



## Out and About

Never leave home without your dog's collar, license, and leash. Dogs must be under the control of their owners at all times. The fine for an "at large" dog is \$100.

## Pets in Cars

Pets should not be left unattended in cars. Even 10 minutes in a car on a hot day could result in temperatures high enough to cause a dog to suffer heat stroke. Within moments, it could sustain permanent brain damage. If emergency care is not given, your pet could die.

## Dog Parks

Off-leash dog parks are located at Alton Baker, Amazon, Wayne Morse Family Farm, and Candlelight parks.

Dog owners must abide by park and animal control rules to enjoy these parks:

- ▶ Dogs must be vaccinated and licensed, with the license prominently displayed on your pet.
- ▶ Solid waste must be removed immediately by the pet owner.
- ▶ Female dogs in heat are not allowed.
- ▶ Dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the park.
- ▶ Dogs must be under control of the pet owner at all times.

## Do you Want to Adopt a Pet?

Many impounded animals can be adopted from Lane County Animal Services.

Check our website at [www.lanecounty.org/Animals/](http://www.lanecounty.org/Animals/) for pet photos and information about adopting.

## Minding Manners

- ▶ Some owners find it acceptable for animals to jump on them, but others could find it frightening. Basic obedience training can help your dog learn to sit or stay while meeting other people and their pets.
- ▶ Yes, you have to pick it up. Being a pet owner means being responsible for picking up your pet's waste - both on and off your property. Always carry plastic bags with you and immediately pick up and discard the waste in an appropriate garbage.

## Lost or Found Animals

- ▶ If you have found an animal, look for a license to return a lost pet directly to their owner and/or check for a microchip. LCAS and most local veterinarians can assist with locating a microchip.
- ▶ Check with LCAS immediately! LCAS is required to hold animals for 3 business days if your pet is without valid identification, and 5 business days if your pet has valid I.D. If tags are not traceable, such as invalid address or disconnected phone number, your animal will be held for 3 business days.
- ▶ Call LCAS at 682-3647 to assist you in reporting a lost or found pet report.
- ▶ Call local veterinarian(s) to report a found pet or seek information on missing pets.
- ▶ Contact other shelters within your area.
- ▶ Visit [www.lanecounty.org/Animals](http://www.lanecounty.org/Animals) to view currently impounded animals or for information on lost and found animals.

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**Remember to Love, License and Spay/Neuter Your Pet!**

Bringing a new family member into your home is exciting - it's also a responsibility. Your pet relies on you for their care, feeding, training, health, and overall well-being. Lane County Animal Services encourages responsible pet care and works to ensure that people and their pets live in safety and harmony.

So, are you pet ready? Read on to learn how you can be a stellar pet owner.

## Pet Licensing & Identification

One of the most important steps in your guide to being a responsible pet owner is the purchase of a license. Remember, a pet's license is their phone call home should they become lost!

### Dogs

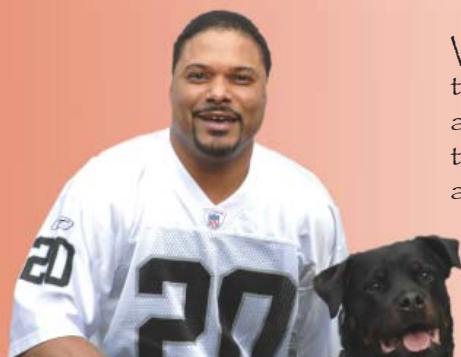
Every dog in unincorporated Lane County must obtain a license when one of two things occurs:

- ▶ Either the dog reaches the age of six months, or
- ▶ It obtains its permanent canine teeth, whichever comes first.

Failure to provide and keep the license current may result in a late fee and/or fine.

### Cats

There is no legal requirement to license your cat or kitten. However, voluntarily doing so will help us return your pet if they're lost.



We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

-Immanuel Kant

## Spaying & Neutering your Pet

When you adopt a pet from LCAS, your animal will be spayed or neutered. Whether you find your pet at LCAS or through other means, spaying and neutering is part of responsible pet ownership.

Breeding can occur at any time of the year, contributing to pet overpopulation. This leaves Lane County with many adoptable animals without the loving home they deserve.

Spaying or neutering is the most common animal surgery. It's safe and requires minimal home care. Pets typically resume normal behavior a few days after surgery.

## Around the House

Is your home pet ready? Check out these safety tips before bringing your new pet home.

- ▶ Pay attention to areas around the house where a dog's tail can contact dangerous items, such as glass or items that could fall over and cause injury.
- ▶ Make sure household cleaning items, car repair fluids, and medications are kept away from pets and their food.
- ▶ Keep pets away from open flames.
- ▶ Check your dryer. Cats and kittens may climb inside where it's warm. Take a look before you throw in the next load.
- ▶ Ensure that your fence or dog run is intact and the gates are secured.

## What's for Dinner?

Keeping your pet healthy and happy includes maintaining your pet's eating habits.

- ▶ Fresh, cool drinking water must always be available to your cat or dog.
- ▶ Keep your pet's diet consistent.
- ▶ Avoid feeding your pets table scraps - particularly bones, which can splinter and become lodged in the throat or intestines.
- ▶ Do not feed your dog chocolate as it can be fatal.
- ▶ Do not provide your cat with milk. It often causes diarrhea in adult cats and they don't need it.

## Pets at Play

Pets, like humans, require exercise to stay fit.

Toys for cats include items they can chase, pull, bat, or climb into, like:

- ▶ Paper bags (plastic bags are dangerous) or boxes. Gently scratch on an opposite end of the bag to interest your cat.
- ▶ Round objects/balls that pets cannot swallow.
- ▶ Milk carton rings (excellent batting toys).
- ▶ Wadded-up paper.

For dogs, exercise includes walks in the park and playing in the yard. The best toys for dogs are educational and interactive. A new generation of toys dispense treats and food as your dog plays and learns. A busy, happy dog won't have time to engage in destructive behavior.

...he will be our friend for always and always and always.

-Rudyard Kipling

I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being.

-Abraham Lincoln