

## Miami-Dade County Animal Ordinances

### Regarding Domestic Dogs:

- Section 5-7 Rabies Law Your dog must be vaccinated by a Florida licensed veterinarian when it Reaches 4 months of age. It must be vaccinated again no later than every 12 months thereafter. **Failure to vaccinate: Fine \$50.00**
- Section 5-8 License Law You must obtain, and your dog must wear a Dade County rabies license tag within 30 days of it becoming 4 months of age. You must obtain a new license each year during the month in which you first vaccinated your dog. For example: If you vaccinated your dog in the month of June, you are required to purchase a new license tag each June. **Failure to comply: Fine \$150.00 for unsterilized dogs, \$50.00 for sterilized dogs.**
- Section 5-6a-c  
Leash Law Your dog is not permitted to roam free off your private property. When Your dog is off your private property, it must be leashed at all times. **Failure to comply: Fine \$150.00 for unsterilized dogs, \$50.00 fine for sterilized dogs.**
- Section 5-6.1  
Public Nuisance You must exercise proper care and control of your dog. It is creating a Public nuisance when it chases vehicles or persons or when it trespasses or causes damage to another persons private property or on public property. **Nuisance: Fine \$50.00**
- Section 5.2.5  
Cruelty Law The following common conditions and any others not listed which result In inhumane treatment of an animal are considered acts of cruelty: Cruelly beating or inhumanely killing an animal; no water or unclean Water; no food or unwholesome food; no shelter or insufficient shelter; Short leash or inability of the animal to get proper exercise of fresh air; Failure to properly treat an animal for a debilitating medical condition. **Cruelty: Fine \$500.00**
- Section 5-17  
Pitbull Law It is illegal in Miami-Dade County to own any dog which substantially Conforms to a pitbull breed dog unless it was specially registered with Dade County prior to 1989. **Acquisition of or keeping of Pitbull Dog: Fine: \$500.00**

### Regarding Domestic Cats:

- Section 5-20 Rabies Law Your cat must be vaccinated by a Florida licensed veterinarian when it Reaches 4 months of age. It must be vaccinated again no later than every 12 months thereafter. **Failure to vaccinate: Fine \$50.00**