

Laws/Ordinances FAQs:

Animal Ordinances:



Question: How many dogs and cats can I possess?

Answer: A household can maintain two adult animals (dogs/cats). An adult animal is considered five-months or older. See City Ordinance 17.44.030



Question: Do dogs and cats need to be registered with the City of Powell?

Answer: Dogs need to be registered with the City of Powell each year. The license may be obtained through the Powell Law Enforcement Center 24/7. Cats are required to wear a collar/harness and their current rabies tag needs to be attached. See City Ordinance 6.080.010

Question: What kinds of animals can I possess within the City limits of Powell?

Answer: There are a variety of animals that you may possess in your home. Some species may not be allowed due to a variety of safety reasons. An exotic pet permit is available for the non-typical animal that you may like to possess. See City Ordinance 17.04.300, 6.04.035, and 6.04.030



Question: What should I do if my neighbor's dogs bark and disturb me?

Answer: It is likely your neighbor does not realize their dog is barking while they are away. If you are on friendly terms with your neighbor you may wish to speak with them to work out a solution. While there is not a time of day that it is “ok” for dogs to create this nuisance, pet owners may be required to bring the pet inside a structure between the hours of 10pm-6am. If you are not comfortable speaking with your neighbor, call the Law Enforcement Center for assistance. See Ordinance 6.04.110



Question: What is considered a vicious animal?

Answer: The definition for “vicious” animal means any animal which attacks or rushes, bite, snaps, growls, or snarls at or otherwise menaces persons, other animals or vehicles, in any public or private place outside the premises of its owner or keeper or shows a disposition to do any of the foregoing without provocation or excuse. See Ordinance 6.08.090

Question: What is considered “cruelty to animals”?

Answer: This is a situation that can create a lot of conflict as what one person considers cruel or neglectful, state and municipal laws may consider the owner’s actions as lawful. Many concerned calls from the public stem from pets being left inside a hot car or outside in extreme weather conditions. The incidents are handled on a case-by-case situation that is usually resolved immediately by the pet owners. If you are concerned for the welfare of an animal, it is always best to call so the situation can be looked into. See City Ordinance 6.04.70



Question: What are the laws if I want to walk my dog?

Answer: Dogs are not allowed to run at large and may be impounded. Any dog not on the premises of the owner shall be kept under leash at all times. While walking with their pets, owners should be considerate of others person’s property by not allowing their pet to urinate or defecate on the other person’s possessions, lawns, or flowerbeds. Pet owners are required to pick up any defecation their pet leaves and dispose of it properly. See City Ordinance 6.08.040 and 6.04.020