

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF LAKE
IN THE STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of an Ordinance)	
Establishing Licensing Requirements)	County Ordinance
For Animal Rescue Entities and)	No. 103
Declaring an Emergency)	

The Lake County Board of Commissioners enacts the following Ordinance:

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has enacted legislation for the protection of animals housed in “animal rescue entities”; and

WHEREAS, local animal rescue entities require local licensing consistent with State law in order to qualify for grants crucial to their operation; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners believes it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lake County to have a licensed local animal rescue entity at the earliest opportunity;

NOW THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE COUNTY OF LAKE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

DEFINITION. As used herein “animal rescue entity,” includes but is not limited to any canine control agency, humane society, canine animal shelter, canine animal sanctuary or boarding kennel not subject to ORS 167.374, but excluding a veterinary facility, that keeps, houses, and maintains in its custody 10 or more canines and solicits or accepts donations in any form.

LICENSING. Application for an animal rescue entity license shall be made upon forms furnished by Lake County and shall be accompanied by payment of the required fee.

RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS. An animal rescue entity shall maintain the following records:

- (1) The date of birth for the animal or, if the date of birth is unknown, the approximate age of the animal;
- (2) The date the animal rescue entity acquired possession, control or charge of the animal and the source of the animal;

- (3) The number of offspring the animal produced while in the possession or control of the animal rescue entity, if applicable;
- (4) The disposition the animal rescue entity makes of each animal possessed by, controlled by or in the charge of the animal rescue entity, including the date of disposition, manner of disposition and the name and address for any individual or organization taking possession, control or charge of an animal;
- (5) The source of the animal, date of acquisition, age, sex, breed type and weight of the animal at intake; and
- (6) A photograph of the animal taken within 24 hours of intake by the animal rescue entity.

ENFORCEMENT.

- (1) The animal rescue entity shall permit an authorized representative of the Lake County to inspect records of the animal rescue entity required by this Ordinance and shall furnish reports and information required by the Lake County.
- (2) Any animal rescue entity is subject to inspection by Lake County, and any violation of this Ordinance may result in imposition of civil penalties to be determined by Lake County, including but not limited to impoundment of all animals under the animal rescue's control, the revocation of the animal rescue's license to operate animal rescue operations and a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each violation.
- (3) Before a civil penalty may be imposed under this section, Lake County shall:
 - (a) Issue written notice of the of the allegations and potential imposition of civil penalties to the person who is the subject of an alleged;
 - (b) Allow for an opportunity for a hearing prior to the imposition of civil penalties; and
 - (c) Allow for the opportunity for judicial review of the imposition of civil penalties.
- (4) Moneys raised by Lake County under this section are dedicated to and shall be used for Lake County operations undertaken pursuant to this section.

EMERGENCY. This Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance takes effect on its passage.

Enacted by the Lake County Board of Commissioners on this 16th day of April, 2014.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Dan Shoun, Chair



Bradley Winters, Member

Absent

Ken Kestner, Member