

Alligator Guidelines

The Lake Jackson Animal Control Division is here to serve and protect in all animal related matters and will do so when called upon in all cases.

City of Lake Jackson
Animal Control Division
979-415-2700

Texas Parks & Wildlife
Department (24hr)
512-389-4848

MUST have a report number from TPWD before contacting any of the following:

ALLIGATOR REMOVERS IN THE AREA

Eric Melass
979-236-2488

Brian Melass
979-709-567

John Riggs
979-236-2414

Darrell Schwebel
979-236-0659

Texas Statutes and Codes 65.001-104 state that no person may take, sell, purchase, or possess an alligator, an alligator egg, or any part of an alligator without a state issued permit. An offense is a misdemeanor.



Steps: (Must be followed for all public and private removals)

- 1. Notify Lake Jackson Animal Control Department**
- 2. Contact Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) to receive a report number.**
- 3. Contact a State Licensed Alligator Remover.**

When the Animal Control Division/Police Department responds to a private property call the same steps must be followed by the arriving officer. If immediate threats are present the property owner needs to call TPWD for a report number and an Alligator Remover while waiting for the officer to arrive. This helps to prevent wasting time.

The Animal Control Division/Police Department will evaluate all situations and take the proper steps to insure that our community remains safe and all laws are followed in each and every case.

>>> There are costs involved for removal services. This cost may be incurred by the property owner or the City of Lake Jackson, depending on the situation and location of the alligator <<<