

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
CITY-COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICES
BILLING RATES**

I. Billing Period

These billing rates are effective as of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

II. Billing Rates

Animal Care Center Services	
Alternatives to Impoundment (based on human population)	\$1.00 per capita annually
Shelter Services:	
Flat Rate for stray or relinquished dogs and cats	\$244.11 per impound
Daily Rate for dogs and cats of "legal hold" animals (See Paragraph III.D "Billing for 'legal hold' animals")	\$244.11 per impound and \$48.82 per day for days over 5
Animal License Field Enforcement per hour	\$96.88 per hour
Dog/Cat License Processing per license	\$4.11 per license
Field Services per hour for Full Field Service Cities	\$139.83 per hour
Field Services for Limited Field Service Cities:	
Basic rate during regular hours with 2-week notice	\$209.75 per hour
Rate for nights/weekends (Monday-Friday 7pm-7am, Saturday, Sunday, and County Holidays)	\$209.75 per hour, minimum callout charge of 4 hours
Additional Administrative Services	
Attendance at meetings in excess of contract allowance	\$266.24 per hour
Production of reports in excess of contract allowance	\$123.17 per hour
Liability Trust Fund	
Liability Trust Fund	4.5 % of hourly rate*

*Percentage is based on, and in addition to, the hourly rate for hours actually billed for Field Services and animal license Field Enforcement.

III. Billing Methodology for Care Center Services

The City is financially responsible for the care of animals impounded within the City's jurisdiction. If an animal is claimed by its owner, the redemption fees collected from the owner will be credited to the City up to the maximum amount billed to the City for that animal. The County assumes responsibility for the physical care and disposition of all animals coming into the Department's possession or custody.

A. Cost Allocation for Care Center Services

During the billing period, the costs of providing Care Center Services are allocated as follows:

1. Per dog and cat impounded:
 - a. A flat dog/cat impoundment rate is established annually based upon the costs of housing animals. The flat rate is billed for all dogs/cats housed, regardless of the actual length of stay, except as outlined in paragraph D below. During the billing period, the cost of care for dogs/cats in excess of capped days are subsidized, except as outlined in paragraph D below.
 - b. For dogs and cats impounded in circumstances described in paragraph D below, that are held beyond the length of stay captured in the flat rate, a daily impoundment rate is established annually based upon the costs of the time allocated to the impoundment, care (including medical care), and feeding of those animals. In addition to the flat rate charged for dogs/cats, the City will be billed at the daily rate for all days those animals are housed by the Department. Animals that are held in "legal hold" will not be subsidized.
2. Per capita fee based on the human population of the City
 - a. A per capita Alternatives to Impoundment rate is established annually based upon time allocated to services including: interaction, intervention, and outreach activities that are not directly related to the impoundment, care, and feeding of animals.

This allocation methodology applies costs for services as they relate to animal impounds and for services that do not relate directly to the impoundment, care, and feeding of animals. The ratio for allocation is based on staff time allocated to these activities.

B. Medical Costs

Medical costs (excluding spay/neuter surgeries) provided by the Department's medical staff are included in the overhead to establish the cost-recovery rate for boarding, and are not billed separately or in addition to that rate. The Department reserves the right to send any animal to a private veterinary facility for examination, treatment, and/or hospitalization as the Department deems necessary in its sole and absolute discretion. All expenses incurred by the Department for outside medical services, for animals from the City, will be billed to the City.

C. Cost Offsets

The City will receive a credit from the County for all applicable redemption fees collected from or on behalf of the owner of an animal that is claimed from the custody of the Department, up to the maximum amount billed to the City for that animal. The Department reserves the right to waive fees when appropriate in the Department's sole and absolute discretion.

The City will not receive any credit for adoption fees (whether paid by an individual or an organization).

D. Billing for “Legal Hold” and Other Shelter Services:

Dogs and cats that are housed for a “legal hold” and other shelter services are billed at the flat impound rate until the stay exceeds the length of stay captured in the flat rate at which time a daily rate will be charged for the remainder of the time the animal is housed by the Department (from intake to disposition). Legal hold animals are held in accordance with applicable statutory guidelines, and/or at the sole and absolute discretion of the Department based on pending or anticipated criminal, civil, or administrative action.

“Legal Hold” and Other Shelter Type Descriptions		Total Number of Days Billed
Quarantine Observation Animals	<p>Per applicable state law, any animal of a species susceptible to rabies that bites a person and breaks the skin is required to be quarantined for 10 to 30 days (depending on the species). Animals susceptible to rabies that have contact with a wild (potentially rabid) animal must be quarantined for 30 days or six months (depending on the species and vaccination status).</p> <p>Animals in the custody of the Department that are reported to have either bitten or been exposed to a potentially rabid animal, will be placed in quarantine/isolation and observed for symptoms of rabies for the required period.</p> <p>Additionally, although rare, the Department of Public Health has the authority to quarantine animals for other specified diseases. Any quarantine for a disease other than rabies will be specified by disease.</p>	Unlimited days
Special Intake:	<p>Animals that are seized pursuant to a search warrant, Penal Code Sections 597.1 or 599aa, or as evidence in a criminal investigation may be held up to the time of disposition of the criminal matter.</p> <p>Animals subject to the jurisdiction of the Coroner’s Office may be held until released by that Office.</p> <p>Animals in the custody of the Department that are the subject of anticipated or pending civil litigation or administrative regulation may be held through the pendency of that action, and any appeal stemming from that action.</p>	Unlimited days

Return to Owner Animals:	Any animal with traceable identification that is brought to the Animal Care Center, whether by the Department staff or the public, will be held for ten (10) calendar days for the owner to reclaim it. The owner or person entitled to the custody of any animal impounded can redeem such animal by paying impound, boarding, and private veterinary fees accruing up to the time of such redemption.	10 days
Abandoned Animals:	Animals that are found to be abandoned in a private property will be held at the Animal Care Center at least fifteen (15) calendar days to determine whether the owner had an agreement with someone to care for the animal in their absence.	15 days