EXCEPT PITCAIRN)**

- Any request by the Monroeville police dept., or another municipality, for the ACO to respond to another municipality; besides Pitcairn, will be determined by the Engineering and PW Dept. Director (24/7), or his designee.

\*Emergency: A strong indication that there is a threat to life and/or property

