



WEBER COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

STRAY LIVESTOCK

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/23/2009
STANDARD NUMBER: N/A

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APPROVED: Signature on file
Sheriff Signature

1. Purpose:

To ensure that stray livestock does not become a danger to the public and/or cause undue property damage.

2. Rationale

Stray Livestock are often times very difficult to control and/or contain. They have potential to cause substantial damage to personal property and pose a significant danger when in traffic. All stray livestock are the responsibility of the sheriff's office. This policy establishes procedures for controlling stray livestock.

3. Policy

A. Scope of Responsibility

1. Livestock that have been determined to be stray are the responsibility of the Weber County Sheriff's Office. Since the animal shelter is part of the sheriff's office, that responsibility has been assigned to the Animal Control Department.

B. Determining a Stray Animal

1. Livestock are deemed stray when an owner cannot be located after reasonable search and time frame.

C. Stray Livestock outside the Weber County Animal Service Response Area

1. The city must first determine that the animal indeed is a stray.
2. The city must be able to explain what attempts have been made to find the owner before Animal Services will respond. This may include going door to door, asking residents if they have any information about the animal.
3. The city that is requesting our response must be present at all times while the animal is being impounded. This should be either an animal control officer or a police officer.
4. Should the representative from the city decide not to remain at the location, Weber County Animal Services will not respond.
5. Should livestock be killed or die outside our response area, animal services will not remove the animal. It will be the city's responsibility.

D. After Hours Livestock Pickup

1. Whenever Animal Services is requested to pickup animals that need to be impounded the on call officer will do the following:
 - i. The On Call Officer will contact someone who works at the shelter. They will organize the help that is needed.
 - ii. The On Call Officer will immediately respond to the problem. The other officers will then proceed to the shelter and pick up the horse trailer or other needed equipment.
 - iii. After the animal has been loaded the animal will be placed in either a stall or coral and given food and water.

E. Releasing Impounded Livestock

1. No livestock will be released to anyone but the owner, with all fees being paid.
2. If we have impounded an animal for another jurisdiction, they will be responsible to collect monies owed and the shelter will bill the city for our costs. The costs will include the after hours fees, transportation fees, boarding fees and any other cost incurred.

F. Shelter Employee after Hours Response

1. No employee of Weber County Animal Services will respond and attempt to load stray livestock on their own; this is a safety risk.
2. The On Call Officer is authorized to request any and all assistance necessary.