



# Taylor County

## Board of County Commissioners'

### Policy Manual

5.03

Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
2009-06	Adoption of Puppies	03/17/09

#### PURPOSE

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To provide guidelines for the adoption of puppies from the Shelter

#### REFERENCE

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None

#### POLICY

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1. Puppies that are turned in by an owner may be adopted. However, they may be euthanized after 24 hours or held up to five (5) days at the discretion of the Animal Control Coordinator.
2. No puppies will be fostered or adopted if they test positive for Parvo.
3. If one or more puppies in a litter contracts Parvo, all members of the litter will be euthanized immediately.
4. Puppies picked up as strays will be held five days only. Puppies born in the Shelter will be euthanized along with the mother on the scheduled due date. The reason for this is unweaned puppies are not adoptable and we cannot hold them for six weeks until they are weaned.

**Note: At the discretion of Staff, puppies may be held past the due date if there is room in the Shelter and the puppies are, in our opinion, of adoptable quality.**

#### RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

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Environmental Services Department – Animal Control

**Sunset Date: None**