

20. *Notice of Classification* means a notice issued by a Dog Control Officer classifying a dog as dangerous dog or vicious dog.
21. *Participating municipality* means any municipality in the County which enters into an agreement with the County for the consolidation of responsible dog ownership services under this Ordinance.
22. *Pet animal* means any domesticated animal commonly kept at a residence primarily for pleasure and companionship and not for work or utility purposes. *Pet animals* include dogs, domestic cats, domestic caged birds, canaries, parrots, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs and similar rodents, fish, and reptiles so long as such animals are not kept to supplement food supplies or for any commercial purpose. *Pet animal* does not include livestock or potbellied pigs.
23. *Probate Court* means the Probate Court of Lowndes County.
24. *Rabies vaccine* means a currently in effect annual inoculation against rabies (as defined in OCGA § 31-19-5) of a dog by a licensed veterinarian or other rabies inoculator approved under the rules and regulations of the County Board of Health or the Georgia Departments of Health or Agriculture (or their respective successor agencies).
25. *Secure enclosure* means an enclosure for keeping a dangerous dog or vicious dog while on the property of the owner of such dog securely confined indoors, or in an enclosed and locked pen, fence, or structure suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the dog from escaping. Any such pen or structure shall have a solid foundation, secure sides, and a secure top, and, if the dog is enclosed within a fence, all sides of the fence shall be of sufficient height and the bottom of the fence shall be constructed or secured in such a manner as to prevent the dog's escape either over, through, or under the fence. Any such enclosure shall also provide protection from the elements and sufficient ventilation for the dog. An electric fence does not qualify as a *secure enclosure*.
26. *Serious injury* means any physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death; results in death, broken or dislocated bones, lacerations requiring multiple sutures, or disfiguring avulsions; requires plastic surgery or admission to a hospital; or results in protracted impairment of health, including transmission of an infection or contagious disease, or impairment of the function of any bodily organ.
27. *Sterilization* means rendering a dog unable to reproduce by the surgical removal of its reproductive organs or by rendering a dog unable to reproduce by intratesticular injection approved by the federal government pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 360 as of March 7, 2014. *Sterilized* means when a dog has undergone sterilization.
28. *Surrender* means the transfer of ownership of a dog to Animal Services.