

ORDINANCE 90 - 12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 74-34, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISHING SPAY/NEUTER PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS IN NASSAU COUNTY; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, finds it necessary to provide a specific section of Ordinance 74-34, as amended, dealing with animals and fowl; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to add Article IV, which deals with the adoption of animals .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 1990, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

1. ARTICLE IV. ADOPTION OF DOGS AND CATS

A. PROCEDURES

1. The Board of County Commissioners shall adopt, by separate Resolution, fees and procedures for the adoption of dogs and cats. Said fees and procedures shall be reviewed periodically by the Board. The fee shall include an amount necessary to provide for spay/neutering of the dog(s) and cat(s).

2. The Board of County Commissioners shall provide an adoption contract for all persons wishing to adopt any dog or cat.

3. The Board shall contract with a veterinarian or veterinarians to spay/neuter dogs and cats placed for adoption.

4. Subject to the provisions of Article III, the contract shall provide:

(a) The County shall give to the adoptor title, possession and control of the dog(s) or cat(s) for so long as the adoptor(s) complies with the terms of the contract.

(b) The County would retain the right to possession of the adopted animal(s) until a veterinarian certifies that the required vaccinations, wormings, and surgical sterilization has been completed. The County shall pick-up animal(s) if this certification is not received.

(c) The contract shall provide a provision for the exchange for animals in poor health or those that die of natural causes within a certain period of time.

(d) The contract shall also provide a specific time limit within which the dog(s) or cat(s) shall be taken to a veterinarian and further have specific time limits for sterilization and vaccination.

(e) Contract may also have other specific provisions and conditions, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

B. FLORIDA STATUTES, 823.15

1. The provisions of Florida Statutes 823.15 are hereby

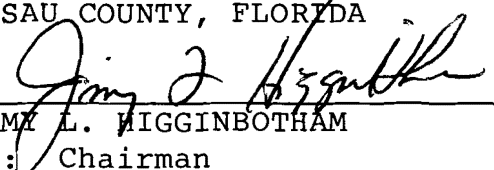
incorporated.

C. Reclaiming of an animal - The provisions as to  
spay/neutering shall not apply to animal owners who are  
reclaiming a lost animal and can provide the animal control  
officer or his designee with sufficient information to indicate  
ownership of the animal.


D. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. This Ordinance shall become effective pursuant to law.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
JIMMY L. HIGGINBOTHAM  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:

  
T. J. GREESON  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk