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**Second Public Hearing Set for Broward County
Animal Care Proposed Fee Increase**

Beginning October 1, 2006, the Broward County Animal Care and Regulation Division (ACaRD) is expected to increase its fees for various types of pet licenses and civil penalties for first offenses. **A second public hearing to discuss the proposed pet fee changes is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2006, in the Broward County Commission Chambers at Government Center in Fort Lauderdale.**

Pet license fees were last increased in 2004, while animal care civil penalties have not changed since 1999. The proposed fee increases are based on results from a survey of local and national animal care agencies, humane societies, and animal welfare organizations. Within the past year, ACaRD has incurred an additional operating expense related to the inflation of veterinary supplies.

In addition to helping offset operating costs, the proposed fee increases will help ACaRD enhance its service of preparing pets for adoption, with additional medical resources, take home kits, and accommodation improvements at its two facilities in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach. The fee increases range from \$1.00 for Juvenile or Replacement License and, to \$25.00 for a Dangerous Dog Registration.

If approved, effective October 1, 2006, the change in license and civil violation fees for the Broward County Animal Care and Regulation Division will be:

- **Sterilized Adult Dog and Cat:** from \$14.00 to \$17.00
- **Sterilized Adult Dog and Cat (3-year license fee – NEW*):** \$40.00
- **Non-sterilized Adult Dog and Cat (1-year license fee):** from \$26.00 to \$34.00
- **Non-sterilized Adult Dog and Cat (3-year license fee - NEW*):** \$80.00
- **Juvenile License:** from \$4.00 to \$5.00
- **Guard Dog License:** from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- **Dangerous Dog License:** from \$25.00 to \$30.00
- **Replacement License:** from \$3.00 to \$4.00
- **Replacement Guard Dog License:** from \$5.00 to \$7.00
- **Replacement Dangerous Dog License:** from \$5.00 to \$7.00
- **Guard Dog Registration:** from \$50.00 to \$60.00
- **Dangerous Dog Registration:** from \$110.00 to \$135.00
- **Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination and One-Year License:** from \$15.00 to \$20.00

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- **First Offense Civil Penalties:** **from \$50.00 to \$60.00**
 - Leash Law (also known as dogs at-large - Section 4-3)
 - Confinement during Heat (Section 4-6)
 - Rabies Vaccination for Cats and Dogs (Section 4-10)
 - Licensing of Cats and Dogs (Section 4-11)
 - Guard Dogs (Section 4-13)
 - Suspected Rabies Cases (Section 4-10)
 - Harboring of Stray Animals (Section 4-23)

**The 3-year license fee is a new license available as an option for the pet owner after consultation with a licensed veterinarian.*

The Broward County Animal Care and Regulation Division (ACaRD) is a county agency under the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. ACaRD is supported by tax dollars and revenue generated through fees. It is one of seven Divisions within the Community Services Department, and is not a part of nor related to the Humane Society of Broward County. ACaRD's mission is to promote responsible pet ownership, Animal Care, community safety, increase adoptions, and reduce pet overpopulation. ACaRD treats the symptoms of irresponsible pet ownership while seeking to eliminate the causes by compassionately using education and enforcement.

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