

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 of my dog is caught running at large?

A. A summons may be issued with a first offense of \$35; second offense \$100; third offense \$200; fourth offense \$250; and five or more offenses, a mandatory court appearance. These are all within a 36 month time period.

Q. What happens if my dog bites inflicts damage or injury to a person or other animal?

A. A dog is not considered in control of the owner if it harassing, chasing or attacking people, livestock or wildlife. A dog bite is reported to the Weld County Health Department, and the dog is quarantined for 10 days. This can be done on location at the owners' home, or at a private boarding kennel, vet clinic or shelter, at the owners' expense. It is unlawful for anyone to allow a dog to inflict bodily injury while the dog is running at large. It is a Class 2 Misdemeanor.

Q. Where will my dog be taken if it is caught running at large? And 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 Street
Evans, CO 80620
970-506-9550

Hours:
Mon-Fri 11am – 7pm
Sat-Sun 11am – 5pm
All animal transactions stop 1 hour before close

www.weldcountymhumane.org

The owner is responsible for the charges of the impoundment and necessary vet cost. This fee is set by the shelter. A dog will be kept for a minimum of 5 days. If your animal is found and had a collar and tags, or microchip, every possible effort will be made to contact you. If we cannot reach you, the animal will be taken 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 a vet for appropriate treatment. We will try to take the animal to the vet clinic closet to where the animal was found. Some of those clinics include but are not limited to:

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| • Highland Vet Clinic | 206 2nd St | Ault | 970-834-1313 |
| • Eaton Animal Den | 231 S Elm Ave | Eaton | 970-454-1700 |
| • All Pet Animal Clinic | 818 31st St | Evans | 970-330-0788 |
| • PETS Emergency Clinic | 3629 23rd Ave | Evans | 970-339-8700 |
| • Carbon Valley Animal Hosp. | 521 Sherilynn Cir | Firestone | 303-833-2244 |

• Coal Ridge Animal Hospital	6171 CR 20	Firestone	303-833-1137
• CSU	300 W Drake Rd	Ft Collins	970-297-5000
• Animal Clinic	232 1st Street	Ft Lupton	303-857-6671
• Ft Lupton Vet Hosp.	1025 1st Street	Ft Lupton	303-857-6860
• Alpine Veterinary Hospital	131 N 35th Ave	Greeley	970-352-8835
• Countryside Large animal	3765 W 'O' St	Greeley	970-351-7045 (Livestock)
• Mackey Vet Service	1901 1st Ave	Greeley	970-353-0995 (Livestock)
• Westridge Animal Hosp	8225 W 20th St	Greeley	970-330-7283
• Animal Emergency & Critical Care	104 S Main St	Longmont	303-678-8844

Q. What are the licensing fees in Weld County?

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

Q. Is there a limit of 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 four (4) dogs/cats on a property between 1 and 10 acres, and no more than eight (8) dogs/cats on a property of 10 acres or more. Having more animals 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 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 rescue or shelter or to a veterinarian. Our officers *will not* pick it up.

Q. Does Weld County have a barking dog ordinance?

A. No. Weld County does not have a barking dog ordinance. Barking dogs are exempt from the Noise Ordinance. Each town however, does have its own rules and ordinances regarding barking dogs. Our Animal Control Officers do not deal with this problem, neither do our deputies.

Q. Does Weld County require my animal have a rabies vaccination?

A. No. If you live in an unincorporated area of Weld County, you are not required to vaccinate for rabies, however, it is highly recommended. If you live in a city or town, you will need to check with them, as each city and town has their own rules and regulations regarding vaccinations.

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

A. 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.*

Areas and towns not covered by Weld County ACO include:

Ault	Brighton	Broomfield	Dacono	Eaton	Erie	Evans
Firestone	Frederick	Ft. Lupton	Gilcrest	Greeley	Grover	Hudson
Johnstown	Keenesburg	Kersey	La Salle	Lochbuie	Longmont	Mead
Milliken	New Raymer	Northglenn	Nunn	Pierce	Platteville	Severance
Thornton	Windsor					

The towns not covered by Weld ACO's will have an animal control officer, an appointed person to handle animal calls or calls will be handled by any on-duty police officer. If the town person is unavailable, the duty falls to the mayor.

Weld County ACO does however cover the following unincorporated towns:

(As well as many other subdivisions and developments throughout the county.)

Barnesville	Briggsdale	Carr	Camfield	Deerfield	Gill
Galeton	Hardin	Masters	Peckham	Prospect Valley	Wattenberg

Q. What hours are officers available?

A. Our officers are available 7 days a week, including all major holidays. As a general rule, officers are on duty from about 8am – 6pm. Any calls outside of these hours will be handled at the discretion of deputies, as calls allow.

Q. Where can I go to get more information?

A. Please go to the following address for more information: www.co.weld.co.us

Click on “Weld County Code”

Click Sec. 14 “Health and Animals”

Or contact us at:

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