

TEXAS CITY IS A DESIGNATED BIRD SANCTUARY



PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL BIRDS ARE PROTECTED WITHIN OUR CITY LIMITS

The area embraced within the corporate limits of the city shall be the improved areas of the city, municipal parks, the seawall and the Texas City Dike, and such area is hereby designated as a **bird sanctuary**.

INJURING OR MOLESTING BIRDS OR NESTS

It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, shoot or molest in any manner **any bird or wildfowl**, or to rob bird nests or wildfowl nests, within the corporate limits of the city.

KILLING OF WILD CREATURES IN CITY PARKS AND NATURE PRESERVES

A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly kills, seriously injures, or administers poison to an animal, other than cattle, horses, sheep, swine or goats, within the boundaries of a city park or nature preserve, without legal authority.



ANIMAL CONTROL 409-643-5720

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ◆ **ID your animals!** Microchips and ID tags are important!
- ◆ Love and care for all of your pets!
- ◆ Don't be a part of the problem, obey our city ordinances!
- ◆ Report any animal abuse or neglect to our Officers ASAP
- ◆ Be active with a feral cat trap, neuter/release program!
- ◆ Report any strays, please don't feed them!

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- ◆ **LOST PETS** Galveston County Animal Resource Center 409-948-2485
- ◆ Animal Alliance Low-Cost Clinic 409-933-1600
- ◆ Wildlife Center of Texas 713-861-WILD
- ◆ Houston SPCA 713-869-7722
- ◆ Texas Parks and Wildlife 409-933-1947
- ◆ Texas City - City Hall 409-948-3111
- ◆ TC Police Department 409-643-5760
- ◆ TC Municipal Court 409-643-5800

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Texas City Police Department Animal Control



WHAT WE DO:

- ENFORCE COUNTY AND CITY ORDINANCES, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS
- PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM ZOOONOTIC DISEASES
- PROTECT THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS
- KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAR OF STRAY AND DISEASED ANIMALS
- **TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!!**



TEXAS CITY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES

CONFINEMENT REQUIRED

Animals shall be confined within a building or home, or within a fenced yard or premises, so that the animals cannot escape from the building, house or fenced yard or premises without human assistance.

COLLAR AND CITY TAG REQUIRED FOR DOGS AND CATS

On dogs and cats, there shall at all times be securely attached to a collar or harness around the neck of the animal a city tag, which shall be purchased at Galveston County Animal Resource Center.

RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED

(A) All dogs and cats, four months of age or older, within the city are hereby required to be immunized against rabies by means of an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the Galveston County Animal Resource Center and administered by a duly licensed veterinarian.

(B) Every veterinarian who vaccinates any dog or cat within the city shall issue a certificate of vaccination to the owner, stating the name and address of the owner, a description of the dog or cat, the date of vaccination, the number of the rabies vaccination tag and the kind of vaccine used, which the owner shall give to the authorized person of the city.

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit the dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the city.

BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS

Any person who shall harbor or keep on his or her premises or in or about his or her premises or premises under his or her control any dog which, by loud or unusual barking or howling, shall cause or is reasonably liable to cause the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or the occupants of adjacent premises to be disturbed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.



TEXAS CITY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES

INTENTIONALLY RELEASING OR DUMPING DOGS

Any person found guilty of intentionally releasing or dumping a dog within the corporate limits of the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, possess or maintain more than four dogs upon or within any premises owned by such person within the city at any one time.

PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CHAINING OR TETHERING OF DOGS

No person shall, at any time, fasten, chain or tie any dog or cause such dog to be fastened, chained or tied while such dog is on the dog owner's property, or on the property of the dog owner's landlord, or on any property within the limits of the city. Any dog confined must have an adequate space based on a dimension of at least 150 square feet per dog.

Nothing prohibits owners or others walking dogs with a hand held leash.

Owners are allowed to have their dogs be attached to over head runs (i.e., leash or chain attached to an over head wire at least ten feet long, that allows the dog to move unheeded.)

DOGS MUST BE PROVIDED WITH SHELTER AT ALL TIMES

Owners must provide an enclosure for each animal (with 3 sides and a roof) to protect the animal from the elements.



TEXAS CITY DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dog (s). This means owners are legally and financially responsible for their dog's behavior. The City of Texas City has no liability or responsibility for injuries in the dog park.

Limit of 2 dogs per person per visit.

All dogs must have current vaccinations and registration and must wear a collar with current rabies vaccination and registration tags. Dog owners/handlers must have a current rabies vaccination certificate available and comply with current City of Texas City Animal Ordinances.

Dogs must be leashed before entering and upon leaving the Park and must be leashed in the transition corridor. Owners must have a visible leash for each dog at all times.

Owners must have visible pet waste disposal materials at all times and must pick up your dog's fecal matter & properly dispose of it in a trash receptacle.

Owners must be in verbal and sight control of their dogs at all times and prevent aggressive behavior, biting, fighting, and aggressive barking. Never leave your dog (s) unattended.

Dogs with a known history of dangerous behavior are prohibited. Immediately leash your dog (s) and leave the Dog Park if your dog behaves aggressively.

No puppies under 4 months of age are allowed in the Dog Park.

No female dogs in heat are allowed in the Dog Park.

Children 8 and under are not allowed in the off leash area.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Handlers must be 18 or older.

No dog or people food is allowed in the Dog Park.

The small dog Off-Leash Area is for dogs less than twenty-five (25) pounds only. Small dogs are permitted in the large dog Off-Leash Area but enter at your own risk.

The large dog Off-Leash Area is for dogs weighing twenty-five (25) pounds or more. Large dogs are NOT permitted in small dog area.

Violation of City Code results in fines and no further use of the Dog Park.

