



## Licensing and caring for your pet

The City of Overland Park has laws so residents may enjoy the companionship of their pets in an environment that ensures the peace and quiet of our neighborhoods; protects the public and private property and provides a safe environment for pets. Residents, particularly pet owners, should be familiar with animal control ordinances.

This brochure is only a summary of several frequently used sections; you can get a complete copy of the ordinance in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 913-895-6150, 8500 Santa Fe Drive or from the City's website at [www.opkansas.org](http://www.opkansas.org). For more information about pet licensing requirements, call the 24-hour automated telephone hotline at 913-327-5PET (5738).

### Licensing

All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be licensed. The license fee is \$20 per animal, \$10 if the pet is neutered or spayed. All dogs and cats must be licensed within 30 days of being brought into the City or reaching the age of six months. The license period is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of each year. License fees are due upon receipt of the renewal notice. Enforcement for non-renewal is initiated March 1 of each year. Pet licenses renewed on or after July 1 will be assessed a \$20 penalty in addition to the license fee for each animal.

Failure to license your dog or cat may result in the issuance of a citation for violating the animal license ordinance. License applications are available at City Hall, 8500 Santa Fe Drive, from area veterinarians, or the City's website at [www.opkansas.org](http://www.opkansas.org). A rabies certificate must also be submitted.

**Important:** For the license to be issued, the rabies vaccination must be unexpired at the time of licensing. The City recognizes one-two- and three-year inoculations.

### Registration tags

All dogs and cats must wear a collar or harness when outside the house. A valid registration tag that is visible to animal control officers must be attached to the pet's collar or harness.

### Number of dogs and cats

Keeping or harboring more than two dogs or two cats upon any premise or property requires a special animal permit. The fee is \$100 the first year and \$50 for each renewal year. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office and on the City's website.

Contact the City Clerk's office for more information.

### Animal Fostering

The City recognizes that animal fostering is a public service to the community. Animal foster home permits shall allow permittees to provide foster care for up to two foster animals, in addition to any personally-owned animals. More than two foster animals would require a special animal permit in addition to the animal foster home permit.

Contact the City Clerk's office for more information.

### Dangerous Animals

Pit Bulls, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, or any predominantly Pit Bull mix breed dog are banned in Overland Park. For determination if a mix breed canine would be considered predominantly Pit Bull, please contact the Overland Park Police Animal Control Unit at 913-895-6300.

Wolves and wolf hybrids are considered dangerous animals. Owners of these animals must register them with the City as a dangerous animal and must comply with secure confinement regulations stated in O.P.M.C. 6.10.030. Liability insurance is also required.

### Property damage by animals

It is unlawful for animal owners to allow their animals to go upon any sidewalk, parkland, or private or public property and cause damage (digging up flower beds, damaging trees, shrubs, lawns or gardens)

It is not a violation for an animal to defecate upon public property if the owner cleans the property immediately; and it is not a violation for an animal to urinate on public property as long as it does not urinate on flower beds, shrubs, bushes, trees or other plants, not including grass.

It is unlawful for any animal to defecate or urinate on private property. Be sure your animals stay out of your neighbors' yards.

### Noise Disturbance

It is unlawful to cause a noise disturbance by the owning, keeping, harboring of any animal that howls, barks or emits audible sounds, without provocation of the complainant, that are unreasonably loud or disturbing which are of such character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of a reasonable person in the neighborhood or to be detrimental to the life and health of any individual.

### Cat control

All cats must be under the control of their "owner, keeper or harbinger" at all times. A cat is not under control in the following situations:

- If a neighbor complains orally or in writing that the cat is entering upon the neighbor's property and it is found on that neighbor's property after the complaint.
- If the cat causes injury to a person or animal.
- If a cat causes damage to property of another by breaking, bruising, tearing up, digging up, crushing or injuring a lawn, garden, flower bed, plant, shrub or tree in any manner or defecating or urinating upon any private property.

## Dogs running loose

All dogs must be confined to the residential property of their owner, keeper or harborer, except under the following conditions:

- When on a leash no longer than 10 feet and the leash and animal are under the control of a responsible person.
- When confined in a cage or within enclosed interior of a motor vehicle for a limited amount of time. NOTE: It is illegal for a dog to be transported in the open bed of a truck unless restrained in a cage or on a leash that will prevent the animal from jumping or falling out of the vehicle.
- When under the control of the owner, keeper or harborer during the conduct of an organized dog club trial, show or exhibition.
- When under the control of the owner, keeper or harborer during legal hunting activities.

## Confined to residential property

Confined to the residential property of the owner, keeper or harboreal means:

- Confined inside the residential structure of the owner, keeper or harboreal.
- If outside the residential structure, the dog must be physically restrained on a chain or leash or within a suitable fence or other proper method of physical restraint from which it cannot escape or endanger public safety.
- If the dog is in the physical presence of its owner, keeper or harboreal, on that person's property, and under their demonstrated direct and immediate voice control.
- If confined by an electronic fence or an electronic collar. Dogs confined by this method may not be closer than 10 feet from any public sidewalk or property line that is contiguous to neighboring property, and cannot be so confined in the front yard of the property.

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## Impoundment of animals

If an animal is found running at large off the property of its "owner, keeper or harboreal," it may be seized by the Animal Control Division and impounded until all pound and veterinarian fees are paid.

Impounded animals can be claimed at:

### Great Plains SPCA

Lost Pet Center  
9800 W. 67th Street  
Merriam, KS 66203  
913-742-7329

Failure to reclaim impounded animals within seven days will result in the sale of the animal to private persons, possible humane destruction, or enforcement action.

## Animal bites

Whenever an animal bites, scratches or otherwise injures a person, the animal shall be quarantined immediately at the owner's expense with a veterinarian of the owner's choice whose place of business is within Johnson County or with the City's impounding agent.

If the investigating officer determines that the animal that injured the person did so while confined on a chain or leash on property under the control of the animal's owner; or within a fence, electronic fence or building enclosing property under the control of the animal's owner; and that the animal had an effective rabies inoculation and was duly licensed; the animal may be kept on the owner's property during the quarantine. The owner must also sign a statement ensuring the animal is kept on the property during the quarantine period.

If the injured person insists the animal be quarantined, he or she must be willing to pay the cost of quarantine at the owner's choice of veterinarian.

<b>To report animals running loose and/or</b>	
<b>noisy animals:</b>	<b>913-895-6300</b>
<b>For licensing information:</b>	<b>913-895-6150</b>

## Presentation of animals

The "owner, keeper or harboreal" of all dogs or cats shall physically produce the animal for observation, identification or inspection when requested to do so by an Animal Control or law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe a crime or violation of the Animal Control laws has been committed.

## Fines & penalties

Unless specific penalties are otherwise provided for, violation of the Animal Control laws (including dogs running loose, failure to control cats, noisy animals and property damage caused by animals) is punishable by fines set forth by the Overland Park Municipal Court. Contact a Court Clerk at 913-327-6800 or via email at [opmc@opkansas.org](mailto:opmc@opkansas.org) for citation inquiries.

## Animal welfare



It is illegal for an owner, keeper or harboreal of an animal to fail to provide the animal with adequate care, food, water, health care, shelter and daily exercise. It is also illegal to leave an animal confined to a motor vehicle under weather conditions that endanger its health.

Officers may take into custody, without the owner's permission, on public or private property, any animal which clearly shows evidence of cruelty when failure to do so would result in further injury or pain and suffering to the animal.

## Animal Control

The Overland Park Police Department's Animal Control Division is responsible for enforcing the City's laws. Please call 913-895-6300 to report animals running loose or for additional information concerning Animal Control. For information on licensing requirements please check the City's website at [www.opkansas.org](http://www.opkansas.org) or call the City Clerk's office, 913-895-6150.