

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER**  
**AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDER ADOPTED BY**  
**COMMISSIONERS COURT IN 1991**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Nueces County, Texas, strives to protect the public health of the citizens of Nueces County, Texas;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (“Code”) authorizes the Commissioners Court to adopt orders or rules that establish a local rabies control program in the county;

**WHEREAS**, the Nueces County Commissioners Court adopted a local rabies control program on May 15, 1991;

**WHEREAS**, the Nueces County Commissioners Court wishes to amend its local rabies control program in an effort to further the health and safety of the people of Nueces County and the general welfare of animals kept in Nueces County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Nueces County Commissioners Court that the following amendments modifying the 1991 Commissioners Court Order are effective immediately. All other provisions of the 1991 Commissioners Court Order and approved amendments shall remain in effect.

Section 1.2.    **Definitions**

Attack: to set upon with violent force

Collar: a band of leather, nylon, rope, or similar material, excluding chain if utilized for training purposes, that is commonly used on an animal to aid in control of movement of the animal, by the animal’s owner, and to which a leash or lead can be attached.

Stable: any place that provides:

- (1) Any horse, pony, donkey, or mule for hire.
- (2) Boarding or grazing for any horse, pony, donkey or mule.
- (3) Riding instruction on any horse, pony, donkey or mule.

Pursuit: the continuous act of chasing or attempting to overtake a fleeing animal.

**Section 1.3 Animal Control Section and Supervisor**

(D) The animal control manager is designated as the local rabies control authority to enforce the provisions of the Rabies Control Act of 1981 (V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.017)

**Section 1.8 Impoundment**

(D) Redemption: Impounded animals, other than those impounded as dangerous animals, vicious dogs, or for observation of rabies, shall be subject to immediate redemption. Such animals may be redeemed by anyone entitled to possession thereof, while the same are in the County shelter after paying the appropriate fees as follows:

1. Impoundment Fees:

a. First Impoundment	\$50.00
Rabies Vaccination	\$20.00
Board Fees/Day	\$5.00
Board Fees/Day (dog bite cases)	\$10.00
b. Second and Subsequent impoundment within 12 months	\$100.00

**Section 1.13 Waiver or reduction of fees.**

The Nueces County animal control manager is authorized to reduce or waive adoption or impoundment fees when necessary to advance the goals of Nueces County animal control.

**Section 1.14 Pertaining to kennels and stables.**

(A) Each kennel or stable must specify the maximum number of animals that may be kept at the kennel or stable.

(B) Owners and operators of stables or kennels, except kennels owned and operated by veterinarians, where animals are boarded or grazed for a fee must maintain a registry identifying all animals boarded or grazed, the name, address, and telephone number of the owners of each animal including an alternative emergency telephone number, and a statement by the owner of each animal boarded or grazed either assuming total responsibility for the care and feeding of the animal or transferring all responsibility for the care and feeding of the animal to the stable or kennel owner or operator.

(C) The stable or kennel owner must also provide an emergency telephone number where the stable or kennel owner, operator, and any caretaker of the stable or kennel can be reached if the owner, operator, or caretaker do not reside on the premises.

DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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Barbara Canales  
Nueces County Judge

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Carolyn Vaughn  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Joe Gonzalez  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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John Marez  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Brent Chesney  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest:

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Kara Sands, County Clerk