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# SUMMIT COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

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## THE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER'S GUIDE



## ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

All animal control services in the municipalities and the unincorporated area is provided by the Summit County Animal Control Department. Licensing, sheltering, impoundment, and enforcement of animal control regulations are the primary responsibility and function of this department. Our facility is located at 1745 South Hoytsville Road, Wanship, next to the County's Public Works facility.

Animal Control is working to protect your pet, our community, and non-pet owners from becoming victims of an unfortunate event. We are asking each resident, pet owner or not, to be a responsible and good neighbor. For pet owners, controlling your pet's behavior and complying with Animal Control laws will help ensure that you, your pet, and our community will continue to enjoy our beautiful mountain setting.

Currently there are five off leash dog areas in the Snyderville Basin and Park City area:

1. Run-a-Muk Trail, Utah Olympic Parkway
2. Trailside Dog Park, 5715 Trailside Drive (3)
3. Willow Creek Dog Park, 4460 Spilt Rail Lane
4. Woods at Parley's Lane Dog Park, 4275 Sunrise Dr
5. Quinn's Dog Park, 204 F. J. Gilmore Way

In off-leash areas pet owners must carry a physical leash or lead.



Questions concerning animal retrieval, adoption, licensing, or other services should be directed to the Summit County Animal Control at **435.615.3985**.

## ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS SUMMARY

The following is a basic summary, not all inclusive, of Summit County ordinances and information most pertinent to animal owners. For complete information go to:

<http://www.summitcountyanimalcontrol.org/>

1. **License:** All dogs over the age of four months must be licensed and the license tag must be attached to the collar on the dog. A lost tag may be replaced for a fee of \$5.00 if the license is current. Annual license fees are \$36.00 per dog if the dog is not sterilized and \$12.00 for sterilized dogs. Three year licenses are \$50.00 per dog if the dog is not sterilized and \$20.00 for sterilized dogs. Three year licenses coincide with rabies vaccinations.
2. **Vaccinations:** All dogs must have current rabies vaccinations. The ordinance states rabies shots are required for dogs every three years and cats every year.
3. **Animals at Large:** All animals must be properly contained within the owner's property. Neighbors need not accept your pet on their property. *When your dog is not contained on your property, it must be on a leash or lead at all times, unless in a designated dog exercise area.*
4. **Animal Care:** City, county, and state ordinances require all animals be given adequate food, water, shelter, and care. Most behavior problems in animals occur when these needs are not filled. An Animal Control Officer may enter an owner's property to seize an animal when ordinances are being violated.
5. **Noise Problems:** It is illegal to allow your animal, for whatever reason to make noise to the point it disturbs neighbors. Many good training programs exist to correct this type of behavior.
6. **Defecation:** Your pet should not be allowed to relieve themselves on a public sidewalks, parks, streets, trails, or right-of-way or on someone else's property without the permission of the property owner. The owner or person in charge of the animal is legally responsible to clean up after the animal, so be prepared when walking your dog. You must also keep your own property clear of feces.
7. **Wild or Exotic Pets:** Many wild and exotic animals are protected under federal and state law and most are illegal for private ownership. Always check with an animal control agency before acquiring an "exotic" animal.
8. **Bites:** All animal bites must be reported to Animal Control. The cause of the bite will be investigated and charges filed as appropriate. A health quarantine is required in animal bite incidents.
9. **Fierce, Dangerous, or Vicious Animals:** All animals designated as fierce, dangerous, or vicious must be contained to prevent these animals from injuring people or other animals.
10. **Cruelty:** It is illegal and considered cruelty to animals to willfully maim, beat with a stick, chain or club, scald, leave in a vehicle without adequate ventilation, or to place any poison or cause any animal to be poisoned. Persons caught or proven to be involved in animal cruelty may be charged criminally.
11. **Female Dogs:** Female dogs in season (heat) shall be confined in a secure enclosure which will prevent contact or attractions by scent at all times during the cycle. This does not apply to planned

breeding.

12. **Number of Animals:** No more than four (4) adult dogs may be owned, cared for, or registered at one residence without a kennel permit.
13. **Stray Animals:** *Letting animals run loose is a violation of county and city ordinances.* If you find a stray dog or cat, you must contact Summit County Animal Control within 24 hours.
14. **Temporary Residence:** If you reside in Summit County for more than thirty (30) days, your animals must be licensed by Summit County Animal Control.
15. **Nuisance Guidelines:** Any person having charge of an animal causing a nuisance listed below is in violation of county and city ordinances.
  - Causes damage to property
  - Is vicious or fierce
  - Unreasonably fouls the air
  - Causes unsanitary conditions
  - Defecates on public or private property without the consent of the property owner
  - Barks, whines, howls, or makes other disturbing noises in excessive, continuous or untimely fashion
  - Chases or worries a passerby or vehicle
  - Attacks other animals or people



## Ordinance Violations

<u>Violation Description</u>	<u>Fines</u>
Failure to License*	\$ 50.00
Failure to Display Tag*	\$ 25.00
No Rabies Vaccination*	\$ 50.00
Harboring Stray Dog	\$100.00
Running At Large (1st offense)	\$100.00
Running At Large (2nd offense)	\$150.00
Running At Large (3rd offense)	\$200.00
Additional \$100 for each additional violation	
Applicable fine doubled if dog is unsterilized	
Dog in Prohibited Place	\$100.00
Dog Attacking, Chasing	\$500.00
Vicious Animal	\$500.00
Nuisance Animal	\$ 75.00
Animal Cruelty	\$500.00
Failure to Procure a Kennel Permit	\$250.00
Interference With an Officer	\$250.00

**Fines may change without prior notice.  
Additional fines and fees may be assessed.**

Individuals receiving a citation may appeal their citation to the County's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The ALJ may dismiss violations followed by an (\*) upon proof of compliance.

To make an appointment for an appearance before the ALJ call 435.615.3123. The ALJ meets monthly at the Summit County Courthouse, 60 North Main, Coalville, Utah.