

Animal Control in the City of Colorado Springs

The Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the welfare of domesticated animals. The City of Colorado Springs contracts the Humane Society to enforce animal control and licensing ordinances.

Dog Licenses Required

Licenses may be obtained from the Humane Society or through some local veterinarians. A current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license and discounts are offered for spayed or neutered animals, as well as senior citizens. The license is valid one/three year(s) from date of issue and is not transferable. Please notify the Humane Society of any change in ownership or address, or in the event of your pet's death. See below for a license application.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog over the age of 4 months without obtaining a license. (CSMC 6.8.103, FTNMC 6.04.020) Any person desiring to license a cat may do so. (CSMC 6.8.106, FTNMC 6.04.050)

Rabies Inoculations Required

City ordinances require that all dogs and cats be inoculated against rabies by four months of age. Dogs that reside in the City must also be licensed by five months of age. Animals are required to wear their issued tags at all times.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): It shall be the duty of every person who owns or keeps within the City any dog or cat to have such dog or cat inoculated with current anti-rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. (CSMC 6.8.102 FTNMC 6.04.010)

Pet Restrictions

Within the City of Colorado Springs, a household may keep up to four adult dogs and four adult cats. Certain exotic animals, such as snakes over six feet of length, require a special permit issued through the Humane Society. Roosters and pigs are illegal within City limits. Skunks and monkeys are banned statewide, while other animals may require special permits.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): No person shall own or keep within the City any animal which is not commonly domesticated or which is not common to North America or which, irrespective of geographic origin, is of a wild or predatory nature, without having first obtained a permit issued by the Humane Society. (CSMC 6.7.11, FTNMC 6.02.100) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep and maintain within the City limits a kennel composed of 5 or more dogs or 5 or more cats. (CSMC 6.7.106)

Leash Laws

Animals must be kept under control for their own protection and to preserve the public's health and safety. Dogs, livestock, and other animals found off the owner's or keeper's property are called "strays" and may be impounded. The owner or keeper may also be fined.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): It shall be the duty of any owner or keeper of a dog or hooved animal to restrain such dog or hooved animal by means of confinement, collar and leash, or bridle from running at large upon the sidewalks, alleys, parks or other public places in the City, and to prevent such dog or hooved animal from becoming a danger to persons or property of another. Such animal is hereby declared a nuisance and may be taken up and impounded or confined, as provided CSMC 6.7.107/FTNMC6.02.050. Any animal found at any place within the City other than upon the premises of its owner or keeper, and not under direct physical control, may be picked up and impounded in the shelter, regardless of whether or not said animal shall have identification. (CSMC 6.10.102, FTNMC 6.08.010)

How to Solve Animal Problems

If you are experiencing problems with a neighborhood animal, the Humane Society recommends the following steps:

1. If comfortable, approach the owner with your concerns. The owner may not be aware of the problem and may appreciate you showing sincere interest in solving the problem together.
2. Call the Humane Society for assistance. Our Animal Welfare Officers will explain the laws and how they can assist with the situation. In some cases, you may need to sign a formal complaint and keep accurate notes regarding the violations, including dates, times and addresses.

Cruelty To Animals

City laws include provisions for the care of animals. Animals need adequate food, water, protection from the weather and housing. When investigating accusations of mistreatment, Humane Officers will first try to inform and educate the accused of the violation and how to remedy it. Officers may confiscate mistreated animals for their protection and welfare when necessary.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): It shall be unlawful for any person to: overload, overwork, torture, beat, mutilate, needlessly kill or otherwise treat any animal in a cruel and inhumane manner; fail to provide any animal owned or kept by him with adequate space, consistent with the normal requirements and habits of the animal's size, species and breed; abandon any animal; or intentionally poison any animal. (CSMC 6.7.117, FTNMC 6.02.160)

Barking Dogs

Incessant barking can be very disturbing to the peace and quiet of a neighborhood. In addition, it violates City ordinances to harbor such a disturbance. To file a noisy pet complaint, call the Humane Society between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any pet or hooved animal which by any unreasonable loud and persistent barking, howling, baying, yelping, crowing, crying, or other utterance disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. (CSMC 6.7.115, FTNMC 6.02.140)

Animal Bites

The Humane Society monitors all animal bite cases for the El Paso County Health Department. Regardless of the extent of injuries, all animal bites must be reported to the Humane Society. Animals involved in bites to humans must undergo a ten-day quarantine to determine if the animal has rabies. Such animals may be quarantined at home or at the shelter, depending upon the situation.

CITY LAW (EXCERPTS): It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep any animal which attacks or threatens to attack any person. Such animal is declared to be dangerous and a nuisance and may be impounded or confined. (CSMC 6.7.108, FTNMC 6.02.060)

APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Licenses for residents of Colorado Springs and all other jurisdictions within El Paso County may be obtained from the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. Current rabies information must be provided to obtain a license, and discounts are offered to spayed or neutered animals, as well as to senior citizens. Rabies information is subject to verification. Please notify the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region of any change in ownership or address, or in the event of your pet's death.

TO PURCHASE AN EL PASO COUNTY DOG LICENSE AT THIS TIME, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Complete both sides of this form, or visit our website, www.hsppr.org, to purchase a dog license online (Visa and Mastercard accepted).
- Please complete one license application for each dog.
- Mail or bring envelope with form(s) and correct payment amount to:

The Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region
Attn: Licensing Department
610 Abbott Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Within five working days upon receipt of the required information and payment, the license receipt and dog tag will be mailed to the address below.

Owner's Name _____ Street Address _____

Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Phone _____

Name of Dog _____ Breed _____ Color _____ Male Female Sterilized? Yes No

Rabies Tag # _____ Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____ Issued by (Vet _____

Clinic) _____

The metal license tag issued is a permanent tag and will not be replaced annually, unless lost or issued by your vet. Replacement Tag Needed

PLEASE CHECK FEE THAT APPLIES:

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

REMAINDER OF EL PASO COUNTY

1 YEAR LICENSE FEES

Spayed or neutered dog : \$12.00 If 30 days or more late: \$17.00
Unsterilized dog: \$25.00 If 30 days or more late: \$30.00

(IF DOG IS OWNED BY A SENIOR CITIZEN)

Spayed or neutered dog : \$8.00 If 30 days or more late: \$13.00
Unsterilized dog: \$18.50 If 30 days or more late: \$23.50

3 YEAR LICENSE FEES

Spayed or neutered dog : \$33.00 If 30 days or more late: \$38.00
Unsterilized dog: \$65.00 If 30 days or more late: \$70.00

(IF DOG IS OWNED BY A SENIOR CITIZEN)

Spayed or neutered dog : \$33.00 If 30 days or more late: \$38.00
Unsterilized dog: \$52.00 If 30 days or more late: \$57.00

1 YEAR LICENSE FEES

Spayed or neutered dog : \$10.00 If 30 days or more late: \$15.00
Unsterilized dog: \$18.50 If 30 days or more late: \$23.50

(IF DOG IS OWNED BY A SENIOR CITIZEN)

Spayed or neutered dog : \$8.00 If 30 days or more late: \$13.00
Unsterilized dog: \$18.50 If 30 days or more late: \$23.50

3 YEAR LICENSE FEES

Spayed or neutered dog : \$27.00 If 30 days or more late: \$32.00
Unsterilized dog: \$54.00 If 30 days or more late: \$59.00

(IF DOG IS OWNED BY A SENIOR CITIZEN)

Spayed or neutered dog : \$25.00 If 30 days or more late: \$30.00
Unsterilized dog: \$52.00 If 30 days or more late: \$57.00

Make Checks Payable to: HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

Or Charge Visa MC # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Who to Call For Help

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

610 Abbott Lane..... 473-1741

To report lost or found animals

To report sick or injured animals

To report abuse, neglect, or cruelty

To report animal bites

For license information

For animal adoptions

EL PASO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

301 South Union..... 578-8635

Information on disease transmission from animals to humans, & public health problems.

CITY CLERK

30 South Nevada 385-5901

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

2126 North Weber Street..... 227-5200

STREET DEPARTMENTS

To pick up dead animals.

City Streets 385-5934

State Highways 576-1868

OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Colorado Springs Police Dept 444-7000

El Paso County Sheriff's Office ... 390-5555

State Patrol (719) 544-2424

CODE ENFORCEMENT 444-7891

COUNTY PLANNING

27 East Vermijo Avenue 520-6300

For animal zoning inquiries

COURTS

Colorado Springs Municipal Court

224 E Kiowa St 385-5922

El Paso County Court

270 S. Tejon St 630-2810

