



RECLAIM FEES for STRAY ANIMALS

To release a stray animal back to its owner, animals must have a microchip, a rabies vaccination, and a dog or cat license (license required only if owner is a Charles County resident.) Animals without proof of vaccination, license, or microchip must receive them prior to being reclaimed. Proof of vaccination is required within 60 days for a rabies deposit refund to be issued.

In some cases, paying the adoption fee is less expensive than paying the reclaim fees. To qualify for the reduced rate adoption fee, animals must be spayed or neutered, microchipped, and be current on all vaccinations prior to adoption, which are included in the cost of the adoption. Charles County licensing is an additional fee not covered in HSCC adoption fees.

Reclaim Fee	\$25.00
Boarding (per day)	\$10.00
Rabies deposit (<u>proof of vaccination required within 60 days for refund</u>)	\$25.00
Microchip	\$30.00
County license for animal not spayed/neutered	\$25.00
County license for animal spayed/neutered	\$5.00
Emergency veterinary care and exams	Varies by procedure

The following Charles County Animal Regulations apply to animals being reclaimed by owners:

§ 230-12.6 D: As a precondition of release the owner or custodian reclaiming any impounded animal will be required to pay all established fees and other expenses for the care, impoundment, board and veterinary treatment incurred by Charles County or its agents pursuant to the impoundment.

§ 230-12.6 E: In addition to paying the established fees, an owner or custodian reclaiming an impounded animal shall show proof of a current rabies vaccination and county license, or shall pay the deposit fees required to comply with §§ 230-9 and 230-10 of these Regulations.

§ 230-12.6 F: All impounded dogs and cats being reclaimed from the Tri-County Animal Shelter will be microchipped prior to release at an established fee to be paid by the owner or custodian reclaiming the animal.

§ 230-10: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity to own, keep, or harbor a dog or cat four months old or older without a current Charles County License.