



COUNTY OF EL DORADO, CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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I. PURPOSE

Dead animals can be a traffic hazard and in some cases a health hazard. As the County becomes more urbanized, residents are less able to dispose of dead animals themselves and often seek guidance and direction from the County on these issues. Therefore, the following policy is to be followed:

II. POLICY

- A. Dead animals on the State highways are the responsibility of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans).
- B. Dead animals on city roads are the responsibility of the City. City and County may enter into agreements whereby County makes available to City the services normally provided, either by law or by delegation through the Board of Supervisors. Existing agreements, if any, shall apply to and govern the provisions of service under this section.
- C. Dead animals on County roads are the responsibility of the Community Development Agency (CDA). To keep El Dorado County roads and roadsides clear of hazards, dead animals causing a traffic hazard will be removed from the roadway and disposed of by CDA.
- D. Dead animals found on County property, other than roads, will be disposed of by Animal Services.
- E. Dead owned animals are the responsibility of the animal owner.
- F. Dead animals on private property, including private roads, are the responsibility of the property owner. If requested by the property owner, and resources are available, Animal Services may assist with the pickup and disposal of dead animal if the County vehicle can safely and reasonably access the location of the dead animal. The property owner will be charged the cost of pickup and disposal.
- G. If complaints are filed regarding dead animals on private or public property, the Community Development Agency, Environmental Management Division, may choose to abate the dead animal(s) in the manner in which they handle garbage complaints or other nuisances as allowed by law and regulations. It is the property owner's responsibility to abate and the owner may be cited for failure to abate.

III. REFERENCES

None



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IV. RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Community Development Agency:
Transportation Division
Environmental Management Division

V. DATES ISSUED AND REVISED; SUNSET DATES:

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