



We, at Animal Control work hard to find a balance for dogs, their owners and the general public. We strive to maintain a state of the art facility where 94% of the dogs that come to our shelter are either reunited with their owner or adopted. Our community should be proud that we have such a positive outcome for our homeless and lost pets.

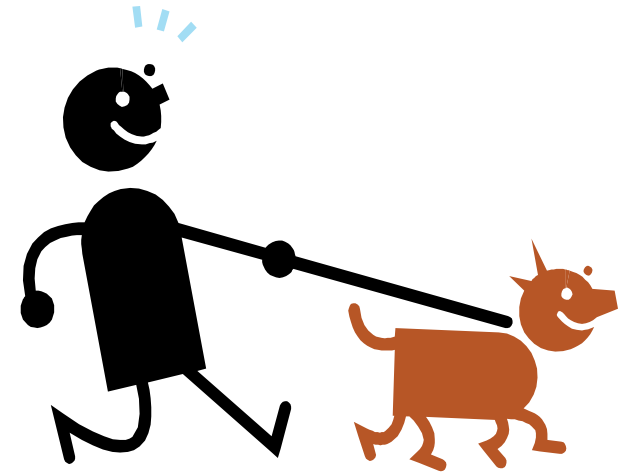
## Animal Control Programs

- **Low Income Spay and Neuter** program for Missoulians' in need to help control the pet over population problem.
- **Great Adoption** program that helps match needy homeless pets with new owners. When looking for your next pet be sure to look at our shelter.
- **Lost & Found** service that helps reunite lost pets with their people.
- **Excellent Animal Control Officers** that help find solutions for those errant pets, and animals in need.
- **Volunteer programs.** Anyone can help our homeless pets. They all need that special one on one time. You can take a dog for a walk, brush it or play ball with it. Cats might like to be brushed or just get a little extra attention.



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# Dog Rules



## A Guide to Missoula's Dog Laws.

What every responsible dog owner should know.



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## Animal Control Ordinances

Missoula's Animal Ordinances have been in effect since the late 1800's. Animal Ordinances are designed to keep the public and animals safe. Here are some of the laws you need to know:

### All Dogs Need a License.

- All dogs in Missoula City and County need a dog license.
- Licensing insures that the dog has had its rabies vaccine which protects the public
- All licensing funds support the Animal Control Program. This program shelters lost and homeless animals, sponsors low income spay & neuter clinics, finds homes for unwanted animals and provides Officers to assist the public in Animal related problems in the community.
- You can get your license at our shelter, City Hall or the County Courthouse, or call us for a mail in form.
- A Rabies Tag is not a license.

### Dogs Need to Be Confined to Your Yard.

- A dog that is allowed to roam free can cause accidents, get into garbage, get into dog fights, threaten people and be a nuisance to your neighbors. **Keep them safe, keep them home.**

### In City Limits Dogs Need to be Walked on a Leash.

- Walking your dog on a leash keeps your pet safe from traffic.
- Walking your dog on a leash prevents dog fights.
- Some people don't like dogs running up to them.
- Dogs can be off leash any where outside of city limits and in the city at Jacobs Island Bark Park, Waterworks Hill, and Mt. Sentinel (dogs on the M trail must be leashed). When walking on the trails the dog needs to be leashed for the first 300 yards of the trail. **Walking off leash means that your dog must be under voice control.** That means your dog comes when it is called and that you can see and communicate with your dog at all times!

### Your Dogs Leash Needs to be Held Onto.

- You cannot tie your dog to a parking meter or bike rack while you go shopping or visit a business. Tying your dog up and leaving it is not safe for the dog; it may make it nervous and scared. Dogs have been known to be stolen when left like this. Some people who are afraid of dogs do not like to walk past them on the sidewalk. If you can't take it in the shop with you it's best to leave your dog at home.

### You Need to Pick up Your Dog's Poop.

- There are bags provided at all the parks and trails.
- Have you ever seen anyone enjoy stepping in poop??

### You Need to Keep Your Dog From Disturbing Your Neighbors.

- You cannot let your dog bark for prolonged periods of time. Your neighbors should be able to enjoy their home without listening to your dog.

