

## Animal Control Department

The Animal Control Department works to unite owners with their lost pets and to promote the adoption of unclaimed, unwanted, stray and abandoned pets within the Forney city limits. The City of Forney does not pick up or accept animals from outside the city limits, but you are not required to be a resident of Forney to redeem or adopt an animal. If you have a pet that is missing, please visit our website ([www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org)) and go to the Animal Control Department page) to view pictures of animals currently in the shelter. **Animal Control Department employee Rodney Holland – Sr. Animal Control Officer** does a wonderful job for the City and he is greatly appreciated.

The Animal Shelter is located at Holly Leaf Trail at Centenary Drive, Forney, Texas, the telephone number is 972-564-2351. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturdays by appointment. Please call ahead since personnel may be off-grounds. To report stray dogs or cats call Animal Control at 972-564-7397.

### Schedule of Animal Shelter Fees

The holding period for a domestic animal is 72 hours. The redemption fee for a lost pet is as follows:

| Dogs, Cats, and Other Small Animals | First Day | Each Additional Day |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense             | \$30.00   | \$10.00             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense             | \$50.00   | \$10.00             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense             | \$75.00   | \$10.00             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Offense             | \$100.00  | \$10.00             |

| Large or Dangerous Animals | First Day | Each Additional Day |
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| Each Offense               | \$100.00  | \$20.00             |

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| <b>Quarantine Observation (in Addition to Animal Shelter Fees)</b> | \$100.00 |
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In the event that outside assistance is required, the cost of the outside assistance shall be in addition to the above fees. Any part of a calendar day shall be considered one day for the purposes of determining the total fee. In some cases if proof of current rabies vaccination cannot be furnished at the time of redemption, or the rabies vaccination has just recently expired, you may be given five (5) days to furnish proof of current rabies vaccination to Animal Control. Failure to do so may result in a citation being issued. All dogs and cats 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies every three (3) years by a licensed veterinarian.

## Excerpts from Ordinance #08-1288

### Abuse and Abandonment

No person shall beat, treat cruelly, overload, overwork, or otherwise abuse an animal, or cause, instigate, or permit any dogfight, cockfight, bullfight, or other combat between animals or between animals and humans. No owner of an animal shall abandon such animal.

### Limitation on Number of Dogs or Cats

A person commits an offense if he owns or harbors more than four dogs, four cats, or a combination of dogs and cats totaling more than four on residential premises.

### Leash Law



City of Forney ordinances require all animals to be restrained at all times.

### Pooper Scooper Law

Animal waste, can carry disease transmitting bacteria and parasites. It is the responsibility of the pet owner to clean up after their pet. Any person having custody or control of any domestic pet must pick up and dispose of any feces left by that pet on any public place, including parks, streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks, or any other person's lawn or property. Please note that this pertains to all domestic pets.

### Restraint of Dogs

(a) A person shall not leave a dog outside and unattended using a restraint, other than a fence in good repair:

- (1) between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
- (2) within 500 feet of the premises of a school; or
- (3) in the case of extreme weather conditions, including conditions in which:
  - (A) the actual or effective outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit;
  - (B) a heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or jurisdiction; or
  - (C) a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued for the jurisdiction by the National Weather Service.

(b) It is unlawful for a person to leave a dog outside and unattended at any time using a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement. A restraint unreasonably limits a dog's movement if the restraint:

- (1) uses a pinch-type, prong-type, or choke-type collar, or a collar that is not properly fitted to the dog;
- (2) is of a length shorter than the greater of:

(A) five times the length of the dog, as measured from the tip of the dog's nose to the base of the dog's tail; or

(B) 10 feet;

(3) is in an unsafe condition; or

(4) causes or is capable of causing, by the manner of its use, injury to the dog.

(c) It is unlawful for a person to keep or harbor a dog within a fenced enclosure in which the fence is in a state of disrepair.

### The Splash Pad opens at Community Park on Memorial Day Weekend (May 28-31, 2010).



### Upcoming Park Events

June 13, 2010 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Father's Day Picnic Banana Pudding Party

July 3, 2010  
Independence Day Celebration

To volunteer or for more information contact  
Dodie VanSchuyver at 972-564-7326 or  
[dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org](mailto:dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org).

### Fun Facts ☺

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.  
During your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food, that's the weight of about 6 elephants.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5, 2010 – Noon to 4:00 p.m.

KidQuest hosted by our Public Works Department.  
Location: Downtown Forney -- There will be plenty to see and do for you and the kids.

### Important Dates

May 1 – Main Street Rabbit Trax 5K Race  
May 2 – Mother's Day Picnic, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
May 4 – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
May 8 – Election Day [Dia de elección]  
May 18 – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
May 31 – Memorial Day [City Offices Closed]  
*May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day*

Think  
**SHOP**  
Live  
**FORNEY**

### May Parks & Recreation Events

May 2, 2010 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Mother's Day Picnic and Cupcake Party.  
Bring that special person and a picnic lunch to Community Park to play and enjoy cupcakes made by Yum Yum Bakery.

If you would like to volunteer or help sponsor this event or for more information contact Dodie VanSchuyver at 972-564-7326 or [dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org](mailto:dvanschuyver@cityofforney.org).

## RECYCLING ROUNDUP FOR FORNEY'S FUTURE

HELLO NEIGHBOR!  
ROUND UP YOUR RECYCLABLES AND BRING THEM TO FORNEY'S ROUNDUP!  
SATURDAY, JUNE 5  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2  
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM  
FORNEY COMMUNITY PARK  
241 SOUTH FM 548

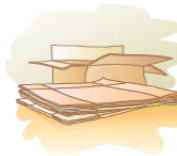
Electronic items collected include:  
monitors, TVs, computers, stereos,  
VCRs, household copiers,  
hard drives,  
CD-ROMS, and  
batteries. Batteries  
in electronic items  
must be removed  
prior to collection.



Paper  
will be  
shredded  
on site.



Cardboard must  
be broken down  
and flattened.



Eyeglasses  
and sunglasses  
are collected in  
any condition,  
both frames and  
lenses.



FORNEY CITIZENS MUST BRING A WATER BILL  
AS PROOF OF RESIDENCY.  
THERE WILL BE NO FEE FOR RECYCLING ITEMS.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



Funded by the  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
through the  
North Central Texas Council of Governments

You can order recycle bins from  
our Utility Billing Department.  
Just call 972-564-7304.



Thank you for participating in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizen Survey. Results will be featured in a future newsletter.