

The Basics of Reclaiming Your Pet

Stray Hold Period

Stray animals are held for 5 calendar days before they are considered for adoption, rescue, foster care, or euthanasia, unless it is determined by a veterinarian inhumane to do so.

Proof of Ownership

Proof of ownership includes identification tag with owner information if animal arrives wearing it, microchip registration, bill of sale, photos or videos of pet clearly showing identifying traits, or veterinary records. In order to ensure proper reclaiming of strays, the Frederick County Division of Animal Control reserves the right to validate proof of ownership by requesting additional information if items provided are suspect or incomplete.

Reclaim Hours

Animals may be reclaimed during normal Administrative Office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday	12noon – 8:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 4:00pm

Fees

There are fees associated with reclaiming your pet for the care of your pet while in the shelter. The longer your pet stays with us, the more care we provide. Care includes basic food and board and preventative vaccinations. Depending on circumstances, your pet may have required emergency veterinary care incurring additional fees that you are responsible for. All pets returned to their owners are required to be microchipped before leaving our facility.

Type of Fee	Fee Amount	Documentation Source
Impound	\$20.00 or \$50.00 (second or subsequent impoundment within a six-month period)	Frederick County Code §1-5-51 (page 13)
Boarding	\$10.00 per day or part of thereof	Frederick County Code §1-5-50 (page 13)
Rabies	\$30.00 voucher if unvaccinated	State of Maryland COMAR 10.06.02.10
License	Varies \$3.50 - \$15.00/year Altered Animal – \$7.50/year (owner age 65+ \$3.50/year) Unaltered Animal - \$15.00/year (owner age 65+ \$7.50/year)	Frederick County Code §1-5-34 (A)-page 11, (B)-page 12, and (C)-page 12
Microchip	\$15.00	BOCC meeting minutes for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 (page 1)
FIV/FeLV Test (feline)	\$15.00	FCAC SOP -OPS-006
Distemper Vaccine (canine and feline)	\$5.00	FCAC In-house Protocols- Feline and Canine
Bordatella Vaccine (canine)	\$6.00	FCAC In-house Protocols - Canine
Emergency Vet	Varies according to severity of injury or care required. Fee established by local veterinarian providing care to pet.	