

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does Weld County Have a leash law?

A. YES! Weld County has adopted an ordinance 14-4-20(b) and 14-4-20 (c) that reflect 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 happens if my dog bites or injures a person?

A. 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 owner’s home, or at a private boarding kennel, vet clinic or shelter, at the owner’s 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.

The first conviction is 3 months in jail and/or \$250 fine. A second conviction is 12 months in jail and/or \$1000 fine. Dog owners can also be liable for damages if a vehicle swerves to avoid hitting the dog, and damages to the vehicle, or injury to the driver occurs.

Q. What happens if my dog is found running at large and is impounded? And what will it cost?

A. The dog is taken to the Humane Society of Weld County, located at 1620 42nd Street, in Evans. The owner is responsible for the charges of the impoundment, 14-4-50, and necessary vet cost. The fee is set annually by the shelter. In addition, a deposit may be required for proof of rabies immunization, which is refunded when proof is produced within 10 days. This does not include the court costs or fines associated with a summons.

Q. If my dog is picked up, how long will it be held at the shelter?

A. If a dog is picked up, it will be held for 5 days. All animals are scanned for a microchip, upon entering the shelter. A microchip is an acceptable form of identification for the animal.



HUMANE SOCIETY
of Weld County

1620 42nd Street, Evans, CO 80620

It is highly recommended that a license tag, identification tag or microchip be on all dogs in order to reach their owners.

Q. What will it cost me in court?

A. If convicted of a Class 2 Petty Offense, the first conviction is a \$50 to \$100 fine. A second conviction is an \$130 to \$200 fine, and a third conviction is a \$250 to \$350 fine and 4 or more convictions within 36 months can result in a \$300 to \$450 fine or 90 days in jail. A penalty assessment summons may be issued. If a summons is issued, fines can range from \$35 up to \$400 depending on the number of previous offenses, and five or more offenses within 36 months will result in a mandatory court appearance.



Weld County Court
915 9th Ave

When your dog leaves your property and visits the neighbors, the dog is considered running at large and you are in violation of county ordinance 14-4-20(b).

Is There a Limit on Dogs?

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



Complete copies of ordinances are available through Weld County's web site:
www.co.weld.co.us

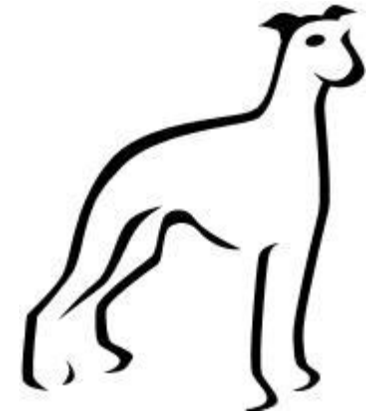
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Failure-to-Control Ordinance



ANIMAL CONTROL

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