



City of Grinnell
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MEDIA RELEASE

RE: Animal Control Services

On May 13, 2020 the Grinnell Police Department was informed by the Jasper County Animal Rescue League that they would no longer be providing animal pickup, or animal control officer, services. Since that time arrangements have been made with the Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Iowa, which is located in Des Moines, to assist with stray dog pick up and animal control officer services.

Because stray dogs would be transported to ARL facilities in Des Moines, the Grinnell Police Department will attempt to hold the animals, either with the capturing party or at the Public Safety Building, for a brief period of time. Residents who lose their dog should contact the Grinnell Police Department at 641-236-2670, and select Option 1 for dispatch, to determine whether their dog has been located. The ARL will only respond to requests from the Grinnell Police Department for a stray dog pickup. ARL currently charges \$35 for the first 24 hours of sheltering and \$15 per day afterward. ARL also administers a combination of vaccinations and performs a medical assessment. If owners cannot prove rabies vaccination, ARL will administer this vaccination as required by Iowa code, and charge \$15 for the vaccination. As a reminder, dogs over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed with the city. A registration tag attached to the dogs collar aides in reuniting lost dogs with their owner.

For residents recovering stray cats, a non-profit organization in Grinnell called In My Back Yard, Inc (IMBY) is working with the Iowa Humane Alliance in Cedar Rapids to spay, neuter and vaccinate cats through a Trap, Neuter and Release program. Interested residents may contact IMBY via IMBYIOWA@Gmail.Com or 641-821-0040, or another service of their choosing, regarding strays. The Grinnell Police Department does not respond to stray cats and will not be utilizing ARL for sick or injured cats.

Anyone with questions regarding animal control services may contact Chief Dennis Reilly at 641-236-2670.



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