

## Laws for Pet Owners

### License and Vaccinate Your Pet

- Dogs, cats and ferrets over four months old must have a current rabies vaccination.
- Dogs and cats over four months old must have a valid County license, licenses must be renewed annually.
- The licenses must be affixed to the collar or harness, unless the animal is confined.

### Proper Animal Care

- Pets and livestock must be provided with adequate shelter, a sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water, exercise, and fresh air.
- Pets may not be confined in an unattended motor vehicle under conditions or for lengths of time that may endanger the health and/or physical well-being of the animal.

### Be a Good Neighbor

- Pets must be confined to the owner's property or walked on a leash.
- Pets may not run at large.
- Pets may not chase, run after, or jump at vehicles or bicycles using the right-of-way; and may not snap, growl, snarl, jump upon, or threaten persons using the right-of-way.
- Pet feces must be immediately removed and properly disposed of.
- Pets may not create a sanitary nuisance on public or private property.
- Pets may not make noise that is offensive and of such a continuous duration of time that it creates a nuisance.

### For the Dog Owner

- Any enclosure used as a primary means of confinement for a dog must meet the size and structural integrity requirements as defined in the Animal Control Ordinance.
- A dog may not be tethered outdoors, except when in visual range of a responsible party located outside with the dog. Additional specific conditions as defined in the Animal Control Ordinance must also be met.
- Owners must confine a female dog in heat so that she cannot be bred, unless the breeding is specific and intentional.

### Dog and Cat Breeding

- Any owner that breeds any dog(s) or cat(s) must be first permitted and inspected by DAS.

**Failure to comply with any of these regulations could result in fines up to \$500.**

### ARTICLE II. ANIMAL CONTROL