

DOG LAWS



THE CITY
OF
LAKE OSWEGO



LICENSING: LOC 31.02.115

All dogs that reside in the City of Lake Oswego must be licensed by the City of Lake Oswego. **Please contact 503-635-0255 for any questions regarding licensing of dogs.**

DOGS IN PARKS: LOC 34.12.600



All dogs must be leashed in public parks unless:

They are in one of the six designated off leash areas: Hazelia Field, Luscher Farm, Pilkington Park, West Waluga, Park, Southwood I Park, and McNary Park.

UNDER CONTROL: LOC 31.02.120

Any time a dog is in a public place in Lake Oswego with the keeper, the dog must be under the control of the keeper. Even in a designated “off leash” dog park, the keeper must be present and is responsible for the dog’s behavior.

VICIOUS DOG: ORS 609.990 and LOC 31.02.120

If your dog bites a person or another dog, you are responsible for damages. If you feel threatened by a dog, do not run. It may trigger the dog’s chase response. Instead, try yelling a command in a firm tone, remain calm and move slowly.

If you or your dog have been bitten by a dog, immediately report the incident. Please attempt to get a good description and the full name of the owner. If it occurs in Lake Oswego, call 503-635-0238.

AT LARGE: LOC 31.02.120/ORS 811.200

The City of Lake Oswego Police Department has the authority to impound your dog for running at large and issue you a citation. You will also pay boarding fees to have your dog released.

BARKING: LOC 31.02.120

Any continuous and unnecessary barking by your dog, that is disruptive to the neighborhood, could result in a citation for you. If your dog isn’t alerting you, it should be quiet. **Tips: If your dog barks while you’re gone, it’s probably just lonely. Try leaving a radio on and make sure the dog has a companion pet or lots of toys to keep it from getting bored. When you yell at a barking dog to stop, they think you are barking too. Instead, try giving them a command like “lay down”.**

FUN FACTS ABOUT DOGS

Canis Familiaris is their Latin name.

狗 is the Chinese symbol for dog.

Dog’s sense of smell =1000x ours.

The only Barkless dog?: Basenji

There are 701 types of pure breed dogs.

94% of pet owners say their pet makes them smile at least once a day.

The Pug dog may have gotten its name from looking like the pug monkey.

People who own pets live longer with less stress

It is a myth that dogs are color blind. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.

A dog’s mouth exerts 150-450 pounds of pressure per square inch

Humans have kept dogs as pets for over 12,000 years

ABUSE AND NEGLECT



ABUSE

ABUSE occurs when an animal is physically or recklessly handled or otherwise endangered

SOME SIGNS OF ABUSE:

Broken bones
Internal injuries
Damage to the eyes or eye area
Abrasions
Drowning
Burns
Frequent injuries

NEGLECT

NEGLECT occurs when the basic needs of the animal are not being met.

SOME SIGNS OF NEGLECT:

Unusually thin and weak
Timid and cowardly
Matted/un-groomed fur
Collar that is too tight

Nutrition and Health Care are very necessary parts of pet ownership. Animals must receive proper nutrition, grooming, and receive regular check-ups. Failing to provide these basic needs to your pet is a crime.

Do not hesitate to call the Police if you suspect abuse or neglect.

If the animal lives in Lake Oswego, call 503-635-0238 and the Officer will contact the animal's owner(s), check vet records, and meet the animal to make sure the animal is being properly cared for.

DOGS IN CARS:

Leaving your dog in a vehicle during high temperatures could compromise the health of your dog and possibly cause its death. Consider the potential temperature inside of your vehicle before leaving your dog in the car. Make sure the windows are cracked about an inch and the dog has a source of water. Often people will say "my dog *wanted* to come with me". Know when to leave your dog home.

If you drive with your dog inside the vehicle, please be aware that an unsecured dog inside a vehicle will become a projectile in a crash. People have died from projectiles. Consider using a travel kennel or divider. Traveling with an animal, **unsecured in the external part of a motor vehicle** is a Class D traffic Violation of ORS 811.200.

Do not allow your pet to ride in your lap. Not only can it be a distraction for you, but can cause serious injury or death to you or your pet if the airbag deploys.



Per ORS chapter 167, if your pet's health is compromised or if your pet is injured or killed because you were reckless, negligent, or abusive, you could be convicted of a crime.

OREGON LAW: ORS Chapter 167

LAKE OSWEGO LAW: LOC 31.02.120

**LAKE OSWEGO NON-EMERGENCY:
503-635-0238**