

Key to changes:

Red text was changed by the Committee at the last meeting (either added or deleted)

Green, double underlined or double strike through is moved text

Blue text are changes proposed by Chair Heaphy.

Blue text with yellow highlights is new language proposed by Chair Heaphy.

Sec. 111-10. - Stamford Animal Control and Care Center.

- A. The Stamford Animal Control and Care Center (SACCC), consisting of an Animal Control Manager, Animal Control Officers and staff, ~~is responsible for executing federal, state and city laws, policies and directives concerning health, welfare and safety of Stamford residents as regards to animals and concerning the health, welfare and humane treatment of animals within its jurisdiction.~~ shall operate as part of the Stamford Police Department, under the supervision of the police chief and the city's Director of Public Safety and Health.
- B. The SACCC ~~is responsible for executing federal, state and city laws, policies and directives concerning health, welfare and safety of Stamford residents as regards to animals and concerning the health, welfare and humane treatment of animals within its jurisdiction.~~ shall operate as part of the Stamford Police Department, under the supervision of the police chief and the city's Director of Public Safety and Health. ~~Both the SPD and the city government may also issue policies and directives for the SACCC.~~ As part of these responsibilities, the SACCC shall work with the SPD to establish written policies, regarding the management of shelter volunteers; adoption and fostering procedures for animals in the shelter; management of the surrender of animals to the shelter; efforts to reunite lost pets with their owners; and encouragement of adoptions of the shelter's animals and other such policies and directives as the SPD shall determine.
- C. ~~The SACCC shall assure that every animal leaving the shelter for adoption or transfer to an animal welfare agency for adoption or fostering shall be neutered/spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. Vaccinations for dogs shall include rabies, distemper, Bordetella and parvovirus. Vaccinations for cats shall include rabies and feline distemper. The SACCC will manage the established volunteer and adoption policies and processes.~~
- D. ~~The SACCC may use money from the Dog Fund, a local fund generated by dog license fees retained by the City of Stamford, for such neutering and microchipping or to provide sanctuary for healthy animals that are deemed not adoptable. The SACCC will maintain an active plan to use print, electronic and social media to reunite lost pets with their owners and to encourage adoptions of the shelter's animals.~~
- E. As directed by the city's Director of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare, the SACCC shall participate in ~~regular~~ periodic consultations with the animal welfare community ~~and animal owner groups.~~
- F. The SACCC must annually submit to the Board of Representatives, through the BOR Legislative and Rules Committee, a report of its activities, practices and policies. ~~The SACCC shall assure that every animal leaving the shelter for adoption or transfer to an animal welfare agency for adoption or fostering shall be neutered/spayed, vaccinated, and microchipped. Vaccinations for dogs shall include rabies, distemper, Bordetella and parvovirus. Vaccinations for cats shall include rabies and feline distemper.~~

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~~H. Surrender policy.~~

- ~~(1) SACCC may not accept a surrender by an owner/keeper who is not a resident of Stamford.~~
- ~~(2) In the case of a pet surrender, SACCC should first work with the owner/keeper surrendering a pet to see if guidance or private training can keep the owner/keeper and pet together.~~
- ~~(3) If that step does not work, SACCC should provide the owner/keeper with a list of animal welfare organizations that can accept the pet for placement and/or adoption.~~
- ~~(4) SACCC may accept a surrender for compassionate reasons, on a case by case basis, for a fee of \$50. That fee may be waived at the discretion of the Animal Control Manager or his/her assistants, based on the situation of the surrender.~~
- ~~(5) SACCC should maintain a registry of all available animal welfare groups with whom it works to help identify sources of assistance for those owners and animals needing help.~~