

For VPH Use Only

Key Map _____ Bite Complaint # _____ Activity # _____ TRAP # _____
ANIMAL COMPLAINT: DOG _____ CAT _____ OTHER(Please list) _____
Delivered by _____

**HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH
STRAY ANIMAL COMPLAINT & LIVE TRAP USE FORM**

The Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services Department, through its Veterinary Public Health Division, (VPH) is the entity designated as the local rabies control authority for all portions of unincorporated Harris County, Texas, pursuant to the Texas Health & Safety Code § 826.017, as amended, as well as incorporated cities or towns that adopt Harris County's regulations and execute inter-local cooperative agreements with Harris County for enforcement purposes. The Commissioner's Court of Harris County, Texas has exercised its authority pursuant to the Texas Health & Safety Code § 826.014, as amended, to impose reasonable and uniform regulations for animal control in Harris County to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of animals kept in Harris County by preventing the spread of Rabies and other zoonotic diseases and by reducing the risk of injury to people from animals kept in Harris County. Pursuant to Harris County Regulations, each stray dog or cat is a public nuisance. A stray animal is one that is not under restraint. The display of a vacci-

nation or license tag does not change the fact that the animal is a stray. The owner of a stray animal may be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. To effectuate the purposes of Harris County regulations, any person complaining of a stray animal may schedule a pick up or take and deliver to VPH or its officers any stray animal that VPH is required to impound. Complainant understands that the trap shall be returned in substantially the same condition. If the trap has sustained repairable damage, complainant shall pay the County reasonable costs for repair. Complainant further understands that should the trap be lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair, the complainant shall reimburse Harris County for the cost of the trap (\$50.00 for a cat trap and \$145.00 for a dog trap). Complainant further understands that the trap may be kept for a period not to exceed TEN (10) DAYS and that all captured stray domestic animals shall be retrieved by and/or delivered to VPH or its officers.

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Texas Driver's License Number _____

Address _____ City _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Work Telephone Number _____

Description of stray animal(s) to be trapped: _____

Complainant agrees to comply with the Harris County Regulations and terms and instructions herein by providing the required information and signing this complaint and trap use form. Complainant further authorizes Harris County and its agents to enter any premises owned or controlled by Complainant for the purpose of repossessing and removing the trap.

Signature _____ Date _____

Fax this form to 281-847-1911

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Secure trap in an area on **YOUR** property to prevent loss or theft.
2. Use canned or wet food to bait trap.
3. VPH is unable to pick up trapped animals on Sundays or holidays.
PLEASE DO NOT SET TRAPS ON A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR HOLIDAY.
4. You may call (281) 999-3191 to schedule a pick up of a trapped animal.
5. You may also deliver a stray animal to VPH or its officers.