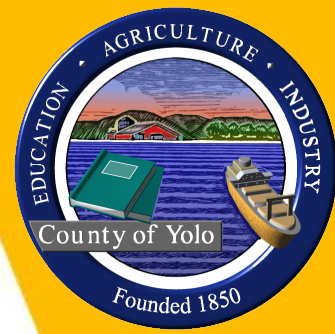


Legal Mandates

State Regulations	
Health and Safety §121575-121710	Provide a rabies control shelter system and a rabies control program, including immunization and licensing; stray animal control; reporting, investigation, and isolation of animals involved in bite incidents; and public education
Food and Agricultural Code §31105	The taking up and impounding (sheltering) of all dogs which are found running at large
Food and Ag §31101-31109 & §31752	Required holding period for a stray dog/cat: usually six business days, not including the day of impoundment (can be shorter or longer depending on circumstances and is typically four business days locally); owner redemption rights; release to rescue group; adoption practices generally
Penal Code §597/§597.1	Crimes against animals: seizure of abused and neglected animals; investigation for animal cruelty and referral for prosecution; care for injured stray animals and owner (if known) liability for costs
Food and Ag §31108.3 & §31752.1	Microchip dogs and cats prior to release from shelters
Food and Ag §30503 & §31751.3	Spay and neuter of cats/dogs prior to adoption
Food and Ag §31625	Seizure of dogs pending a dangerous/vicious determination; hearing rights
Health and Safety §121690	Rabies vaccination requirements and exemptions; provision of public dog vaccination clinics by local government



Legal Mandates

County Regulations	
Section 6-1.202	To operate and maintain the Animal Control Center and to administer and enforce the Animal Control Center provisions
Section 6-1.202	To cooperate with the Health Officer in the administration and enforcement of the rabid and dangerous animal provisions
Section 6-1.202	To remove and dispose of the carcass of any dog found in or on any street, alley, or other public place, except State highways
Section 6-1.202	To receive applications for dog licenses, to issue dog licenses, to collect dog license fees in advance, and to enforce the dog licensing provisions
Sec. 6-1.901.	Every owner of a dog over four (4) months in age shall have such dog vaccinated with such canine anti-rabies vaccine and at such intervals as prescribed by the State Department of Health
Sec. 6-1.803.	Animals voluntarily surrendered shall not be deemed to be impounded and need not be kept or retained for any minimum period of time
Sec. 6-1.804.1.	Provide euthanasia services on animals whose owners request it