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## § 8-1805

# Impoundment.

(a) The Mayor shall impound any dogs, cats, rabbits, or ferrets, the combination of which exceeds 4 animals, or any dogs, cats, rabbits, or ferrets beyond the number authorized in an animal hobby permit issued pursuant to § 8-1809.

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(b) Upon impounding an animal, the Mayor shall make a prompt and reasonable attempt to locate and notify the owner of the impounded animal, including scanning the animal for a microchip. —

(c) The Mayor may dispose of any wild, sick, or badly injured animal upon its impoundment. —

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(d) The Mayor shall provide appropriate vaccinations for each animal upon its impoundment. \_\_

(e) The Mayor shall provide appropriate veterinary services for each dog wearing a valid license upon its impoundment. \_\_

(f) The Mayor shall deem abandoned any animal impounded and not redeemed by its owner within 7 days of impoundment if such animal is wearing identification. If notice is given under subsection (b) of this section, the owner has 7 days from the date of the notice to claim the animal. Any animal impounded not wearing identification shall be deemed abandoned if not redeemed by its owner within 5 days of impoundment. An animal deemed abandoned shall become the property of the District of Columbia and may be adopted or disposed of in a humane manner. \_\_

(g) The Mayor shall not release an animal unless it is vaccinated against rabies. \_\_

(h) The Mayor shall not release a sick or dangerous animal to anyone other than a licensed veterinarian until reasonably satisfied that it is safe to do so. \_\_

(i) The Mayor shall adopt rules for disposing of animals impounded under this section in accordance with § 2-505. \_\_

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