

OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR LIVESTOCK LOSSES DUE TO
STRAY DOGS POLICY**

I. POLICY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners is obligated, pursuant to MCL 287.280 et seq., to evaluate and pay valid and justifiable claims for losses to livestock and poultry caused by unidentified stray dogs. All such claims must be filed in compliance with the statute, and must show, on their face, that a proper investigation has been made by the township supervisor or appointed trustee of the township within which the loss occurred, in accordance with the requirements of MCL 287.280 et seq.

II. STATUTORY REFERENCES

The Board of Commissioners may establish such rules and regulations regarding the business concerns of the County as the Board considers necessary and proper. See: MCL 46.11(m); 46.71, Act 156 of 1851, as amended. See also the specific statutory requirements at MCL 287.280 et seq.

III. COUNTY LEGISLATIVE OR HISTORICAL REFERENCES

Board of Commissioners Resolution Number and Policy Adoption Date: 10/18/01

Board of Commissioners Review Date and Resolution Number: _____

Name and Date of Last Committee Review: _____

Related Policies: _____

Reimbursement for Livestock Losses Due to Stray Dogs

PROCEDURE

1. After such claims are submitted to the county by the township supervisor or the appointed trustee, it is the policy of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to make an independent determination of the amount of damages sustained by the claimant. This determination is made by checking the wholesale, per pound meat price of the livestock or poultry injured or destroyed, as of the point in time when the claim is evaluated by the Finance and Administration Committee of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. If no wholesale, agricultural market price for the specific type of livestock or poultry can be readily determined, a wholesale, agricultural market price will be selected for livestock or poultry of the same general type.
2. Claims based upon replacement cost, appraisals, the unique value of the animal injured or lost, sentimental value, breeding value, or any other such standards will not be paid.
3. The payment of such claims on this basis is consistent with the Board's authority to determine the amount, if any, to be allowed for the payment of such claims, and to make its award accordingly. See: MCL 287.283.

REVIEW PERIOD

The County Administrator will review this Policy at least once every two years, and will make recommendations for changes to the Planning & Policy Committee.