



### Helpful Numbers

If you suspect a violation is being committed, it is requested that you notify Animal Control at one of the listed numbers:

#### Thornton Animal Control

- Emergency ..... 9-1-1
- Animal Control Dispatch..... 720-977-5150
- Animal Control Office..... 720-977-5250

#### Local Animal Control Agencies

- Adams County ..... 303-288-3294
- Arvada ..... 720-898-6850
- Aurora ..... 303-326-8288
- Boulder ..... 303-441-3626
- Brighton ..... 303-655-2091
- Broomfield..... 303-438-6400
- Commerce City ..... 303-288-1535
- Denver ..... 303-698-0076
- Federal Heights ..... 303-428-8539
- Lakewood ..... 303-987-7173
- Northglenn..... 303-450-8886
- Westminster..... 303-658-4326

### Area Animal Shelters

- Riverdale Animal Shelter  
12155 Park Blvd., Brighton..... 720-523-PETS (7387)
- Aurora Animal Shelter  
15750 E. 32nd Ave, Aurora..... 303-326-8280
- Boulder Valley Humane Society  
2323 55th St., Boulder ..... 303-442-4030
- Denver Animal Shelter  
1241 W. Bayaud Ave., Denver ..... 720-913-1311
- Denver Dumb Friends League  
2080 S. Quebec, Denver (Main) ..... 303-751-5772  
4556 Castleton Court, Castle Rock..... 303-751-5772
- Longmont Humane Society  
9595 Nelson Rd. #G, Longmont ..... 303-772-1232
- MaxFund Shelter  
1005 Galapagos St., Denver (dog) ..... 303-595-4917  
720 W. 10th Ave, Denver (cat) ..... 720-266-6081
- Foothills Animal Shelter  
580 McIntyre St., Golden ..... 303-278-7575

### State and Federal Agencies

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
6060 Broadway, Denver ..... 303-291-7227
- Tri County Health Department  
4301 E. 72nd Ave., Commerce City .... 720-322-1502

# Animal Control Information



REV: 9/8/21

## WHY ANIMAL ORDINANCES?

Animal ordinances are to encourage responsible pet ownership and allow residents of Thornton to live in a safe, comfortable community.

### Animals Running At Large (Sec. 6-7)

Your domestic animal (cats, dogs, etc.) must be confined to your property and not be allowed to wander off. When off your property, animals must be on a leash where you have effective and immediate control over them. Common areas are not considered owner's premises, and animals must be under control in common areas. Never leave your animal in a public place unattended.

Animals found to be at large may be impounded and held at the Riverdale Animal Shelter for reclaim.

### Vaccination Required (Sec. 6-4)

Every dog and cat over six months is required to be vaccinated for rabies and the tag must be attached to the pet's collar or harness.

### Quarantine of Animals (Sec 6-14)

Any animal that bites a person must be reported to the police or animal control and be placed on quarantine for a period of 10 days. This can be done at the owner's residence or at a suitable shelter depending on the circumstances and at the discretion of the animal control officer.

### Aggressive Animals (Sec 6-17)

Owners must prevent their animal from acting in an aggressive manner towards people or other animals. This could include a minor bite, chasing or lunging at a person, or leaning over a fence or wall while snarling or growling aggressively.

### Nuisances (Sec 6-34) Noise (Barking)

Animals must not be allowed to bark unreasonably, excessively, continuously, or untimely. Don't allow your pet to become a nuisance by disturbing the neighborhood. If you are experiencing an animal that may be in violation of this ordinance, it is suggested that you attempt to communicate your concerns with the animal owner. If unsuccessful, suggestions and mediation are available through your Animal Control Officers.

### Cleanliness

Whether in public areas or at home, animal feces must be cleaned up and properly disposed of so as not to be a nuisance to others and to keep our city clean and sanitary.

### Neglect of an Animal (Sec 6-28)

All animals must be provided with sufficient food, water and shelter. Proper veterinary care is also required.

### Cruelty to Animals (Sec 6-31)

All animals must be treated humanely, and not be placed into a situation that could potentially cause harm or suffering to them.

### REMINDER!

Animals can quickly become overheated when left in parked cars on hot—or even warm—sunny days. Even with the windows slightly open, it takes just a short time before this type of heat can cause brain damage or death in an animal.



### Animals permitted (Sec 6-37)

Each household can have up to four dogs, four cats and/or one pot-bellied pig, but no more than a total of four adult animals. However, animals under three months old are not included. Domestic birds, fish, snakes (under six feet) and reptiles that are nonpoisonous and not a health hazard are welcome.

### Animals Prohibited (Sec 6-36)

Livestock, rodents, fowl (except for two domestic ducks), exotic animals, wildlife, endangered animals and poisonous species are not allowed. Wolves and wolf hybrids are also not allowed.

