

Services Provided By Your Local Animal Care and Control Center

Adoption
Education
Licensing
Rescue of sick and injured stray animals

Investigation of:

- Animal bites
- Animal neglect
- Noise complaints
- Animal facilities
- Animal cruelty
- Loose animals
- Title 17 enforcement

Dangerous/stray animal control

Pick-up of dead, stray animals



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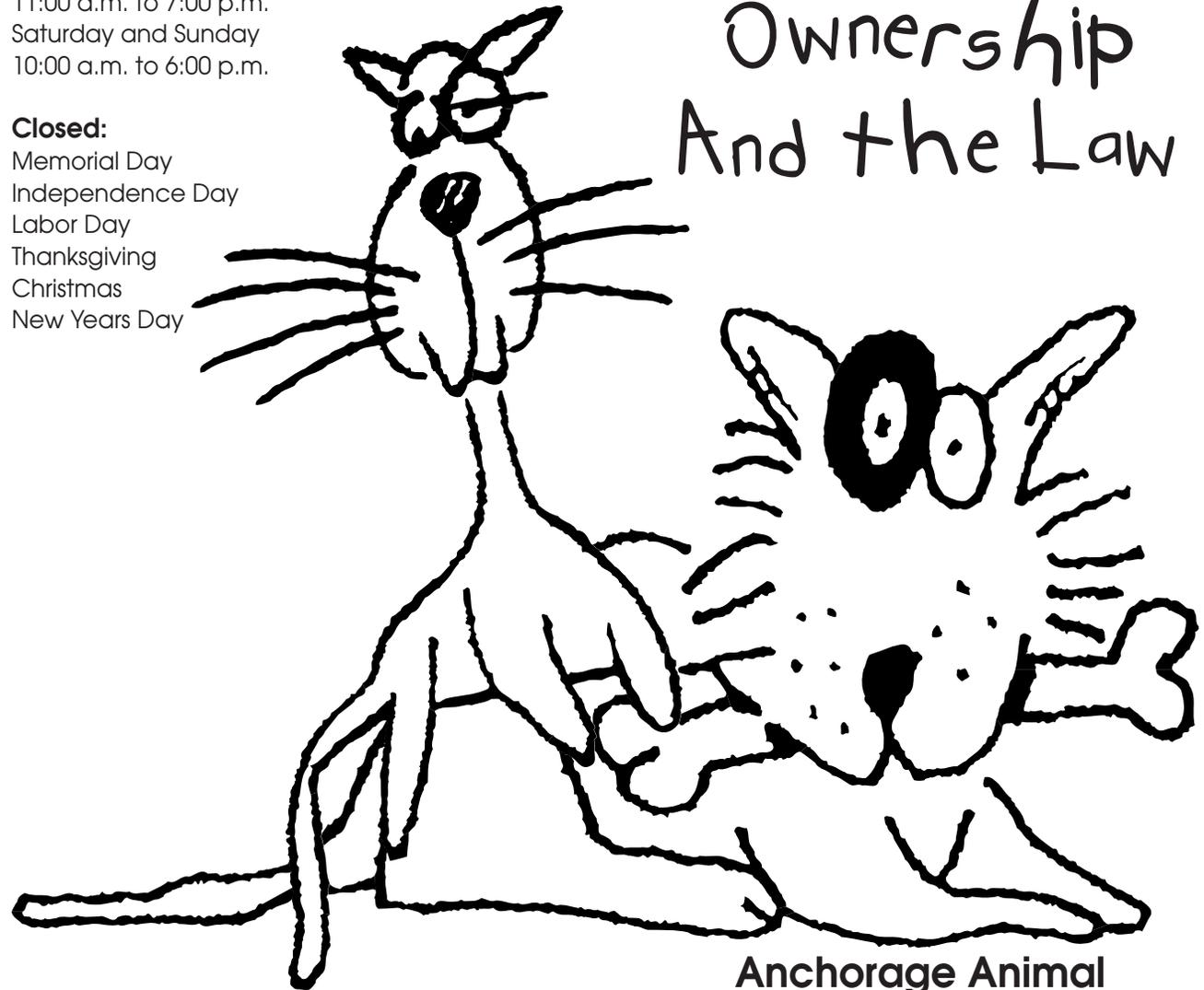
Shelter Hours:

Monday - Friday
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Closed:

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Years Day

Responsible pet Ownership And the Law



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RESPONSIBLE PETS HAVE RESPONSIBLE OWNERS

Your local Anchorage Animal Care and Control facility is responsible for enforcing Title 17, the municipal code governing animal behavior. Although the law is directed at specific animal behaviors, the code was created as a guideline for pet owners to follow to ensure public safety and animal welfare.

The following section highlights a portion of Title 17. For better understanding of the municipal code, or for more complete information, you may obtain a copy of Title 17 from Anchorage Animal Care and Control. Title 17 is also available online at <http://www.muni.org>. The following does not represent the entire animal code, but serves to answer many common questions.

Citizens of Eklutna, Birchwood, Peters Creek, Eagle River, Chugiak, Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood and the city of Anchorage are all within the municipal boundaries served by Anchorage Animal Care and Control.

Loose Animals

A person who owns an animal shall keep that animal confined or controlled. This includes dogs, cats, ferrets and rabbits. Confine means to control the animal in a fully fenced yard, kennel, or other fully enclosed structure. Control means to restrict an animal's movements to prevent violations of municipal animal laws. An animal should not be allowed to roam the neighborhood or have access to other people's property.

A person who owns a female dog or cat in heat shall keep the animal under control in such a manner that it cannot come into contact with a male of its species except for planned breeding purposes.

Proper Control

Controlling an animal means to simultaneously monitor, direct and restrict an animal's movement and activities in a humane manner. The following five types of control are recognized for the general public:

- Control by command means to control an animal by visual or audible commands or a combination thereof, to which the animal responds promptly and accurately.
- Control by confinement means to control an animal in a humane manner within any fully fenced pen, kennel, yard or structure, which prevents the exit of any animal confined therein solely on its own volition and the protrusion through the outer perimeter of the enclosure of the animal's paws and/or teeth.
- Control by leash means to control an animal by securely attaching a leash, chain or an item which is physically capable of restraining the animal, including electronic collar, to the animal which is in the secure possession of a person physically and mentally capable of monitoring, directing and restricting the animal's movements and activities.
- Control by attachment means to control an animal by a harness or other similar device attached directly or indirectly to a person or immovable object by means of a chain, leash or similar device in such a manner that when the animal is on private property, it cannot travel off the private property or into in any public vehicular or pedestrian way, or other public easement; or when the animal is on public property, the animal cannot travel more than three feet from the immovable object and is not unattended by the owner.
- Control by harness means to control an animal by harness or similar device attached directly or indirectly to a person or object during an event of competition, training, demonstration, or show.

Animal Waste

No owner or custodian of an animal may permit it to leave feces or upset garbage on public property or the private property of another.

Animal Nuisance/Barking

No owner or custodian of a dog or cat shall permit it to make chronic animal noise. Chronic animal noise means repeated vocalization by an animal for more than seven consecutive minutes during the day (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and more than five consecutive minutes during the night (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.). Day noise generated by a licensed facility is excused from the 7 minute daytime limit only up to 4 times per day for a maximum of 20 consecutive minutes each time. No 20 minute period shall occur within one hour of any other 20 minute period.

Licensing

Municipal dog licenses are required for all dogs over the age of four months, regardless of whether or not a dog leaves its own property. Any dog over the age of four months which is transferred, sold, or given away within the municipality shall be licensed by the new owner or custodian within 15 days of the sale or acquisition.

Cat ID

The owner or custodian of a cat over the age of four months shall maintain an ID worn by the cat at all times, unless the cat is on private property of the owner or custodian; or when the cat, under control by leash or confinement, is either in a public place or on the private property of another.

Rabies Vaccination

No person may own a dog, wolf hybrid, cat, ferret or any other animal required by state law, over the age of four months that does not have a current rabies vaccination. Rabies vaccinations must be administered by a state licensed veterinarian. The rabies tag must be affixed to the animal's collar or harness and must be worn at all times, unless the animal is on the property of the owner or custodian, in competition, in training or hunting. Cats and ferrets are not required to wear a rabies tag if they are microchipped and registered.