



HEWITT POLICE

Hewitt Police Department
Animal Control Unit
204 Chama Hewitt, TX 76643
(254) 666-6272

Animal Control Ordinance Information

Tethering Animals

- An animal may not be tethered, chained or fastened in any way that would cause injury or pain. The animal must be able to reach shelter, food and water at all times.

Sale of Animals in a Public Place

- Animals MAY NOT be made available for sale, trade, barter, lease, rent, give away or convey the ownership of any animal on any roadside, public right-of-way, commercial parking lot, garage sale, flea market, festival, park, community center or outdoor public place.

Alternatives to Surrender

- **McLennan Animal Rescue Coalition (MARC)** – MARC is a no kill animal welfare/rescue organization that provides animal related community resources to help people address common pet behavior issues or finding homes for dogs and cats instead of taking them to the local animal shelter. MARC does not accept animals from the public.
WEBSITE: MarcPets.org **Volunteer-Run Help Line: (254) 633-3988**
- **Heart of Texas Feral Friends** – Trap/Neuter/Return – An all-volunteer group assists with Trap-Neuter-Return for neighborhood (outside) cats and offers tips for resolving many of the common free-roaming cat issues. Also provides a support group for caregivers who feed outside cats.
WEBSITE: FreeCatFix.org **Volunteer-Run Help Line: (254) 752-8556 or (254) 235-1816**

Lost and Found Animals

- **Hewitt Animal Control / Humane Society of Central Texas:** Residents with lost pets should contact the Hewitt Animal Control Officer (254) 666-6272 and go to the animal shelter in person to look for their lost pet. **Shelter location: 2032 Circle Rd. Waco TX 76706**
- **Centex Lost Pets:** A free online service, provided by MARC, which allows people to post lost and found pets. **WEBSITE: CentexLostPets.org**



Spay / Neuter / Microchip:



- Ordinance applies only to dogs and cats over four months of age.
- Owned dogs & cats: in addition to state-mandatory rabies vaccination, owned dogs and cats must be spayed/neutered & microchipped.
- **Community Cats:** In addition to the state mandatory rabies vaccination, outside cats, both owned and un-owned, must be spayed or neutered. No microchip required for community cats with the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) left ear tip, performed during spay/neuter surgery.

Exceptions to the ordinance:

- **Breeders:** Breeder pets must be microchipped, and must also have a veterinarian-issued Health Statement issued at least once every two years that must include the pet's microchip number. Each puppy or kitten in a litter must be microchipped by four months of age and have a vet-issued Health Statement prior to sale or transfer. Breeder must have this information available upon request of law enforcement or animal control. It is the new owner's responsibility to obtain these documents from the Breeder during the sale or transfer of the animal.
- **Medical:** A veterinarian can exempt a non-breeding pet for medical / health reasons. This exemption must be documented on the pet's medical record and must include the pet's microchip number. The pet owner must have this information available upon request by law enforcement or animal control.

Where can I get a microchip and for how much? (Subject to change. Please call first)

- Residents may have their pet microchipped at their pet's full-service veterinarian.
- **Low-Cost microchip providers in McLennan County, include : Humane Society of Central Texas (\$20 + Tax), Fuzzy Friends Rescue (\$20+Tax), and Animal Birth Control Clinic (\$25)**
- **Happy Endings Dog Rescue (in Hewitt)** has low-cost microchips, and chip clinics on the 2nd Saturday of the month (\$10)
- **McLennan Area Rescue Coalition (MARC)** hosts free microchip clinics approximately once a month
- **The City of Hewitt will partner with organizations to provide free microchip clinics prior to January 1, 2014**

Low Cost spay / neuter options available: (Subject to change. Please Call First)

- **Animal Birth Control Clinic (ABC) – 3238 Clay Avenue, Waco, TX 76711**
WEBSITE: animalbirthcontrol.org Phone: (254) 776-7303

