**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 attack or interfere any person or domestic animal.
- Allow pets to make excessive, persistent noise (barking, etc.) that disturbs others.
- Keep domestic animals in unoccupied properties or buildings.

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**City of Dubuque Animal Control**

City Hall Annex
1300 Main Street
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Phone: 563.589.4185  Fax: 563.589.4299
Email: animalcontrol@cityofdubuque.org
www.cityofdubuque.org/animalcontrol

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**Trails and Parks**

**DOGS AND CATS ARE ALLOWED ON LEASH AT:**
All City parks, parkways, trails or open spaces unless there is a prohibitory sign posted. Service animals used by persons with disabilities are the exception.

**DOGS AND CATS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT:**
Bunker Hill Golf Course, Nicholas J. Sutton or Flora Park Swimming Pool, Veterans Memorial Plaza within Gerald “Red” McAleece Park and Recreation Complex, fenced in sporting areas including courts, fields, rinks, arenas, skate parks, playground and recreational areas designed for use by children, and where a prohibitory sign is posted.

Dogs and cats are allowed in vehicles in the following parks: (as long as they stay in the vehicle the entire time and have access to water and shade while unattended)
- Eagle Point Park
- Murphy Park
- Marshall Park and Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

**Pet Park**

Dogs are allowed off leash at the City’s Pet park located off North Grandview Avenue, adjacent to Bunker Hill Golf Course. The park is fenced in and offers separate areas for large and small dogs.

Park hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The Pet Park has a $1 daily user fee per pet. Annual passes are available for $25 for Dubuque residents or $35 for non-residents.

For more information and a map of City park locations, call 563.589.4263 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/petpark.

**Pet Waste Disposal**

Pet owners must pick up all droppings deposited when walking their pet on public walks, recreation areas, or other private property. Pet owners must keep personal property free of pet waste. Waste must be removed immediately and disposed of properly.
Dogs and cats must be licensed when they are six (6) months old or within 30 days of obtaining the animal. Licensing provides evidence that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies and also helps identify a pet if it goes missing. License tags must be attached to pet.

The City of Dubuque sells dog and cat licenses through PetData, Inc., a firm that specializes in handling pet licensing services throughout the country.

Annual licensing fees are as follows:
- $14 for spayed/neutered pets
- $34 for NOT spayed/neutered
- $16 delinquent fee
- $5 for replacement tag

**LICENSING A NEW PET**

**Via mail**
Mail current rabies vaccination certificate and proof of spaying/neutering (if applicable) for each pet to:

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

Make check or money order payable to:  
Dubuque Animal Licensing

**Online (small transaction fee applies)**
If you receive an invoice from PetData, the license may be purchased online at www.petdata.com under the “For Pet Owners” tab. Under that tab, click on “License Now” and enter your zip code, and select the Online option.

If you received a mailing, use the reference number from the mailing to purchase the license online. Each animal has its own reference number.

For questions on licensing, contact Animal Control at 563-589-4185.

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**Rabies Vaccinations**

All dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies when they are six (6) months old.

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**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.

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**Leash Law and Impoundment**

Animals must be leashed OR restricted to not go beyond owner’s property line. Pets must be leashed at all times when off the owner or keeper’s property (except at the pet park- see back side), or John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area for water retrieval exercise. Unleashed pets accompanied by the owner while jogging, cycling, visiting parks, etc., violate city regulations.

Dogs and cats running “at-large” will be impounded at the Dubuque Regional Humane Society, 4242 Chavenelle Road, 563-582-6766.

1st offense—$30
2nd & subsequent offenses—$60

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**Prohibited Animals**

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 and some ball pythons (see City Code Section 7-6D-1 C, 9);
- gila monsters;
- opossums; and
- any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified above.