

## Keeping dangerous animals is prohibited

City Ordinance prohibits the keeping, sheltering or harboring for any purpose within the City of Dubuque, any dangerous animal, as defined in Section 7-6D-1.

Dangerous animal includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 🐾 Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx and bobcats;
- 🐾 Wolves, coyotes and foxes;
- 🐾 Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunks and mink;
- 🐾 Raccoons;
- 🐾 Bears;
- 🐾 All apes, baboons, macaques, monkeys and chimpanzees;
- 🐾 Alligators and crocodiles;
- 🐾 Scorpions;
- 🐾 Snakes and reptiles that are venomous;
- 🐾 Snakes that are constrictors, with the exception of Sand Boa Constrictors;
- 🐾 Gila monsters;
- 🐾 Opossums; and
- 🐾 Any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified above.



### City of Dubuque Animal Control

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### LAWS & RULES



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## Your Pet and the Law

The City of Dubuque's animal control laws protect both people and pets. Even though people have the right to own pets, sometimes animals cause health, safety and nuisance problems.

## Licensing is Required

(Please refer to next page for licensing information.)

-  Dogs and cats must be licensed when they are 4 months old
-  Provides evidence that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies
-  Helps identify a lost pet
-  All tags must be attached to pet's collar or harness

## Leash Law

Dogs and cats must not run "at-large" or they will be impounded at the Dubuque Regional Humane Society, 175 N. Crescent Ridge Road, 582-6766.

Animals must be:

-  Leashed OR restrained to not go beyond a property line.
-  Confined on or within the owner's property.

## Impoundment processes & fees

1st offense—\$30.00

2nd & subsequent offenses—\$60.00

Impoundment fee must be paid at City Clerk's Office, City Hall, before the animal may be claimed from the Humane Society.

## How to purchase dog and cat licenses



-  For a new pet, you will need to:  
Mail current rabies vaccination certificate for each pet
-  Mail proof of spaying/neutered (if it applies)

Mailing Address:

Dubuque Animal Licensing  
c/o PetData  
P.O. Box 141929  
Irving, TX 75014-1929  
1-800-738-3463

## License fees:

\$12 for spayed/neutered pets  
\$30 for NOT spayed/neutered  
\$10 delinquent fee

Make check or money order payable to:  
Dubuque Animal Licensing

\*\*OR\*\*

If you receive an invoice from PetData, the license can be purchased on-line at [www.petdata.com](http://www.petdata.com).

On the website:  
Select Dubuque from the dropdown list of cities/counties.

Click online licensing.

You will need the reference number from the mailing to purchase the license on line.

If you purchase the license on-line, a small transaction fee will apply.



## Rabies Vaccinations

All dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies when they are four (4) months old. The vaccinations are either done on a one year or three year schedule.

## Animal Bites

All bites must be reported to the Health Services Department by calling 589-4185. An investigation and follow-up will be conducted. The animal may be confined for ten (10) days at a veterinarian clinic or the animal may be observed with home confinement if it meets very specific criteria, and is approved by the Animal Control Officer.

## Owner Responsibilities

### Do:

Create a safe and secure environment for your pet...they count on you.

Provide fresh food and water daily.

Confine a female dog in heat so it cannot attract male dogs.

### Don't:

Allow animal waste to accumulate. The odors are offensive and unhealthy to both humans and animals.

Allow pets to endanger any person or domestic animal.

Allow pets to make excessive, persistent noise (barking, etc.) which disturbs others.

Allow pets to defecate on public walks, recreation areas, or other private property. Waste must be removed immediately and disposed of properly.

