



# Santa Barbara County Animal Services For City of Santa Maria Residents

Santa Maria Animal Center

548 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455

Our hours of operation are: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact Number: 934-6119 (para en Español oprima numero uno)



## Keep Your Dog's License Current It is the law...

- All dogs over 4 months of age are required to be licensed and to wear the license tag.
- A current rabies vaccination is required for dogs.
- A license can be purchased at the shelter or online at [www.projectpetsafe.org](http://www.projectpetsafe.org). Check with your veterinarian to see if licenses are sold at their hospital.
- Renew your dog's license before the license expires.
- Call us if you change your address, your phone numbers.

## Keep Your Pet's Vaccinations Current It is for their health...

- Take your pet to your full-service veterinarian for annual check-ups, vaccinations, and all other medical treatments.
- Affordable vaccinations, flea treatment, worming, microchips and animal licenses are available at our weekly Santa Maria Animal Center's Animal Health Clinic.  
Every Wednesday. No appointment needed.  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Rabies \$6; Distemper/Parvo \$13; Bordetella \$13

## Keep Your Pet in Your House or Your Enclosed Yard

It is for the safety of you and your pet...

- Do not let your dogs, cats or other animals run loose.
- Loose animals cause serious auto accidents, damage property, become a neighborhood nuisance and can be injured or killed.
- It's also against the law.
- Clean up after your pet.

## Keep Your Dog on a Leash

It is for the safety of you and your neighbors...

- No dog is permitted to be on a street or other public place unless on a leash.
- The leash must be no more than 6 feet long and the dog under your care and control.
- Clean up after your dog when you take it for a walk.

## Spay-Neuter Your Pet

It is for their health, your pocketbook, and the best interest of our community...

Call today to schedule an affordable spay or neuter appointment for your dog or cat. Please call

- Our Project PetSafe Team at 934-6968 or
- The Santa Maria Valley Humane Society at 349-3435

## How Does Spaying and Neutering Help Your Pet?

- The cost of licensing is considerably lower. For example: Altered license-\$23/yr; Unaltered license-\$70/yr
- You will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted animals.
- Decreases a pet's desire to roam and mark their territory.
- Spayed pets no longer experience heat cycles that attract unwanted male animals.
- Females spayed before their first heat cycle have no risk of uterine infection or the many complications associated with pregnancy, whelping, or raising a litter.
- Consult with your veterinarian about the most appropriate time to spay or neuter your pet.
- It is NOT best to wait until your female dog or cat has gone through its first heat cycle.

## What is the Pet Overpopulation Problem?

- In Santa Barbara County over 1,500 unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized each year.
- Our Santa Maria Animal Center is overflowing with cats and dogs resulting in longer shelter stays, stress, illness, lowered adoptability of pets and ongoing need for euthanasia.
- What will happen to your dog's puppies or your cat's kittens?

## Don't Let Your Dog Be a Noise Nuisance

- Excessive barking is extremely annoying and noisy dogs create neighborhood problems.
- Do not leave your dog tied up in the yard.
- Address a barking problem as soon as you become aware of it to avoid unhappiness and legal consequences.
- If you need to report a barking dog problem, please call the Santa Maria Police Department at 928-3781 or Code Enforcement at 925-0951 ext 420

## Animal Emergencies

Please call us at 934-6119 if

- You or a family member are bitten by an animal
- You witness a dog attack or dangerous animal
- Your pet has bitten someone else or been bitten by wildlife.
- You see an injured animal, no owner with no owner present. If the owner is present, it is their responsibility to transport the animal to a veterinarian.
- You see loose livestock.
- You see an animal; dead or injured, creating a traffic hazard or involved in a situation that is dangerous to human safety.
- For emergencies after hours, call SM Police Dept 928-3781

## Reporting a Lost Pet

- It is important for you to look for your lost pet, in person, at the Santa Maria Animal Center. Your pet may be waiting for you.
- Also, fill out a Lost Animal Report when you are at the shelter. Bring a photograph of your animal if you have one.
- Come in person at least every two to three days.
- Our Animal Services Officers pick up many lost pets every day and may have already picked up yours.
- Don't give up.

## Reporting a Found Pet

- If you find someone's lost pet, bring it to the shelter within 24 hours.
- The pet is someone else's property.
- Do not assume the animal is abandoned and unwanted.
- Think about what you would want someone to do if they found your pet.

