

## Local Animal Shelters

Table Mountain Animal Center  
*(Impound facility for Jefferson County area)*  
303-278-7575

Dumb Friends League (Denver)  
303-696-4941

Dumb Friends League Buddy Center (Douglas Co.)  
303-751-5772

## Other Resources

American Humane Association  
303-792-9900

Humane Society of Boulder Valley  
303-442-4030

Bureau of Animal Protection  
303-239-4161

Evergreen Animal Protective League  
303-674-6442

Intermountain Humane Society  
303-838-2668

Jefferson County Health Department  
303-232-6301

Colorado Department of Health  
303-692-2628

Colorado Division of Wildlife  
303-291-7227

## Lost and Found Ads

*Denver Post/Rocky Mountain News*  
303-825-2525

The Sentinel Newspapers  
303-279-5541

Evergreen Newspapers/The Couriers  
303-674-5534

## Animal Control

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

700 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 160  
Golden, CO 80401

**Office Hours:** 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

**Phone:** 303.271.5070

**Emergency:** Dial 911

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## Local Animal Control Offices

Adams County Animal Control & Shelter  
303-288-3294

Arvada Animal Control  
720-898-6850

Arapahoe County Animal Control  
720-874-6750

Aurora Animal Control & Shelter  
303-361-0890

Broomfield Animal Control  
303-466-2331

Commerce City Animal Control  
303-288-1535

Denver Animal Control & Shelter  
303-698-0076

Edgewater Animal Control  
303-235-0500

Golden Animal Control  
303-384-8045

Lakewood Animal Control  
303-987-7173

Northglenn Animal Control  
303-450-8886

Thornton Animal Control  
303-288-1535

Wheat Ridge Animal Control  
303-237-2220

Westminster Animal Control  
303-430-2400 x. 2862

A N I M A L C O N T R O L

# Animal Control Info



*Rules, regulations and resources  
in Jefferson County*



# Why Make Laws?

*Animal control legislation is in effect for essentially one reason: to encourage responsible pet ownership. The purpose of animal control laws are to protect the public health and safety, and to keep owners from allowing their animals to be a nuisance to their neighbors. These same laws protect the animals from cruel treatment, neglect and injury.*

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## Leash Law

Dogs allowed to roam the streets are not only a nuisance and dangerous to the public, but are in constant danger from cars, irate people, and even other dogs. For these reasons, all dogs must be on a leash or confined on the owner's premises at all times. Dogs in violation of the leash law may be detained by a citizen, turned over to Animal Control, and impounded at the Table Mountain Animal Center. Impoundment and board fees must be paid by the owner before the dog can be released. Failure to claim an impounded dog does not relieve the owner of liability for payment of all fees.

## Rabies

Jefferson County is home to many species of wildlife (bats, skunks, etc.) known to transmit this incurable disease to pets. It is required that all dogs be vaccinated after reaching 4 months of age. Keep the rabies certificate handy in case your dog becomes lost or bites someone.

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## Dog Licensing

The Jefferson County Animal Control and Licensing regulation requires annual licensing of all dogs 4 months old and older. A dog license may be obtained through the Animal Control office.

## Lost and Found

Every dog's best identification is a collar with two tags attached: One, a dog license, which can be traced through the Animal Control office. Two, an identification tag including the owner's name, address and phone number. Should you lose or find an animal, phone in a complete description to the Table Mountain Animal Center at 303-278-7575. The Dumb Friends League, area veterinarians, children and postal employees in the area are often valuable in helping to locate lost pets. Visit the Table Mountain Animal Center frequently to check for your pet.

## Cats

Cats are considered free roaming animals. The leash law does not apply to cats in unincorporated Jeffco. Cats should be vaccinated for rabies annually and wear an identification tag. Animal Control will impound cats that have bitten a person or are sick or injured.



## Cruelty/Neglect

Failure of the owner of any animal to provide adequate food, water, shelter, opportunity for exercise or veterinary care constitutes a violation of state statute. In addition, intentional acts of cruelty, such as abandonment, harrasment or torture will be vigorously prosecuted.

## Barking Dogs

The Jefferson County Animal Control and Licensing regulation prohibits a dog from disturbing the peace of any person by loud, habitual and persistent barking, howling, yelping or whining, whether the dog is on or off the dog owner's property. Persons bothered by such a problem are urged to contact the owner of the dog and to try to solve the problem on a neighborly basis. If nothing improves after a discussion with the owner, feel free to contact Animal Control for assistance.

## Dogs in Heat

Female dogs that have not been spayed can be expected to come into heat twice each year. Each heat cycle lasts around three weeks and during this time the female dog must be properly confined.

## Bites

Animal bites must be reported to Animal Control if the skin of the victim is broken. The only exception to this rule is a bite involving a rodent (mice, hamsters, rabbits, etc.). If a bite occurs and you are not sure what to do, call Animal Control immediately.

## Penalties

In addition to impoundment fees, owners can be issued a summons for a violation of the Jefferson County Animal Control and Licensing regulation. Each violation constitutes a separate offense. The maximum penalty for a Class II petty offense is \$1,000. The maximum penalty for a Class II misdemeanor is \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for three to 12 months.