

## PENALTIES

Whenever an Animal Control Officer has probable cause to believe that a violation of the Animal Control Ordinance has occurred, he or she may issue a Citation or Summons and Complaint to the violator.

### FINES:

Fines range from \$35 to a maximum of \$1000. If the violation involved bodily injury to any person, it is punishable with a fine and/or imprisonment.

### IMPOUNDMENT FEES:

The impoundment fee is in addition to any fines that may be incurred. Impoundment fees are set by and collected by the Longmont Humane Society and the Humane Society of Boulder Valley, independent of each other.



## WHO TO CALL

### BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

5600 Flatiron Parkway

Boulder, CO 80301

[www.bouldersheriff.org](http://www.bouldersheriff.org)

Dispatch..... (303) 441-4444

- Dogs in Custody
- Cruelty, Abuse, Neglect
- Animal Bites
- Dogs at Large
- Lost/Found Animals
- Dogs Harassing wildlife/livestock
- Livestock at Large
- Barking Dogs

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY

2323 55<sup>th</sup> Street..... (303) 442-4030

Boulder, CO 80301

[www.boulderhumane.org](http://www.boulderhumane.org)

- Lost and Found Animals

### LONGMONT HUMANE SOCIETY

9595 Nelson Road..... (303) 772-1232

Longmont, CO 80501

[www.longmonthumane.org](http://www.longmonthumane.org)

- Lost and Found Animals

### COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Northeast Service Center..... (303) 291-7227

[www.cpw.state.co.us/](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/)

- Wildlife Problems & Questions

### BOULDER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

3450 Broadway

Boulder, CO 80304

[www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/vector-control-prorgam/](http://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/vector-control-prorgam/)

Environmental Health..... (303) 441-1564

- Information on Rabies
- Vector Control

# BOULDER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL



## Boulder County Sheriff's Office



Boulder County Animal Control, under the direction of the Boulder County Sheriff, services all unincorporated areas of Boulder County. These laws are intended to protect animals, as well as citizens in Boulder County.

For information on animal laws inside cities or towns, contact those respective jurisdictions.

## COUNTY LAWS



**RABIES:** All dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian at three months of age, one year later, and every three years thereafter.

**RABIES TAG:** Dogs must wear a current rabies tag when a dog is off the owner or keeper's property. Rabies tags are issued by the veterinarian inoculating the dog. Tags are frequently used to locate the owners of lost dogs.

**BITES:** All animal bites must be reported to the Animal Control Unit as soon as possible. Any dog, cat or ferret that has bitten a person so as to cause any abrasion and/or break of the skin must be confined to the owner's residence, a veterinarian's office or a Humane Society for ten (10) days of observation.

**BARKING:** The owner or keeper of a dog must prevent their dog from disturbing the peace of any other person by unprovoked, loud, persistent, and habitual barking, howling, or yelping.

**RUNNING AT LARGE:** Any Dog in the unincorporated area of Boulder County must be under control when off the owner's premises, or inside a vehicle or similarly physically confined so that said dog is without access to passers-by. A dog is presumed to be at large if injury, damage or trespass has occurred even if said dog is under control. The Towns of Superior and Lyons have their own regulations.

Owners of dogs found running at large are subject to either a warning or a summons and are responsible for the payment of any impoundment fees.



**CONTROL:** Control means under leash control or, when accompanied by a person, within view and hearing and under electronic or voice control. Voice control means immediate and reliable obedience to any voice or sound command given by the owner or handler.

**VICIOUS DOGS AT LARGE:** A dog which has bitten or attempted to bite any person, without provocation, or has bitten a domestic or wild animal without being attacked or threatened with attack first is considered vicious. The owner or keeper can be issued a summons and be held responsible for damages incurred.

**TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** The Animal Control Unit will investigate any complaint that is received about cruelty to animals, extreme temperature exposure, improper care and treatment, unsafe tethering, or unsafe transporting. If a violation has occurred, then the Officer will follow-up on the situation until a favorable outcome is achieved or the animal is impounded and the responsible party charged with the violation. If the situation is extreme and rises to the level of Cruelty to Animals (C.R.S. 18-9-202) the suspect will be charged accordingly.

## STATE LAWS



Any dog found running, worrying or injuring sheep, cattle or other livestock may be destroyed and the owner held liable for all damages.

Any dog found harassing any wildlife may be destroyed by a District Wildlife Manager or other peace officer.

It is unlawful to keep as pets or feed native wildlife such as squirrels, raccoons, deer, bears or skunks in Colorado.