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

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

ANIMAL CONTROL

Seasonal Pet Care



How to care for your pet in summer's heat and winter's cold



Colorado's climate is no stranger to extremes in temperature. Pets in Colorado must contend with the dry, sunny heat of summer as well as the windy and snowy bite of winter. Here are some tips to keep your pet safe and comfortable no matter what Mother Nature may bring.

Winter's Cold

In the Yard

Remove snow piled high next to your fence. This can provide a boost for your dog to jump over the fence and become lost.

When your pet is outdoors, make sure there is plenty of fresh drinking water available. Ice and snow does not provide enough liquid for an animal. Regularly check your pet's water to make sure it's not frozen. Water heaters or heated water bowls can be purchased at pet supply or feed stores.

Dog House

A dry, elevated dog house should be provided for dogs when they are outdoors. The house should be small enough to be warmed by the dog's body heat, but large enough for the dog to stand up and turn around. Insulation, including a door flap, dry bedding such as blankets or straw, and facing the house away from the wind will protect your pet from the cold.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze tastes sweet to pets but can be fatal if consumed. Should your pet ingest antifreeze,

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contact your veterinarian immediately. Even small amounts of antifreeze, when ingested, can seriously injure a dog or cat. Check your car for seepage or leaks. When adding antifreeze to your car, use a funnel and clean up any spills.

In Your Vehicle

Never leave your dog alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold. Your dog could literally freeze to death.

Cats

In their search to keep warm outdoors, cats sometimes take refuge next to warm car engines or tires. To alert an animal, slap the hood of your car before starting it.

How Cold is Too Cold?

When the temperature dips below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, it is best to keep your dogs indoors, even if a dog house is provided. Short-haired dogs, puppies and cats should be kept indoors at 40 degrees or below.

Cruelty/Neglect

Failure of the owner of any animal to provide adequate food, water, shelter, opportunity for exercise or veterinary care could constitute a violation of state statute. Cruelty to animals is a Class 1 misdemeanor and carries a minimum fine of \$500, a six-month jail sentence, or both for the first offense. For the second offense, a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or an 18-month jail sentence will be imposed. Cruelty to animals will be vigorously prosecuted.

Summer's Heat

In Your Vehicle

Leaving your pet in the car can be very dangerous.

On a hot day the temperature in your car could reach
160 degrees within 10 minutes. That's hot enough to
cause heat stroke. Within moments, your pet could
sustain permanent brain damage and even die.
Leaving the window cracked won't cool the car enough
to protect your pet.

Although you may like taking your pet with you, when the weather is warm they are better off left at home. If you must leave your pet even for a few moments, leave a source of water.

Never travel with a dog in the bed of a moving pickup truck. The dog could slide, bounce or jump out and be seriously injured or killed.

In the Yard

Dogs must be provided with adequate water, shade and shelter during the heat of summer.

Exercise

Exercise your dog in the early morning or evening when it's coolest. Avoid lawns treated with pesticides and fertilizers, which can make dogs sick if ingested.

Report Cruelty & Neglect

If you see evidence of cruelty or neglect, such as an animal left in a hot vehicle, or given inadequate shelter, water, or food, please contact the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Section immediately at 303-271-5070.