

Animal Control Unit

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does Weld County have a leash law?

A. Yes, Weld County has adopted an ordinance 14-4-20 that reflects the necessity to keep your dog on your own, rented, or leased property. A dog is considered at large when not under the control of the owner, which means physical restraint of a leash or containing device.

Q. What are the fines if my dog is caught running at large?

A. A summons may be issued with a first offense fee of \$25; second offense \$50; third offense \$200; and four or more offenses, a mandatory court appearance is required. If a dog bites a person while running at large it will be quarantined at the Humane Society of Weld County and a mandatory court summons will be issued.

Q. Where will my dog be taken if caught running at large & how long will it be kept?

A. If a dog is caught running at large, it will be picked up and taken to the

Humane Society of Weld County
1620 42nd St.
Evans, CO
Phone: 970-506-9550

www.weldcountyhumane.org

The owner is responsible for the charges of the impoundment 14-4-50 and necessary vet cost. This fee is set by the shelter. A dog will be kept a minimum of 3 days if found without a collar, and 5 days with a collar. If your animal is found with a collar and tags, every possible effort will be made to contact you. If we cannot reach you we will take the animal to the shelter.

Q. What do you do with injured animals?

A. If an injured animal is picked up by our officers we will take it to the vet for appropriate treatment. Monday through Friday between 8am and 6pm we will take the animal to

All Pet Animal Clinic
818 31st Street
Evans, CO 80620
Phone: 970-330-0788

Evenings, nights, and holidays we will take the animal to

PETS Emergency
3629 23rd Avenue
Evans, CO 80620
Phone: 970-339-3944

www.petsemergency.com

Q. What are the licensing fees in Weld County?

A. Weld County does not require you to license or register your dog, if you live in unincorporated areas of the county. Each city has their own laws regarding this, so be sure to check with your city to find

out their regulations!

It is highly recommended a microchip or collar with tags be on all dogs in order to reach their owners!

Q. Is there a limit on the number of animals I can have?

A. Yes! Weld County has zoning ordinances that reflect the number of animal units allowed in a particular zoned area of the county. Zone A agriculture may have up to 4 dogs on property between 1 and 10 acres, and no more than 8 dogs on property 10 acres or more. More than that requires a special use permit for kenneling practices. These cases will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Services Department.

www.co.weld.co.us/departments/planning

Q. Does Weld County have a barking dog ordinance?

A. No. Weld County does not have a barking dog ordinance. Each town has its own rules and ordinances regarding barking dogs. Our ACO's do not deal with this problem, neither do our deputies. Check with them if you have any questions.

Q. Does Weld County have a cat ordinance?

A. No. Weld County does not have a cat ordinance. If you find a stray cat, it is your responsibility to take it to an appropriate animal shelter facility. Animal Control will not pick it up.

Q. What areas of the county does the Sheriff's Office Animal Control cover?

A. The Animal control Unit of the Weld County Sheriff's Office handles animal related complaints for the county. The ACO unit deals ONLY with calls in the unincorporated parts of the county. If you live inside the city limits of your town, you should contact your local police department or your town hall for these problems. As a general rule, if your city or town has a mayor, then our ACO does not handle calls in your town. We cover only the unincorporated areas of the county and the following towns of: Gill, Galetton, Masters, Hardin, Deerfield, Peckham, Wattenberg, Prospect Valley, Barnesville, Briggsdale, and Carr.

Q. What hours are officers available?

A. Weld County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officers are available 7 days a week (except major holidays) between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Any after hours calls will be handled at the discretion of deputies as calls allow.

Q. Where can I go to get more information?

A. Go to the following address: www.co.weld.co.us

Click on "Weld County Code"
Click on Sec. 14 "Health and Animals"

Or contact us at:

Weld County Sheriff's Office
Animal Control Unit
1950 "O" Street
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: 970-356-4015 ext. 2849