

Title 7 Amendments



Amendments Address:

- Allows veterinary clinic partners to exchange/return unused registration tags
- Clarifies definitions Grooming Ordinance
- Align with recently passed new Special State Session bill on Unlawful Restraint
- General language clean up



Customer Service Driven Amendment

7.12.020. - Registration, vaccination, and microchips required.

Sec B.... **A veterinarian may exchange or return up to 100 unused, expired from the previous year tags for current year tags annually. This section does not apply to lost tags.**

Grooming Ordinance Clarifications

7.15.030 - Groomer license application.

B .An individual seeking to perform animal grooming must submit a signed, verified application annually, with the appropriate application fee(s), to the permit official. Applications shall be on forms obtained from the permit official and must contain, at a minimum, the following true and correct information and documentation:

3. Proof of identification of groomer, in the form of a **valid** government-issued photographic identification;
4. A copy of the individual's animal groomer certificate **and pet CPR certificate**;
5. A sworn statement that the groomer is not under criminal investigation for, does not have pending criminal charges or a conviction for animal cruelty or a similar offense (e.g., battery, assault, domestic violence, any crime of a violent nature) in Texas or any other jurisdiction in the past ~~ten~~ **seven** years;

Grooming Ordinance Clarifications

7.15.070 - Denial.

- A. 2. The permit official finds any of the following:
- f. That the applicant has been convicted of animal cruelty or a similar offense (e.g., battery, assault, domestic violence, any crime of a violent nature) in Texas or any other jurisdiction in the past ~~ten~~ **seven** years;

7.15.080 - Groomer license suspension or revocation.

- A. 1. The license holder is under ~~criminal~~ investigation or has pending criminal charges for violating a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter;
2. The license holder is under ~~criminal~~ investigation or has pending criminal charges for having been intoxicated or under the influence of a mind-altering substance while providing grooming services;
- C. 4. **Ten calendar day** ~~Reasonable~~ time limit for the completion of the corrective measures;
6. Require the groomer license be surrendered in-person or by certified mail to the director within seven ~~calendar~~ days of receipt of notice of suspension;
- E. 3. The license **holder** is ~~convicted of~~ **found to be** violating a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.;
4. The license holder is ~~convicted of having been~~ **found to have been** intoxicated or under the influence of a mind altering substance while providing grooming services;

Grooming Ordinance Clarifications

7.15.090 - Shop registration required.

- D. 2. The shop must perform a mandatory **state-wide criminal** background check on any groomer employed by or allowed to use the shop;
3. Any groomer with a conviction for animal cruelty or any similar violation (e.g., battery, assault, domestic violence, any crime of a violent nature) within the previous ~~ten~~ **seven** years must not be employed by or allowed use of the shop;

M. All documents relevant to the groomer's application, criminal background check, and supporting documents shall be available on site for inspection.

7.15.100 - Shop registration application.

- A. 5. Copy of **all** groomers' current animal grooming licenses issued by the department; **shops will not be issued shop registration without licensed groomers;**

7.15.140 - Denial.

- A. 2. The permit official finds any of the following:
- d. That the applicant does not have any licensed groomers employed to operate.**

Unlawful Restraint - "Safe Outdoor Dogs Act"

Changes made as a result of bill signed in October by Gov. Abbott.

- Amendments will update our ordinance definitions to match new State legislation

New State requirements to include, but not limited to:

- Humane Tethering
- Prohibits the Use of Heavy Chains
- Adequate Shelter
- Access to Shade and Water

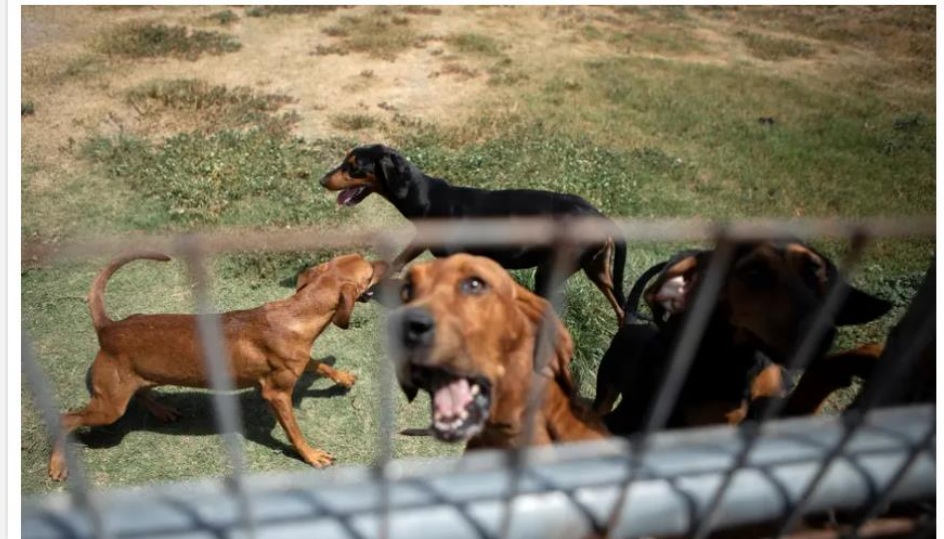
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Gov. Greg Abbott signs dog tethering bill after vetoing similar proposal over the summer

Abbott criticized an earlier proposal as "micro-managing." But advocates say the differences between the original bill and the new law won't affect its impact.

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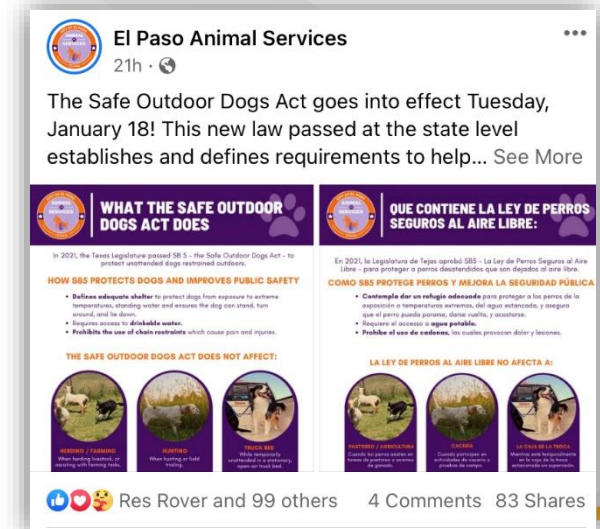
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Outreach and Education

- Social Media Posts
- Distribution of Posters
 - Pet Stores
 - Groomers
 - Veterinarian Offices
- Educational Brochures and Flyers
 - Adopters
 - Rescue Partners
 - Fosters
 - ASAC Members
 - EPVMA
 - Volunteers (includes community partners like Ft. Bliss)
 - County Animal Welfare
 - EPPD



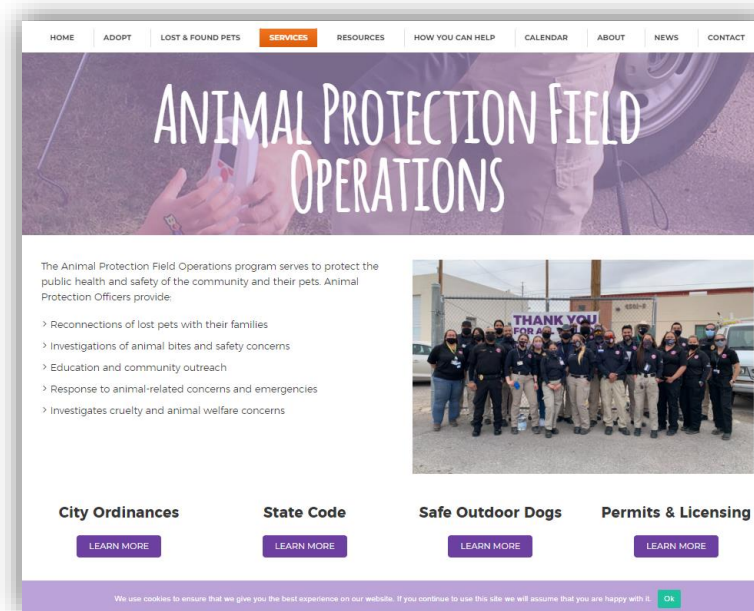
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Outreach and Education

- Website Updates
- Media Interviews w/ Photo and Video Opp.
- YC5
- Pawcast (monthly video newsletter)



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Questions

