

Sec. 8-72. Exceptions.

The prohibition contained in section 8-71 shall not apply:

- (1) If a licensed veterinarian states in writing that an animal is unfit to undergo the required surgical procedure because of an extreme health condition of the animal. Such extreme health condition shall include, but not be limited to: severe cardiovascular compromise, bleeding disorder, respiratory disease and hepatic disease. The old age of an animal shall not, of itself, constitute an extreme health condition for purposes of this section.
- (2) If the owner of the animal annually obtains a permit from the Denver Animal Shelter to possess an animal that is not neutered. The permit shall be issued or renewed only if the department determines that the following conditions have been met:
 - a. The animal is examined regularly by a licensed veterinarian;
 - b. The animal is vaccinated annually for rabies and other common diseases;
 - c. The animal is housed properly;
 - d. The owner has not had more than two (2) violations of the provisions of Chapter 8 of the D.R.M.C. in the preceding twenty-four (24) months;
 - e. The owner pays a permit fee established by the board of environmental health. This fee, which will be established by the rules and regulations of the board of environmental health, is intended to cover a portion of the cost which the city currently incurs for each unwanted animal impounded and euthanized;
- (3) If an animal is temporarily in Denver to participate in a show or event sponsored by a sanctioned animal organization;
- (4) If an animal is owned, possessed or kept in the city for fewer than thirty (30) days in a one-year period.

(Ord. No. 999-95, § 1,12-4-95; Ord. No. 1110-96, § 1,12-16-96)