

DOG LICENSES

All dogs living in the state of Oregon are required to be vaccinated against rabies. All dogs living in Lincoln County are required to be licensed at 6 months of age (or when permanent canines appear), or within 30 days of becoming a resident. Licenses are issued by the Lincoln County Animal Shelter and its licensing agents. Call (541) 265-6610 for information.

STRAY OR FERAL CATS

Animal Services does not catch stray cats. Cats that are stray or trespassing on private property may be humanely trapped and taken to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. Please contact the Shelter *before* bringing in any cats.

LINCOLN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
510 NE HARNEY ST.
NEWPORT, OR. 97365
(541) 265-6610

WHO TO CONTACT

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Animal Services
Dispatch: (541) 265-4231

WHAT WE DO

ANIMAL SERVICES

Often Animal Services intervention is needed to mediate a solution, enforce laws, or investigate damage or aggression complaints involving dogs. Our goal is to provide solutions and maintain good relations within the community.

Before calling Animal Services, try to talk with neighbors about the problem. If you need an Animal Services officer, please call **LinCom** at **(541) 265-4231** to make a complaint.

THE LAW

Definition of ORS 609.060: Any dog shall be considered "running at large" when it is off or outside of the premises belonging to the owner or keeper of such dog, or not in the company of and under the control of the owner or keeper.

Violation of ORS 609.060 is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$250.00.

Violation of ORS 609.095: Dog as Public Nuisance is punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00. **In addition to any fines, if a dog has been repeatedly found to be a public nuisance, the court may order such disposition of the dog as the court considers necessary.**

Violation of ORS 609.100: Fail to License is punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00.

ORS 433.365: All dogs must be inoculated against rabies. Non inoculated dogs may be impounded.

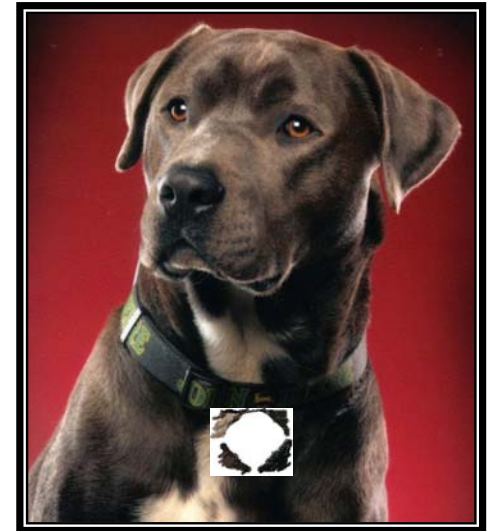
Violation of ORS 433.365 is punishable by a fine of not more than \$7,500.00 and/ or one year in jail.

ORS 433.375: The owner of the dog shall file by mail or otherwise the inoculation certificate, together with the fee, with The Lincoln County Animal Shelter or its licensing agent.

ORS 609.140: The owner of any livestock which has been damaged by being wounded or killed by any dog shall have cause of action against the owner of such dog for double the amount of damages.

ORS 609.160: Keeping the dog with the knowledge that it has injured livestock. No person shall own, harbor, or keep any dog with knowledge that it has killed or wounded any livestock.

Violation of ORS 609.160 is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$250.00.



**ANIMAL SERVICES
AND
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MAKE SURE YOUR DOG IS SOCIALIZED

It is important that puppies feel at ease around people and other animals. Expose your puppy to a variety of situations a little at a time and under controlled circumstances; continue that exposure on a regular basis as your dog gets older. If you're not sure how your dog will react to a crowd or a busy street, be cautious. Don't put your dog in a position where it feels threatened or teased. Watch for signs that your dog is uncomfortable or feeling aggressive.

TRAIN YOUR DOG

The basic commands "sit," "stay," "no" and "come" can be incorporated into fun activities that build a bond of obedience and trust between pets and people. Obey leash laws. Don't play aggressive games like wrestling or tug-of-war with your dog.

KEEP YOUR DOG HEALTHY

Have your dog vaccinated against rabies and preventable infectious diseases. Parasite control is important to how your dog feels and behaves.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

It's a fact: Neutered dogs are less likely to bite. Dogs are social animals; training your dog and spending time with your pet is very important. Dogs that are frequently left alone have a greater chance of developing behavior problems, such as chewing and tearing things up. Be a responsible pet owner!

CAN I AVOID BEING BITTEN?

Be cautious around strange dogs and teach children not to approach strange dogs. Because children are the most frequent victims of dog bites, parents and caregivers should NEVER leave a baby or small child alone with a dog. Teach children to respect all animals. Children should not be allowed to pull on, hit, or annoy any animal.

TIPS THAT MAY PREVENT OR STOP A DOG ATTACK

- **DO NOT RUN PAST A DOG!** Dogs naturally love to chase. Don't give them a reason to become excited or aggressive.
- Never disturb a dog that's sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
- If a dog approaches to sniff you - stay still. In most cases the dog will go away when it determines you're not a threat.
- If a dog threatens you, remain calm. Don't scream. If you say anything, speak calmly and firmly. **AVOID EYE CONTACT.** Try to stay still until the dog leaves, or back away slowly until the dog is out of sight. Do NOT turn and run!
- If you fall or are knocked to the ground, curl into a ball with your hands over your head and neck. Protect your face.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY DOG BITES?

Even if the bite can be explained (perhaps someone stepped on the dog's tail), it is important to take responsibility for your dog's actions by taking these steps:

Restrain the dog immediately. Separate it from the scene of the attack and confine it. Check on the victim's condition. Wash wounds with soap and water. Professional medical advice should be sought to evaluate the risk of rabies or other infections. Call 911 if paramedic response is required.

Provide important information: Supply your name, address and telephone information along with your dog's most recent rabies vaccination information and the name and telephone number of your veterinarian to the victim or their family.

Report the bite to your insurance company and comply with local ordinances regarding the reporting of dog bites. Consult your veterinarian for advice about dog behavior. This may help prevent similar problems in the future.

IF YOU ARE THE BITE VICTIM

Treat wounds. If your dog bit you, confine it immediately and call your veterinarian to check your dog's vaccination records.

If someone else's dog bit you, contact authorities and tell them everything you can about the dog: the owner's name, if you know it; the dog's color & size, where you saw it, and if you've seen it before. These details may help the Animal Services deputy locate the dog.

ANIMAL ABUSE

A person commits the crime of animal abuse if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to an animal or cruelly causes death of an animal.(ORS 167.315, 167.320)

ANIMAL NEGLECT

A person commits the crime of animal neglect if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence fails to provide minimum care for an animal in such person's custody or control. (ORS 167.325)

ANIMAL ABANDONMENT

A person commits the crime of animal abandonment if the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence leaves a domesticated animal at a location without providing for the animal's continued care.(ORS 167.340)

REPORT animal abuse, animal neglect & animal abandonment to **LinCom at (541) 265-4231.**