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Sheriff's Office
200 Jefferson County
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Animal Control

- ✓ The Animal Control Section provides quality enforcement pertaining to public safety, animal control and animal welfare. Our animal control officers are highly trained, experienced, certified professionals, who are also commissioned as agents for the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Protection.

Officers investigate animal abuse and respond to a variety of citizen requests for service. Services include: leash law enforcement, regulating barking dogs, regulating vicious/dangerous dogs, dog licensing, rabies control, bite quarantines and dead animal removal. Animal control officers cover 524 square miles of unincorporated Jefferson County.



The Animal Control Section falls within the Patrol Division of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. This partnership began in January 1998 as a result of a county reorganization. Staff is comprised of a department manager, officers, dispatchers and administrative personnel.

Contact Us

Office Administration: 303-271-5070 (M - F, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Field Services: 303-271-5070 (M - F, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
or 303-277-0211 (7 days a week, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Animal Emergencies: 303-277-0211
24 hours a day/7 days a week

Address:
Animal Control Section / Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
700 Jefferson County Pkwy. #160
Golden, CO 80401

E-mail: Animal-Control@jeffco.us

Whom We Serve

Jefferson County Animal Control has jurisdiction on animal control issues in *unincorporated Jefferson County*.

If you live in a surrounding area, you may contact your local animal control agency:

Arvada: 720-898-6850
Golden: 303-384-8045
Denver: 303-698-0076
Lakewood: 303-987-7173
Edgewater: 303-235-0500

Park County: 303-838-7509
Westminster: 303-430-2400 x.4327
Wheat Ridge: 303-235-2926

County Ordinances

[Click here to view Jefferson County's Animal Control Ordinances.](#)

Reports

Copies of reports are available. The fee is \$5 for up to five pages. Additional pages are 50 cents each.

Leash Law/Off-Leash Areas

Dogs allowed to roam the streets are not only a nuisance and dangerous to the public, but are in constant danger from cars, irate people, and even other dogs. For these reasons, all dogs must be on a leash or confined on the owner's premises at all times. Dogs in violation of the leash law may be detained by a citizen, turned over to Animal Control and impounded at the Table Mountain Animal Center. In addition to impoundment fees, owners can be issued a summons for a violation of county regulations. [Click here for more information on off-leash areas.](#)



Dog Licensing

The Jefferson County Animal Control and Licensing Regulation requires annual licensing of all dogs 6 months of age and older. A dog license may be obtained through the Animal Control office, at Sheriff's Office mountain or south precinct stations, or at one of our many licensing partners conveniently located throughout the county. [Dog license registration form.](#)

Problem Barking

Bothersome barking is a common problem in Jefferson County. There are solutions and recommendations both for dog owners and for neighbors at their wits' end. [Learn more about problem barking.](#)

Rabies

Jefferson County is the home of many species of wildlife (bats, skunks, raccoons, etc.) known to transmit this incurable disease to pets and people. It is required that all dogs be vaccinated after reaching 6 months of age. Keep the rabies certificate as proof of current vaccination for licensing and proof of ownership.

Animal Bites

The law requires all animal bites that break the skin (with the exception of rodents) be reported to the animal control office in the jurisdiction where the bite occurred. If there is any question, please contact Animal Control at 303-271-5070.

Cruelty/Neglect

Failure of the owner of any animal to provide adequate food, water, shelter, opportunity for exercise, or veterinary care constitutes a violation of state statute. In addition, intentional acts of cruelty, such as abandonment, harassment or torture will be vigorously prosecuted.

Animal Collectors

A "collector" is a person who (with willful intent) believes he or she is "saving" animals from the streets and starvation by bringing them into his or her home. The problem begins when a collector can't seem to say no to an animal, and ends up with 10 to 100 animals in a residential home. Collectors soon find that they cannot afford to feed and adequately care for the animals, and the animals suffer. Please report any suspected animal collector to Animal Control. [Learn more about animal collectors.](#)

Part of the Family

[Click here for tips on how to make your dog part of the family](#), and information on cruelty and neglect issues that relate to [chaining a dog](#).

Seasonal Pet Care

[Click here for information on how to properly care for your pet during winter's cold and summer's heat.](#)



JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANIMAL CONTROL SECTION

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Please check one:

Renewal

New

DOG LICENSE REGISTRATION

Proof of current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter must accompany this registration. In lieu of written documentation, your veterinary clinic may complete the boxed area below.

PLEASE PRINT

DOG OWNER NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

BREED: _____ COLOR: _____

NAME: _____ GENDER: M) _____ F) _____ SP) _____ N) _____

AGE: _____ RABIES TAG YEAR & # _____ DATE ISSUED: _____

In the event your dog is impounded, are there special medical needs or concerns we should know about?

SPAY/NEUTERED
FEE: \$7.00

UNALTERED
FEE: \$25.00

YOUR TAG IS YOUR RECEIPT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER

FOR VETERINARY USE ONLY:

VETERINARY FACILITY NAME: _____

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF RABIES VACCINATION: _____ SPAY/NEUTER VERIFICATION: YES: _____ NO: _____

1 YEAR _____ 2 YEAR _____ 3 YEAR _____

RABIES TAG NUMBER: _____

Authorized Signature

Veterinary State License No.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

DATE ISSUED: _____

ISSUED BY: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: _____

Tag # _____

Action # _____