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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

The City of Palm Coast Animal Control

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Flagler County

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

We invoice them and can send it to collections.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

Special magistrate-hearing

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

We handle the invoicing but I believe another company handles if they go into collections.

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

None at this point and it isn't effective.

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

Most of the time we write a Citation we require a magistrate hearing because we have already written them plenty of notices prior to the citation.

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

The process on when we write and if they go to a Special Magistrate is officer discretion. We only have the how to write and what needs to be included in order to write a citation.

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

It would be ideal to have citations processed through the county court and suspend their license for non-payment then we would probably get more compliance.

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Volusia County Animal Services

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Volusia

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation?

Other (please specify):  
Statute allows for officer discretion. However, we utilize enforcement when it is the most effective option to instigate change

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

Civil infractions are handled through the Clerk of Court. Those that do not pay fines are deferred to civil judgement. This typically results in a collection agency and an impact to their credit score. We are on the verge of implementing a compliance citation program whereby people who remedy violations like licensing and vaccination pay a fee to the department and the citation is not turned in.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

The 7th Judicial Circuit of the State Attorney's Office handles the prosecution of these cases. Appeals are heard in front of a circuit judge at monthly court hearings. These hearing are generally referred to as Municipal Ordinance/County Ordinance Court

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

That aspect is handled through the Clerk of Courts

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

They are referred to civil judgement. I do not believe this is an effective tool to change behavior. Those who don't pay or show up typically have credit issues, which means they don't see the deferral to civil judgement as a threat. The compliance citation program we are about to implement was very successful in my prior jurisdiction (Lee County Florida).

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**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

We have a fine schedule that is followed in the majority of cases. We can require a mandatory court appearance if the violation is egregious in nature.

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

No, the ordinance only outlines the violation and the right to appeal. It does not address the exact process by which occurs during the appeal.

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Port St Lucie Animal Control

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

St. Lucie

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

They are given 30 days and then the citation is forwarded to the Clerk of Court.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

Clerk of Courts for a hearing

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

Our agency

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

The citation is heard before our County Judge and if not paid, a bench warrant can be issued.

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**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

Mandatory court hearings on third offense and on appeals.

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## Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

Sec. 92.99. - Penalty.

Citation and penalties for chapter violations.

(1) An officer who has probable cause to believe that a person has committed an act in violation of this chapter may issue such person a citation. Any person so cited shall be deemed to be charged with a non-criminal infraction and cited to appear in county court. Such person shall sign and accept a citation indicating a promise to appear. (2) Any person who willfully refuses to sign and accept a citation issued by an officer shall be a violation of this chapter and may be prosecuted in accordance with F.S. § 828.27(5). (3) Any person cited for violation of this chapter may: a. Pay the civil penalty within thirty (30) days of the date of receiving the citation; or b. Appear in county court to contest the citation. (4) If such person fails to pay the civil penalty within the time allowed, or fails to appear in court to contest the citation, he shall be deemed to have waived his right to contest the citation. In such case, judgment may be entered against the person for an amount up to the maximum civil penalty. (5) Any person violating any provision covered by this subsection (a) shall, upon conviction, be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). (6) Any person cited for a civil infraction by an officer for a violation of this chapter who elects not to contest the citation shall be subject to the following penalties: a. Any violation of this chapter, unless otherwise specified: 1. For a first offense: \$50.00. 2. For a second offense: \$100.00. 3. For a third & subsequent offense(s): \$200.00 and a mandatory court appearance. b. Any owner of a declared Aggressive Animal who violates any provision of Sec. 92.02 or Sec. 92.41 will be imposed a fine of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00). c. Any owner of a dog declared "Dangerous" who violates any provision of Sec. 92.02 or Sec. 92.41 or F.S. § 767 will be imposed a fine of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00). (7) Civil penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be independent of, and in addition to, any impoundment fees arising under section 92.10. (8) In addition to any civil penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter there shall be imposed and collected a surcharge of five dollars (\$5.00). The proceeds from such surcharge shall be used to pay the costs of training for animal control officers. (9) Any person charged with a criminal violation of this chapter shall not be cited for a civil infraction, but shall be prosecuted in the county court according to law.

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

City of New Smyrna Beach

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Volusia County

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

We don't have 'citations' we have Code Enforcement Violations which go to the board and after two hearings a lien can be placed.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

Initial hearing is Special Magistrate, after that it gets appealed to be Clerk of Courts

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

Our finance department handles the collections from fines/liens.

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Lien is placed on property. No it is not effective, some people are just tenants and do not care what happens tot he property, other's just do not care and know there is nothing more that will be done once a lien is filed.

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

Yes, they have two Magistrate hearings, but are not required to show up.

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

No

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

Using the Code Enforcement process is a long process that is not efficient or effective, I would like to see us go back to issuing regular citations that get appealed to the court.

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Polk County Sheriff's Office

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Polk

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

This is up to the clerk of courts and they are not good about collecting them

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

We hear ours at the courthouse in front of the Magistrate about 99% of the time. The DDI NTA goes in front of an actual judge.

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

Clerk of courts

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Collections  
Nope

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

Yes for NTA for offenses third and above

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

you can see our ordinance 18-068 at [www.polkpets.org](http://www.polkpets.org)

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

not at this time

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Pasco County Animal Services

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Pasco

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

That's handled through the Pasco Clerks Office

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

Any violator that's requests a final hearing is heard through the Clerk of Court

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

Clerk of Court

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Unknown

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**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

We do issue cites requiring a mandatory appearance to the arraignment

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

No We do not put processes or requirements in our ordinances

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

No

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**Q11** Thank you for participating!Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Osceola county animal services

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Osceola

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

If they don't pay within 10 days of issuance, the citation is processed via code enforcement and set on the docket for the person cited to appear before the magistrate. If they fail to appear and still have not paid, we can request the magistrate send a letter requiring appearance. If still no response, we are working with our county attorney's office on a process to get them into county court.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

Special magistrate

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

We collect them, provide receipts, and include in our deposits. Fees collected go back into the general fund except the surcharge earmarked for officer training.

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Still working to get offenders into county court. Have not done this yet but time will tell.

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

We can require a mandatory court appearance for more serious, repetitive (3rd violation) offenses.

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

Our code does not outline the process

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

This has been a point of frustration for our department. until very recently, violators who did not pay and did not appear before the magistrate were eventually turned over to collections. Ultimately, they fell off the radar. We are working to get a system in place where if the magistrate sends a letter requiring appearance and the person still does not, we can get them into county court before a judge. Not in place yet.

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**Q11** Thank you for participating!Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Animal Control

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Hardee

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation?

Other (please specify):  
for 1st offense only, at officer discretion to issue citation or give a verbal warning that is documented in the file

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

If you fail to pay the civil penalty within thirty (30) calendar days or fail to appear in court to contest the citation you waive your right to contest the citation and a judgement may be entered against you in an amount up to \$500.00 per violation or you may be subject to arrest.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

For option 2, you may contest the citation and appear for an administrative hearing.

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

You have two options to resolve this citation. For option 1, you may enter a plea of guilty or no contest to the charge(s) and pay the fine within (30) calendar days of receipt of the citation. Option 1. Pay the Civil Penalty

To pay in person, bring this citation, payment, and current rabies certificates for all animals in violation of Section 4.107, Failure to Vaccinate Against Rabies to the address listed below within thirty (30) calendar days:

Clerk of the Circuit Court Hours: Monday-Friday, excluding holidays

417 W. Main Street, Suite 202 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wauchula, FL 33873 Phone: 863-773-4174 ext.72

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

If you fail to pay the civil penalty within thirty (30) calendar days or fail to appear in court to contest the citation you waive your right to contest the citation and a judgement may be entered against you in an amount up to \$500.00 per violation or you may be subject to arrest.

(Yes and No)

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**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

Yes, for certain situations we issue a Notice to Appear

If Notice to Appear has been marked you must appear before a Judge on the scheduled date and time indicated on the reverse side of the citation.

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language. **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

Can you please share findings from this survey with us ( animalcontrol@hardeecounty.net)?

We do not get any money back from citations other than the \$5 training surcharge allowed by FL statue, we pay for the citation book and we have to pay a \$10 filing fee to the Clerk of Court for each citation so from a financial point it is not feasible.

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**Q11** Thank you for participating!Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Port Orange Police Department

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Volusia

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

City Hall resolves these issues.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

Clerk of courts. Typically the same court as traffic violations.

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

City Hall.

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Unknown.

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**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

4th citation is a Notice to Appear.

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

No.

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q11** Thank you for participating!Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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# #10

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

DESOTO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

ALL CITATIONS ARE TURNED IN TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT AND UNPAID CITATIONS ARE SENT A NOTICE OF PAST DUE AND IF STILL NOT PAID THE CLERK AND COURT ISSUE PENALTIES OF COURT APPEARANCE WITH BENCH WARRENT ISSUED FOR NON APPEARANCE AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS LICENSE AS OUR CITATIONS ARE TREATED THE SAME AS A POLCE OR SHERIFF TICKET.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

GOES THROUGH CLERK OF COURST SCHEDULED FOR A HEARING IN COUNTY COURT.

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

CLERK OF COURT

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

REPRECUSIONS ARE DICTATED BY THE COURT

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

BOTH

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q11** Thank you for participating!Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

City of Monticello Florida

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Jefferson

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation? **Yes**

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

We do it on a case by case basis

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

County Court

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

We collect our own

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Could be brought back to County Court

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**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

Only on cases of animal neglect or abuse

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

None

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

I believe we need to do what you are doing and establish a more uniform policy

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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**Q1** What agency do you represent?

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control

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**Q2** What County is your agency located within?

Palm Beach

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**Q3** When your agency issues citations, do the officers have discretion between warning an owner or issuing a citation if they witness a violation?

Other (please specify):  
Yes in some situations, but No in others

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**Q4** If an owner doesn't pay a citation, what route(s) does your agency take to collect the penalties owed?

Our citations are filed with the Clerk of Courts. They systematically issue a "Final Judgment" and then send it to a collection agency.

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**Q5** If a citation is appealed, who hears your appeals? Special Magistrate, Hearing Examiner, does it go through the Clerk of Courts for a hearing, or something else?

A judge at the courthouse

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**Q6** Does your agency handle your own citations collections or is it handled through another agency? If so, who handles it?

Clerk of Courts

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**Q7** What are the repercussions if a citation isn't paid? Is it effective?

Final Judgment... not effective, as over 50% of the citations filed with the Clerk of Courts remain unpaid and have essentially been ignored by the offender.

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Collier County Domestic Animal Services

**Q8** Does your agency take pet owners to court or require mandatory hearings, or does this only happen if an owner appeals a citation?

We do issue mandatory court for egregious violations and also for 4th offense citations.

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**Q9** Is there anything in your ordinance that outlines your process? If so, please provide the language.

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**Q10** Is there anything else you would like to add or information you would be willing to provide about your process?

We will need a legislative change to ensure greater accountability for those who ignore enforcement action.

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**Q11** Thank you for participating! Can we contact you directly if we have more questions?

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