

# Information Regarding Animal Adoptions

## Terms of Impoundment.

### **Municipality of Anchorage – 17.25.030 - Terms of impoundment.**

- **An animal without identification or unknown owner** – three full animal care and control center business days, unless redeemed earlier by the owner.
- **An animal with identification** - not less than five full animal care and control center business days, unless redeemed earlier by its owner.
- **Extensions** - Longer periods may be approved upon showing good cause why redemption within the normal impound period is not possible.

### **City Borough of Juneau - 08.20.010 - Impoundment generally.**

- **All animals** - After the expiration of the five-day impoundment period, impounded animals not claimed by their keeper may be disposed of by adoption, sale or euthanasia.

### **Haines Borough - 6.08.070 Posting notice of impounded dog.**

- **All animals** - Notice of impounded shall remain posted for a period of three days

### **Ketchikan Gateway Borough – 6.15.020 Disposition of impounded animals.**

- **An animal without identification or unknown owner** - expiration of 72 hours after impoundment.
- **An animal with identification** – expiration of 72 hours after mailed or verbal notice has been given.

### **Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code - 24.15.010 IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURE.**

- **Animal without identification or unknown owner** - period of not less than 72 hours, unless sooner claimed by the owner.
- **Animal with identification** – not less than 120 hours, unless sooner claimed by the owner. Animals not claimed by the owner within the mandatory minimum impoundment period may be forfeited.
- **Extensions** - Extensions are available if the borough receives information that the animal's owner is unavailable due to circumstances including fire, arrest, or hospitalization, the animal shall be impounded for a minimum of 15 business days unless reclaimed earlier by the owner.

### **Fairbanks North Star Bough - 22.16.010 Impoundment procedure for stray animals.**

- **An animal without identification or unknown owner** - shall be impounded for not less than 72 hours. A reasonable effort will be made to identify and notify the owner. If an owner is identified, the requisite minimum time will be extended.
- **An animal with identification** – Stray animals with identification shall be impounded for not less than 120 hours. A reasonable effort will be made to notify the owner.
- Sundays and holidays shall not be counted towards the minimum time a stray animal will be held.

### **Kodiak Island Borough - 6.04.030 Protective custody.**

- **All animals:** Immediately upon impounding the animal, the animal control officer or enforcement officer shall notify the animal's keeper. If the animal's keeper fails to come forward within 120 hours, the animal shall be put up for adoption.

## Availability for adoption

### **Municipality of Anchorage – 17.25.050 - Availability for adoption.**

**Minimum Five Days** - An animal determined to be adoptable shall be held available for adoption for a minimum period of five days unless the chief animal control officer or designee determines the animal care and control center is at full capacity and may shorten the availability period for an animal.

### **City Borough of Juneau - 08.20.010 - Impoundment generally.**

**Ten Days** - Animals placed under safekeeping impoundment shall be held for a keeper and may thereafter be disposed of by adoption, sale, or destruction by humane means if not claimed by a keeper within ten days.

### **Haines Borough - 6.08.090 Destruction of impounded dog.**

**Three days** - If, within three days of receipt of notice of impoundment by the owner or keeper of a dog seized or impounded, or of the posting of such notice, the dog is not claimed, or applicable penalties and boarding fees remain unpaid, then it shall be the duty of the animal control officer to have the dog destroyed or otherwise disposed of. (Ord. 19-01-514 § 16)

### **Ketchikan Gateway Borough – 6.15.020 Disposition of impounded animals.**

**72 hours** - In no event shall any animal be disposed of prior to expiration of 72 hours after mailed or verbal notice has been given, or in the event the owner is unknown, expiration of 72 hours after impoundment. Any animal not reclaimed within the time established may be placed for adoption through animal protection, a licensed veterinary clinic, or a partnering organization or humanely euthanized.

### **Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code - 24.15.010 IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURE.**

All adoptions are final and the previous owner, if any, may not reclaim the animal once it has been adopted. Any veterinarian bills, liabilities, or claims which are incurred after its adoption will be the sole responsibility of the new owner.

an adoptable animal, remaining unadopted following expiration of the minimum term of availability specified in MSB 24.15.010(A). Animals running-at-large without identification shall be impounded at the animal care and regulation shelter for a period of not less than 72 hours, unless sooner claimed by the owner. Animals with identification which are found running-at-large in the borough shall be impounded for not less than 120 hours, unless claimed by the owner sooner. Animals not claimed by the owner within the mandatory minimum impoundment period may be forfeited pursuant to MSB 24.40.030.

### **Kodiak Island Borough - 6.04.230 Impoundment and release.**

**72 hours** - An animal impounded under the provisions of this chapter shall be held in the pound or other suitable facilities for a period not to exceed 72 hours, which must include one full business day, and unless released prior to the expiration of that period as provided in this chapter, shall be destroyed.

**Exceptions** - The animal control officer may, if it is determined that a dog or other animal is valuable, retain the dog or other animal for an additional 48-hour period and release it during that period to any person who will purchase the license for the animal and pay the prescribed impound and boarding fees.

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