



# CITY OF BAY CITY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE UPDATE

## Why We're Updating Our Outdated Ordinances

Bay City's current Animal Control Ordinance is outdated (previous update was in 2016) and no longer reflects today's animal-welfare standards, the growing stray population, or the needs of our neighborhoods. **Updating the ordinance will help reduce preventable animal suffering, control roaming animals, and protect residents, pets, and wildlife.**

### KEY PROPOSED UPDATES

PET LIMITS	MANDATORY MICROCHIPPING/ PET REGISTRATION	MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER	BREEDER PERMITS
<p>Limit of 5 cats and/or dogs per household</p> <p>(a) Grandfather clause: Citizens currently having more than the 5-pet limit may receive a one-time exemption, by providing information to be retained at the animal impound.</p>	<p>The owner of a dog or cat six months of age or older shall have the dog or cat implanted with a microchip.</p>	<p>It shall be a violation to possess any unaltered dog or cat over the age of six (6) months old without an annual Breeding Animal Permit</p>	<p>All persons owing unaltered dog or cats over the age of six (6) months or who are selling, exchanging, or bartering animals pursuant are required to maintain a valid Breeding Animal Permit issued by the animal services manager.</p>

### WHAT THESE UPDATES HELPS PREVENT

- Animal neglect and hoarding situations
- Unregulated backyard breeding and overpopulation
- Preventable euthanasia
- Injuries caused by roaming or aggressive animals
- Damage to wildlife and ecosystems
- Health and sanitation issues in neighborhoods

### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR RESIDENTS

**Most responsible pet owners will see little to no change. The updates simply ensure:**

- Pets are microchipped and identifiable
- Animals are altered unless responsibly and legally bred
- Households maintain a safe number of animals
- Breeding is humane, traceable, and held to minimum standards

**THE GOAL IS NOT TO PUNISH RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS BUT TO HOLD IRRESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS ACCOUNTABLE AND PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP, IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY, & REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS TAKEN TO THE POUND**

# BAY CITY / MATAGORDA IMPOUND REPORT

JANUARY 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2025

BAY CITY/MATAGORDA IMPOUND TOOK IN **1,634** CATS & DOGS OVER 11 MONTHS!

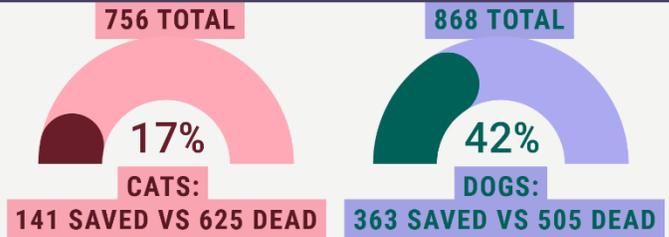
**26 KITTENS & 7 PUPPIES WERE BORN IN IMPOUND THIS YEAR**

**968 CATS & DOGS HAVE BEEN EUTHANIZED THIS YEAR SO FAR!**

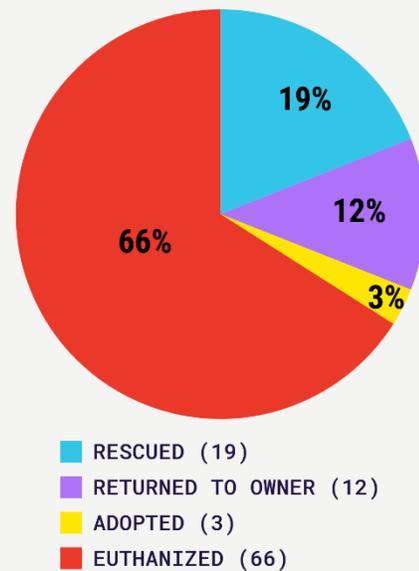
**ONLY 494 CATS & DOGS WERE REUNITED OR FOUND HOME**

LET THIS SINK IN  
**ONLY 1 OUT EVERY 10 CATS & DOGS BORN WILL FIND A HOME!**

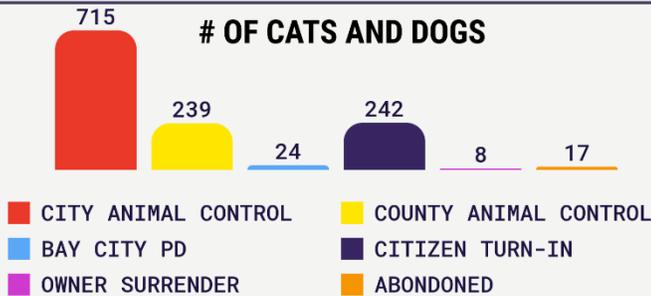
## CATS/DOGS SAVED VS EUTHANIZED



## WHAT HAPPENS TO CATS AND DOGS AFTER IMPOUND:



## WHY DO CATS AND DOGS END UP AT IMPOUND?:



## PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE UPDATES TIMELINE

- **August 26, 2025** – Animal Control Ordinance Task Force presents proposed ordinance updates at City Council Meeting
- **September 23, 2025** – City launches Animal Control Ordinance Public Survey
- **September 26, 2025** – City Manger issues update to inform public and clarify no ordinance has been adopted.
- **October 17, 2025** – Animal Control Ordinance Survey closes
- **December 9, 2025** - Animal Control Ordinance Survey results presented at City Council Meeting
- **December 16, 2025** – City hosts Animal Control Ordinance Public Input Session

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