



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Guidelines for Trapping Animals

The City of Lake Jackson Humane Department has set guidelines for residents to follow who wish to use live traps to detain nuisance animals; individuals who trap must follow guidelines or be susceptible to fines.

1. The City of Lake Jackson does not encourage trapping of wildlife. If there is an animal that is destructive to your house you may trap it. Otherwise the animal is to be left alone.
2. All wild animals trapped must be turned over to the Humane Department to be relocated.
3. The Humane Department encourages individuals trapping cats to transport the cats to the Southern Brazoria County Animal Shelter themselves; cats may not be relocated to any other location.
4. Traps may not be set on weekends; unless you are trapping cats and you take the responsibility of transporting them to the SBCAS during hours of operation (you may call their hotline for operating hours (285-2340). Cats may not be abandoned anywhere outside the shelter.
5. Traps may not be set in weather below 45 degrees.
6. Traps may not be set when tropical depressions are predicted to come into the vicinity of Lake Jackson.
7. Animals may not remain in traps for extended amounts of time; if animals are trapped at night you are responsible for calling Humane Department first thing in the morning.
8. Traps may only be set Monday- Thursday; the Humane Department will not pick up trapped animals on the weekends.
9. All animal cruelty laws apply to trapped animals. Therefore, animals in traps are not to be tormented; sprayed with paint, or poked with sticks, and the traps cannot be kicked or spun around.
10. In weather above 90 degrees, animals may not remain in traps longer than 2 hours. You are responsible for releasing the animal after 2 hours, even if you have called the Humane Department and no one has responded to the call.

Any violations of these guidelines could possibly result in citations issued to violators.

Thank you for your cooperation in seeing that all animals in traps are treated humanely. If you have any questions or have a trapped animal call (979) 415-2700.