

## PET TIPS

- Always provide adequate access to water and shelter for your pet, and bring your pets indoors during extreme hot/cold temperatures.
- Never leave your pet unattended in vehicles.
- Spay or neuter your pet to prevent unwanted litters and desire to run away.
- Make sure you have adequate identification, on your pet. Microchipping your pet is highly recommended.
- Take your pet to the veterinarian once a year to keep it healthy.
- Vaccinate your pet as advised by your veterinarian. All dogs and cats are required by law to be current on rabies vaccinations!
- Mats in fur and long toenails can be painful. Make sure your pet is adequately groomed.
- Keep only the type and number of pets for which you can provide an appropriate and safe environment.

## Important Phone Numbers

### Westminster Animal Management

Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency Officer Response: (303) 658-4360  
Animal Management Office VM: (303) 658-4326

### Surrounding Animal Control Agencies

Adams County (303) 288-1535  
Arvada (720) 898-7000  
Broomfield (303) 438-6400  
Denver (720) 913-1311  
Federal Heights (303) 428-8833  
Jefferson County (303) 271-5070  
Northglenn (303) 288-1535  
Thornton (720) 977-5250

### Animal Shelters

#### Foothills Animal Shelter

580 McIntyre St. Golden, CO 80401  
(303) 278-7575

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

Riverdale Animal Shelter (303) 288-3294  
Denver Dumb Friends League (303) 751-9688  
Humane Society of Boulder Valley (970) 442-4030

### Wildlife & Rehabilitation

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (303) 297-1192  
Colorado Reptile Rescue (303) 776-2070  
Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation (303) 823-8455  
Birds of Prey (303) 460-0674  
Urban Wildlife Rescue (303) 340-4911

### Health Departments

Colorado Department of Health (303) 692-2000  
Jefferson County Health Department (303) 232-6301  
Adams County Health Department (303) 220-9200



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## Citizen's Guide to Animal Management Regulations

Provided by the  
Westminster Public Safety Center  
Animal Management Unit  
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The purpose of this brochure is to provide answers to some of the most frequently asked questions addressed to the Westminster Animal Management Unit. It will explain some of the laws regarding animals in the City of Westminster. The purposes of these laws are to protect the public health and safety, and to keep owners from allowing their animals to be a nuisance to their neighbors.

### Leash Laws

All dogs and cats within the City of Westminster are required to be under control of a leash when off their own property. Animals must also be on leash when in common areas of townhomes and condominiums, parks (other than an off-leash dog park) and open space. Animals are not allowed to be tethered and unattended in common area, including campgrounds.

There are three Off-Leash dog parks located in the City of Westminster.

- Westminster Hills, W. 105th Ave/Simms St.
- Big Dry Creek Park, 1700 W. 128<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Little Dry Creek Park, 3655 W 69<sup>th</sup> Pl.



### Why Do We Have a Leash Law?

Dogs running at large pose an immediate threat to the public, including risk of animal-related injuries, traffic accidents, killing of wildlife, etc. Intact animals (not spayed or neutered) create unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

For a complete list of animal ordinances, please visit the City of Westminster's website.

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### Animal Excrement

Animal excrement must be removed promptly when it is deposited by an animal upon any common thoroughfare, street, sidewalk, play area, park, and/or other public property. Excrement must also be promptly removed from private property and that property kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

### Rabies Vaccination Required

The City of Westminster requires all dogs and cats over the age of 4 months to be current on their rabies vaccine.

### Identification Required

Identification Tag and/or Microchip are required for all dogs or cats, when in public space.

### Pet Limits

Westminster has a limit on the number of pets that can be harbored in one household. Dogs and cats are limited to a combination of no more than four per household. For more information on pet limits, contact Animal Management. The City of Westminster does not have a breed specific ban on dogs.

### Prohibited Animals

The City of Westminster prohibits the ownership of livestock, poisonous animals, and snakes over six feet in length. For more information on restricted animals, contact Animal Management.

Chicken and Bee Keeping is allowed with an approved permit.

### Animal Bites

Anytime a dog, cat, or ferret bites a human and there is a break in the skin it must be reported to Westminster Animal Management or the Colorado Department of Health. Animals that have bitten a person must be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days, location of quarantine is at the discretion of the Animal Management Officer.

### Barking Dogs

In the City of Westminster, dog owners are responsible to keep their dog from disturbing the peace of any person by barking, howling, yelping, or other audible sound. Owners violating this ordinance may be issued a summons to court with proper evidence.

### Care of Animals

Pet owners are required to provide their animals with adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, grooming, exercise, and sanitary conditions. Any animal owner found to be harboring an animal in such a way as to endanger its health and/or life, whether intentionally or negligently, may be required to appear in court which could result in fines and/or jail time if found guilty.

Selling of animals from public property and commercial private property without the permission of the owner is prohibited. Animals that are sick, weak, and under the age of eight (8) weeks is prohibited.



### Wildlife

One of the great things about living in Westminster is the variety of wildlife that lives here. Wildlife in Colorado is well adapted to urban living. In most cases, wildlife and people can co-exist without problems. In order to keep wildlife from becoming a nuisance on your property.

If wildlife has already become a nuisance by making a home on your property or inside your home, here are some things you can do:

- Soak rags with ammonia and place them near where the animal gains entry.
- Play a radio tuned to a hard rock station or talk radio near where the animal gains entry.
- Once the animal relocates, block off the entry.

***It is unlawful to knowingly place or provide food for any wild animal in the City of Westminster.***

