



Animal Control and Community Resources

Animal Cruelty



City Ordinance Section 9-7-3

It is unlawful for any person to commit cruelty to or neglect animals. A person commits cruelty to animals if he knowingly or with criminal negligence overdrives, overloads, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beats, needlessly mutilates, needlessly kills, carries or confines in or upon any vehicles in a cruel or reckless manner, or otherwise mistreats or neglects any animal, or causes or procures it to be done, or, having the charge or custody of any animal, fails to provide it with proper food, drink, or protection from the weather or abandons it.

How to Report Animal Cruelty

If you have witnessed animal cruelty or suspect that animal cruelty may be happening contact Animal Control Immediately. You may remain anonymous.

**Northglenn Animal Control
303-450-8886**

**We are available from 7:00am to 4:30pm
7 days a week**

**Non-emergency / After hours
303-288-1535 or 911 for an emergency**



Did you Know... Here are some common mistakes people make regarding the proper care of their pets that ARE enforceable by local and state laws

- Leaving pets in cars in extreme weather conditions is illegal. When it's 80F outside, a car's internal temperature, with windows cracked, can reach 100F in just 10 minutes, 120F in a half an hour! If you must leave your pet temporarily, please provide cool, clean water.
- All pets that stay outside even for short periods, are required by state law to have adequate shelter provided. The shelter must have 3 sides with a non-permeable roof and be big enough for the animal to stand up, turn around in and lay down comfortably. If multiple pets are owned, one shelter for each pet may be necessary.
- Pets are required by state law to have adequate food and water. Pets need to be fed according to their breed, age, size, and health.
- Adequate water must be provided at all times to animals. Be sure the water is fresh, clean and there is enough to last the animal(s) while you are away. You may need to tie up water bowls/buckets to prevent spilling.
- Homes and outdoor areas must be clear of excessive pet waste. Animals are clean by nature and do not want to live in their own waste. Cats will refuse to use litter boxes that are not kept clean. Parasite infestation can become overwhelming. Fatal diseases can occur in pets and humans that are living in filth. If you need help, there are local companies specializing in cleaning up after your pets.
- Animals need and crave exercise. When animals are penned up, they may get bored and unwanted behavior may form. It may also cause health problems such as obesity, poor development, anxiety, depression and they may begin looking for ways out and stray away from home.
- Certain dog and cat breeds have long and/or curly hair that must be groomed on a regular basis. If you allow the hair to become tangled and matted, you may be charged with animal cruelty. Matted hair pulls on the tender skin causing sores, lesions, and infections. It can also harbor parasite infestations. Contact a local pet groomer or your veterinarian for help with grooming tips on how to do it yourself.

It's the law

Be sure your pets have current rabies vaccinations and have the tag displayed on the collar.

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