



Animal Control and Community Resources

Biting Dogs

City Ordinance Section 14-2-5

- (a) Any owner of a dog in the City of Northglenn who knows or has probable cause to believe that such dog has bitten another person, shall report such fact to an animal control officer or police officer.
- (b) Any dog reported under the provisions of this section, unless such dog has been vaccinated against rabies as provided by this article, may be confined by order of an animal control officer for rabies observation pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-4-12.
- (c) Any vicious dog may be seized and impounded by an animal control officer. In the event such vicious dog cannot be seized by an animal control officer without exposing the officer to danger or personal injury by such dog, it shall be lawful for such officer, after making every reasonable effort to capture such dog, including the solicitation of assistance from the owner if such owner be ascertainable and available, to forthwith destroy such vicious dog.

All dog bites to humans must be reported by law

How to Report a Dog Bite or a Dog Attack

For us to issue a summons, you must sign a formal complaint and be willing to testify against the dog owner in court.

To file a complaint we need your information and the address of the vicious dog or where it was last seen. We need a description of the dog(s) and the date, time and details of the occurrence.

Bite Prevention

- If you have been bitten, call Animal Control or 911 in case of an emergency. Seek medical attention if necessary and/or wash wounds immediately.
- When you are out walking be aware that an aggressive dog could be out. Always bring your cell phone and something to defend yourself such as pepper spray or electronic dog repellents.
- Always keep your dog on a leash.
- Educate children, never let them approach or pet strange dogs.
- Never turn your back to a dog and run away. A dog's natural instinct will be to chase and catch you.
- Never disturb a dog while it's sleeping, eating, chewing on a toy, or caring for it's puppies. Be cautious around unfamiliar dogs. Always assume that a dog who doesn't know you may see you as a threat.

Did you know...

- In the US, the most frequent victims of dog bite attacks are children, the elderly and Postal Service Carriers
- People are most often harmed by dogs that they live with.
- Dog bite victims account for as much as 5% of all emergency room visits in the United States.

If you need assistance please call Northglenn Animal Control at 303-450-8886 from 7:00am to 4:30pm 7 days a week



For assistance after-hours please contact the non-emergency line at 303-288-1535



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