



**COUNTY OF EL DORADO, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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BACKGROUND:

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:

POLICY:

1. Dead animals on the State highways are the responsibility of CalTrans.
2. 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, by the Animal Control Division of the Department of Public Health, at the same level as such services are provided in the unincorporated areas of the County, with or without compensation to County for such services. If compensation to County is provided in such agreements for this level of service, the rate shall be the same as is established for DOT dead animal pickup plus disposal costs. If the city requests a level of service greater than the level of service provided in the unincorporated areas, a separate schedule of fees shall be established, based upon the extent of the services requested. Existing agreements, if any, shall apply to and govern the provisions of service under this section.
3. Dead animals on County roads - It is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation to keep El Dorado County roads and roadsides clear of hazards.



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- a. Dead animals causing a traffic hazard will be removed from the roadway by DOT for pick up by Animal control as available.
- b. The Animal Control Department will charge the Transportation Department with all costs associated with pick up of dead animals on County roads and roadsides. Prior to charging the Transportation Department , Animal Control will exhaust all means of collection from the owner of the dead animal.
4. Dead animals found on County property, other than roads, will be disposed of by Animal Control.
5. Dead owned animals are the responsibility of the animal owner. If Animal Control picks up owned dead animals at the owners request, the owner shall pay a fee for this service based on the same rate authorized as established for DOT dead animal pickup plus disposal costs.
6. 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 Control may assist with the pick up and disposal of dead deer if the County vehicle can safely and reasonably access the location of the dead deer. The property owner will be charged the cost of pickup and disposal.
7. If complaints are filed regarding dead animals on private or public property, the County Department of Environmental Management may choose to abate the dead animal(s) in the manner in which they handle garbage complaints or other



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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.

Primary Department: Public Health Department, Animal Control Division
Department of Transportation
Department of Environment Management

References: None