

**Q. What if I get bitten by an animal?**

A. Seek medical assistance and call your local police agency to make a report.

**Q. Is there a leash law in DeKalb County?**

A : Yes. According to the law, dog owners must keep dogs on their premises or under their control (on a leash). Cities within the County also have laws regarding controlling pets.

**Q: Do I need to buy tags for my dog?**

A: Yes. Every dog over four months old requires a rabies vaccination and a tag from the county. Dog owners that vaccinate at a veterinary clinic within DeKalb County will purchase the tag at the clinic at the same time.

**Q: I have had my dog vaccinated out of county or adopted my dog from a shelter that vaccinated. How do I get a tag?**

A: You may mail a copy of the vaccination certificate, along with the [appropriate fee](#) to Animal Control, 2550 North Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb, IL 60115. You may also bring your pet's vaccination certificate to the office to purchase a tag.

**Q: Does Animal Control pick up stray dogs?**

A: Yes. During business hours Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm, Animal Control will respond to stray dog calls. After hours and on holidays, or for animal emergencies, contact your local police.

**Q: Is there a fee to get my dog out of impound?**

A: Yes. There is an impound fee and a board fee. There may also be veterinary fees if treatment is needed. You must provide proof of rabies vaccination and tag, or have your pet vaccinated before claiming.

**Q: Does Animal Control pick up stray cats?**

A: The program does not register cats or pick up stray cats.

**Q: Does my cat need a tag?**

A: No, tags for cats are not required in DeKalb County.

**Q: What about wildlife?**

Contact Animal Control if you think wildlife seems abnormal or could be sick with rabies. Otherwise, check the [Wildlife Removal Service Listing \(pdf\)](#) or the directory for "Animal Removal" in the Yellow Pages of your phone book.

**Q: What if a bat is in my home?**

A: It may not be safe for you to approach or have contact with a bat. Contact Animal Control or your local police agency.

**Q: I have lost my pet or found a pet. What should I do?**

A Call Animal Control to report a description of the pet and the general area that it might be found, and your phone number. You may also want to give this information to your local Police.