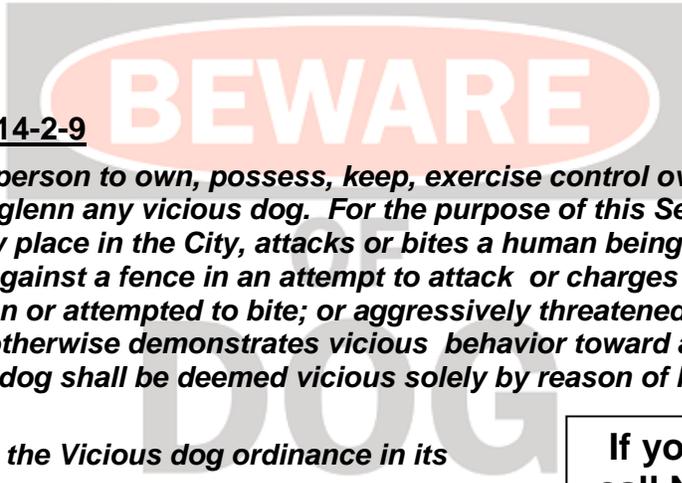




Animal Control and Community Resources

Vicious Dogs



City Ordinance Section 14-2-9

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, keep, exercise control over, maintain, harbor, transport, or sell within the City of Northglenn any vicious dog. For the purpose of this Section 14-2-9, a vicious dog is defined as a dog, which at any place in the City, attacks or bites a human being, dog, car or domestic animal or which repeatedly charges against a fence in an attempt to attack or charges to the end of it's lead in an attempt to attack or has, bitten or attempted to bite; or aggressively threatened by charging, baring its teeth, growling and snapping or otherwise demonstrates vicious behavior toward a human being or another animal; provided, however, that no dog shall be deemed vicious solely by reason of having attacked, threatened, attempted to bite or bitten.

See Section 14-2-9(a)-(f) for the Vicious dog ordinance in its entirety and exemptions.

How to Report a Vicious Dog

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.

Managing Your Aggressive Dogs Behavior

- If you have received a complaint about your dog acting vicious, this means your dog is being seen as a public threat, or has attacked or bitten. It's important to investigate and correct the behavior before a human or other domestic animal gets hurt or killed.
- Some types of aggression are territorial, protective, possessive, fearful, defensive, social, frustration-elicited, pain-elicited, sexual dominance, maternal or predatory aggression. You need to determine what type of aggression your dog is displaying and why.
- Socialize your dog.
- Contact your veterinarian for help and suggestions. Your pet may need to be spayed or neutered to minimize aggression. (Contact your local animal shelter for low-cost spay/neuter clinics available.)
- If your dog is charging the fence aggressively while citizens are passing by, you may need to put up a privacy fence that the dog can not see through. Be sure to warn the public with "Beware of Dog" signs. Remember young children may not be able to read. Insure your fence and all gates are secure at all times.
- To be certain of public safety while you are away, you may need to keep your dog kenneled or build a secure outdoor enclosure with a top, and a bottom that is secured to a concrete floor, with a locking gate.

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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