

# BETTER CITIES FOR PETS™ ASSESSMENT



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# BACKGROUND

## PET-FRIENDLY

## COMMUNITY

## CITY

## COUNCIL

## PRIORITY

At the 2018 goal setting session, The City Council adopted the Pet-Friendly Community: Policy Direction and Actions as a Policy Agenda High Priority. The guidance from the Council included that this would not be only about pets in parks but would engage partners in how we could become a more pet-friendly community. According to Iowa Code Chapter 717E, "pet" means a living animal which is limited to a dog, cat, or an animal normally maintained in a small tank or cage in or near a residence, including but not limited to a rabbit, gerbil, hamster, mouse, parrot, canary, mynah, finch, tropical fish, goldfish, snake, turtle, gecko, or iguana.

IMAGINE DUBUQUE 2037: A CALL TO ACTION. 2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**Dog-friendliness:** Making Dubuque “dog friendly” is an important consideration in helping the City’s appeal as a socially vibrant and desirable place to live. While public management in the past typically confined canine issues to enforcement of the municipal code around public health, animal control, and leash laws today, “dog friendliness” and dog infrastructure are part of a socially vibrant city. As noted on the Travel Dubuque website, dogs are part and parcel of family life for locals and travelers alike, and the ability to walk to “dog friendly” recreation areas is increasingly seen as an expected part of a municipal recreation system. Dog parks (i.e. fully fenced off-leash areas with water and trash services where dogs may run freely) are an expected feature of any community that purports to attract millennials; at present, the City has only the Pet Park adjacent to Bunker Hill Golf Course. The need to revisit limits on dogs in public parks, and to provide park infrastructure, was emphasized in the public engagement process.

This Comprehensive Plan also contained these recommendations related to pet-friendly community.

- Re-evaluate the Parks and Recreation Plan, potentially through a strategic update or addendum, to identify opportunities to provide flexible, programmable space; improve active recreation connectivity in neighborhoods; and enhance Dubuque’s “dog-friendliness.”
- Evaluate and revise, as appropriate, the dog-related policies for all of Dubuque’s park and recreation facilities.

## TOOLS USED IN ASSESSMENT

Mayor Roy Buol returned from the United States Conference of Mayors with a Playbook for Pet-Friendly Cities (<https://www.bettercitiesforpets.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Mars-Petcare-Playbook-For-Pet-Friendly-Cities-2019-LR.pdf>), Pet-Friendly City Assessment(<https://www.marspetnutrition.us/pet-friendly-city-assessment/>), Pet-Friendly How-To Guide ([http://www.usmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/FINAL\\_USCM\\_HowToGuide\\_PRINT-sm.pdf](http://www.usmayors.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/FINAL_USCM_HowToGuide_PRINT-sm.pdf)), and 12 Traits of

Friendly Cities. This information was used as the basis for this assessment and document as well as a reference for potential best practices.

## **THE PROCESS**

After the approval of an action plan process by the City Council at the November 19, 2018 City Council Meeting, representatives were selected/appointed by each of the groups/organizations outlined in the council memo. Those representatives are listed below. The work group met most every other week to review information, facts and data, listen to presentations, review drafts, work on the Community survey, and research information.

It was anticipated the data collection and assessment would take six to nine months to complete. The first identified deliverable of the work group was to complete the Pet-Friendly Community Assessment.

The work group used the U.S. Conference of Mayors Pet-Friendly City Assessment as their guide in developing this assessment of Dubuque.

The work group members are:

Cori Burbach, Assistant City Manager (Co-Facilitator of Work Group)

Jeremy Jensen, Assistant Police Chief (Co-Facilitator of Work Group)

Laura Carstens, Planning Services Manager

Steve Fehsal, Parks Division Manager

Marie Ware, Leisure Services Manager

Mary Rose Corrigan, Public Health Specialist

Laura Merrick, Dubuque Humane Society Representative

Rebecca Kuhle, Parks and Recreation Commission Representative

Lisa Johnson, Friendly Intelligent Dog Owners (FIDO) Representative

Marianne Kirkendall, Pet Business Representative (Colonial Terrace Vet)

Paul Hoffmann, Community Representative

Alternates:

Mallory Schmid, Friendly Intelligent Dog Owners (FIDO) Alternate

Ray Werner, Parks and Recreation Commission Representative Alternate

Jennifer Tigges, Parks and Recreation Commission Representative Alternate #2

Robin MacFarlane, Pet Business Representative (That's My Dog)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Pet-Friendly Community Assessment**

In 2018, the Dubuque City Council identified “pet-friendly community” as a high priority for assessment and action in future policy direction. The City has recognized that “pet friendliness,” and specifically “dog friendliness,” is an important consideration in the social and cultural fabric of a community and contributes to expectations of a vibrant and desirable place to live.

As part of this initiative, the City Council directed formation of a working group made up of city officials and representatives, businesses, and citizens. This group worked through an assessment tool called the “Better Cities for Better Pets” Program (<https://www.marspetnutrition.us/pet-friendly-city-assessment/>) which has been promoted by the US Conference of Mayors.

The following report represents the collaborative effort of this working group to amass information and statistics for review of this topic. The assessment looks at 4 foundational pillars of a pet-friendly community: Shelters, Homes, Parks and Businesses. This information is preceded by an in-depth City Profile section. A major part of this assessment also included a community survey based on these four foundational pillars. A summary of these results is included in the working group’s assessment of each section, and the full results are part of the appendix.

### **City Profile**

- Dubuque has a population of 58,410 making up 23,934 households
- Using statistics by the American Veterinary Medical Association, it is estimated that 8,735 of those households own dogs and 7,883 households own cats.
- Over 10,000 pets are licensed in the city. Dubuque has a robust and successful (when compared to other communities) level of licensure for these pets.

### **Shelter Profile**

An important aspect of pet-friendliness is the accessibility and quality of animal shelter and rescue services available.

- Animal shelters not only provide a safe place for lost or stray animals, but also a potential center for education on pet ownership.
- According to the assessment and survey results, the community has an overall positive image of the shelter services provided by the Dubuque Regional Humane Society.

### **Homes Profile**

- A central part of promoting pet-friendliness is access to housing that allows for pets, both in the rental and owned properties.

- With regards to owned properties, developers need to consider aspects such as allowances for fencing, installation of sidewalks and walking trails (even in developments where the city does not require this), access to greenspace, and waterproof flooring materials.
- The pet-friendliness of rental housing in Dubuque was assessed by several means, notably a phone survey of a sampling of landlords in Dubuque regarding pet access, and by the results of the community survey.
- Overall, it was noted that pet-friendly housing options are limited in Dubuque.

### **Parks Profile**

- Parks are an important aspect of pet-friendliness, particularly for dog owners. For proper care, dogs should have access to greenspace available several times a day.
- This need for frequent and regular use of outside spaces has the added benefit of promoting physical and social health. As citizens are more active and outside several times daily, there are more opportunities for interacting with neighbors and building social capital, for dog owners and non-owners.
- Dubuque has a large and diverse network of parks, trails, and greenspaces. Pets are restricted from most parks in Dubuque but can access trails and greenspaces.
- Ability to interact with dogs off-leash in a safe, contained, appropriately designed space helps foster training, exercise, and socialization interactions for dogs, helping to make them “better citizens.” There are two off-leash dog parks in Dubuque, one city-owned and one managed by the Dubuque Regional Humane Society.
- As part of this assessment, the top 15 population centers in Iowa were surveyed and assessed on park access for pets. It was found that Dubuque is the only community on this list that does not allow leashed pets to all public park spaces. [link to community park access table]

### **Businesses Profile**

- The pet component of the economy is one of vigorous growth. According to the American Pet Products Association, the US Pet Industry is expected to top \$75.38 billion dollars in 2019. Even during times of recession, the pet industry has continued to grow.
- In this evaluation, the working group looked at businesses that provide vet services, training services, boarding, and supplies. Additionally, pet access to restaurants and businesses was assessed. Only one restaurant has applied for a variance from the state code that prohibits pets in restaurants.
- The results of the community survey indicated there is significant room for growth in pet-related businesses, particularly boarding and grooming.

### Pet-friendly Community Survey

- The community survey has been referenced several times in this document and provides key information about respondent's views regarding pet-friendliness in Dubuque. This survey was distributed to gather citizen responses to questions in all of the above categories. It was completed by 615 people. The full results and comments are available for your review.

The information in this analysis has shown that Dubuque has significant opportunities for growth in pet-friendly criteria. Members of this working group are available to discuss these issues further along with ideas for progress. We submit this document to the Dubuque Parks & Recreation Commission and the Dubuque City Council for their consideration.

# CITY PROFILE

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HAPPY PETS

WELCOME PETS

HEALTHY PETS

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

## CITY PROFILE

The City of Dubuque, Iowa, is located to the west of the Mississippi River with bridges connecting the infrastructure to Wisconsin and Illinois. First settled in 1833, this community has been enjoying a recent surge in growth due to its social and cultural opportunities, broadening economy, revitalization programs, environmental protection initiatives and high marks for livability. Dubuque has won an All-America City Award 5 times, most recently in 2019. [<https://www.nationalcivicleague.org/america-city-award/>]

## CITY/COMMUNITY BASE DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Area (square miles): **31.63 square miles**<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> [https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community\\_facts.xhtml](https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml)

Population: **58,410<sup>2</sup>**

Number of Households: **23,932**

Average Number of People per Household: **2.20**

Number of Households that are Owner-Occupied: **15,176**

Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households (total number of owner-occupied households divided by total number of households): **63.41%**

Estimated Number of Rental Units: **Approximately 10,000**

Estimated Percentage of Rental Units (total number of rental units divided by total number of households): **36.58%**

## **CITY/COMMUNITY PET STATISTICS**

Refer to Appendix A on page 53 Calculation of Pet Statistics for process to establish statistics.

Estimated Number of Dog-Owning Households: **8,735<sup>3</sup>**

Estimated Number of Dogs: **15,144**

Percentage of Dog-Owning Households (total number of dog-owning households divided by total number of households): **36.50%**

Estimated Number of Cat-Owning Households: **7,883**

Estimated Number of Cats: **16,555**

Percentage of Cat-Owning Households (total number of cat-owning households divided by total number of households): **33%**

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<sup>2</sup> American Fact Finder, 2017 Estimate

<sup>3</sup> Based on American Veterinary Medicinal Association (AVMA) calculator.

## LICENSING INFORMATION

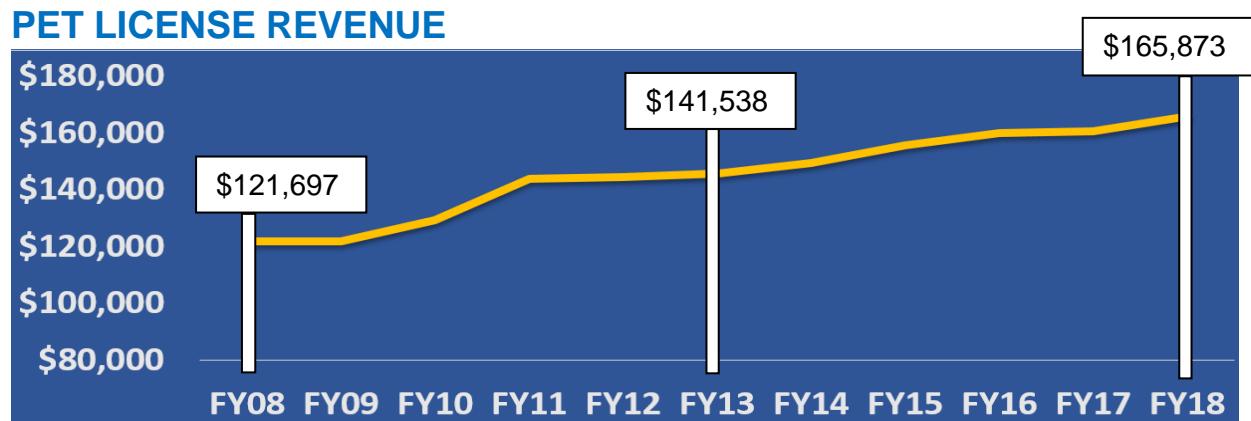
The City of Dubuque requires all dogs and cats to be licensed when they are six (6) months or older within 30 days of obtaining the animal. Annual license fees are \$12 per year for spayed and neutered for each pet and \$30 for not spayed/neutered pet. Annual pet license renewal reminders are sent at least one month prior to renewal dates with a following post card reminder.

## PET LICENSE STATISTICS BY YEAR



Since 2007, the City has outsourced pet license sales. The Health Services Department researched various software packages for pet licensing, and ultimately contracted with PetData, a firm whose only function is to provide full-service pet licensing to communities. Since contracting with PetData in 2007, license revenue has increased by 31% and the number of licenses sold has increased 26%.

## PET LICENSE REVENUE



## WHY THE CITY OF DUBUQUE USES PETDATA?

The Health Services Department investigated outsourcing pet license sales in 2007 due to the incredibly time consuming, cumbersome, and often inefficient system used. The City's pet licensing database was housed through the Information Services Department's Pentamation system, primarily administered by the City Clerk's Office and also utilized and updated by the Health Services Department. The Health Services Department also entered all animal rabies certificates into the database; which are supplied by local veterinarians as required by the City Ordinance. Since Pentamation was primarily a finance software system, it was tailored to track and issue pet licenses, but was cumbersome at best.

The Health Services Department researched various software packages for pet licensing, and also had discussions with PetData, a firm whose only function is to provide full-service pet licensing to communities.

- PetData's system enables the City to sell pet licenses year-round, instead of only the three-month time periods of January – March (for dogs) and July – September (for cats). Selling licenses year-round, with renewals on the date of purchase, does not penalize citizens buying licenses for their dogs in, for example, November or December when they have to turn around and buy a new one sometime between January – March. Licenses can also be able to be purchased online and via credit and/or debit card with PetData.
- Partly due to the amount of workload required for inputting pet license data, the City Clerk proposed adding a part-time secretary beginning January 1, 2008. This position was no longer necessary by utilizing PetData.
- In addition to staff time savings in the Clerk's office, Health Services and Information Services Departments staff do not have to maintain a pet licensing software system.
- Local veterinarians can send rabies information directly to PetData, eliminating the data entry step performed by City staff.
- To date, license revenue is increased by 31% and the number of licenses sold has increased 26%. This revenue helps pay for the animal control activity.

The City evaluates PetData upon contract renewal which occurs approximately every 2 years.

## DUBUQUE ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS AND RULES

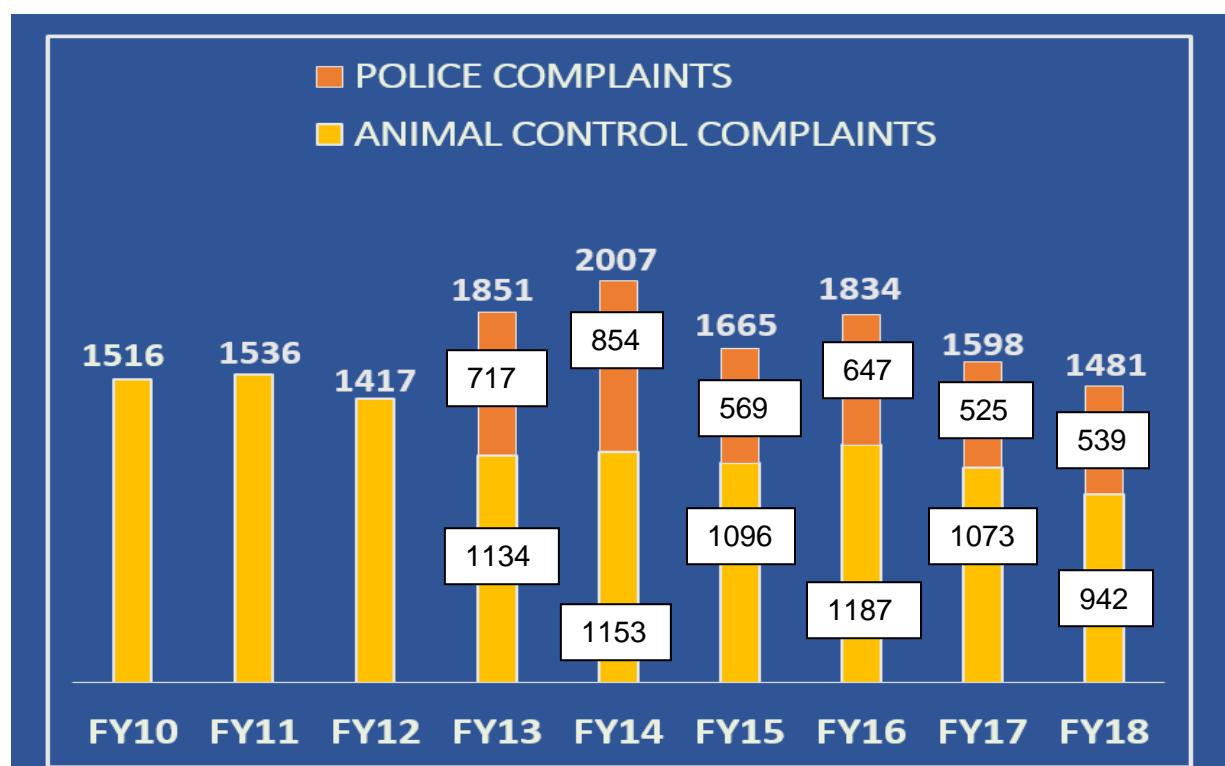
The City of Dubuque has an Animal Control Unit that is a part of the Health Department. Appendix B on pages 54 to 55 is a quick reference guide to Dubuque's Animal Control Rules and Laws. Appendix C on pages 56 to 69 is the Animal Control Ordinances and Appendix D on page 70 is the Parks Ordinance regarding dogs, cats, and other domestic animals.

## ANIMAL CONTROL DUTIES

Animal Control enforces the City Animal Ordinance which provides for licensing of all cats and dogs, the prohibition of dogs and cats running at-large within the city, inoculation of all dogs and cats against rabies, investigation of animal bites and assurance of proper rabies confinement, prohibition of harboring a vicious or potentially vicious animal or dangerous animal and prohibition of animals causing serious disturbance or nuisance. Current Animal Control staffing levels do not allow time for community outreach and education on animal control and responsible pet ownership issues.

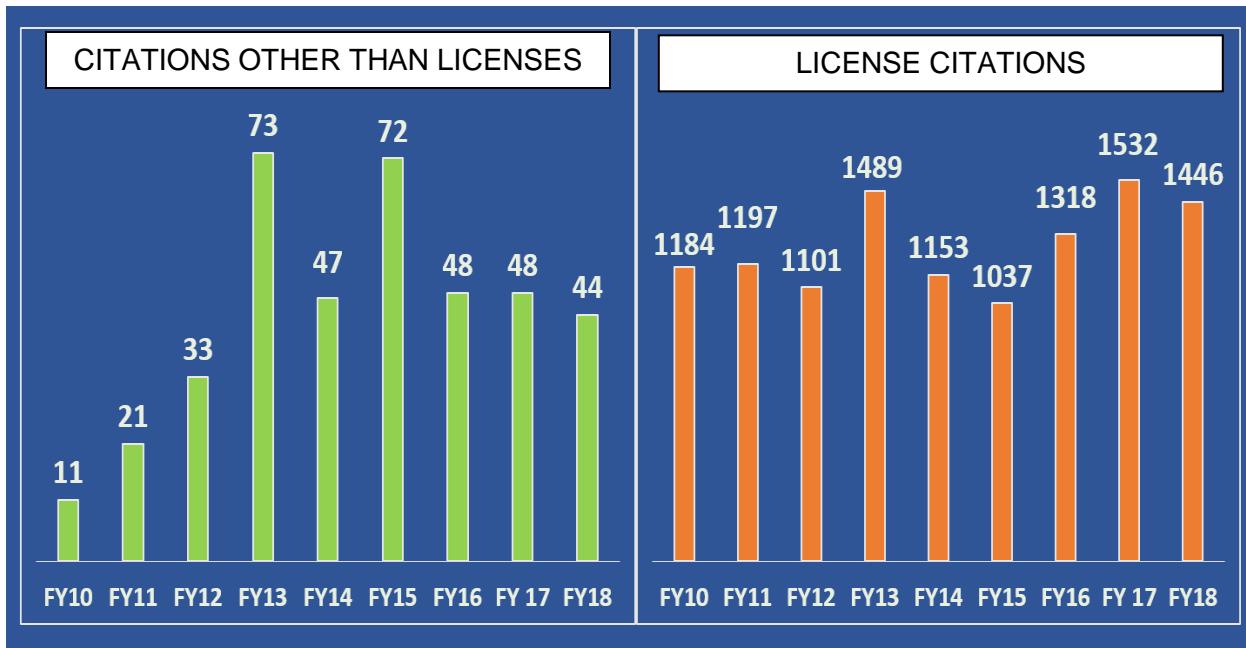
## CITY/COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

### ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINTS



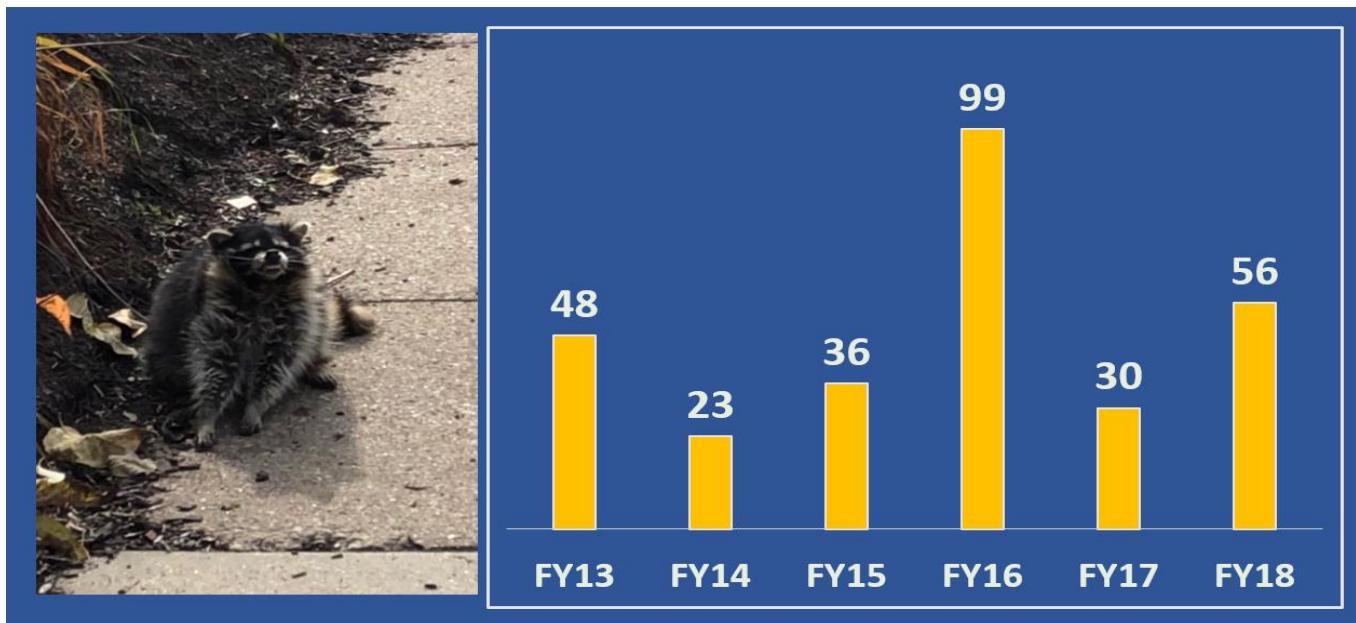
When Animal control is not on-duty (i.e., evenings, nights, weekends, holidays, training, etc.), Police cover animal emergencies and complaints. This amounts to significant time and expenditure for the Police Department, who are not as thoroughly trained in animal control.

## ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS ISSUED

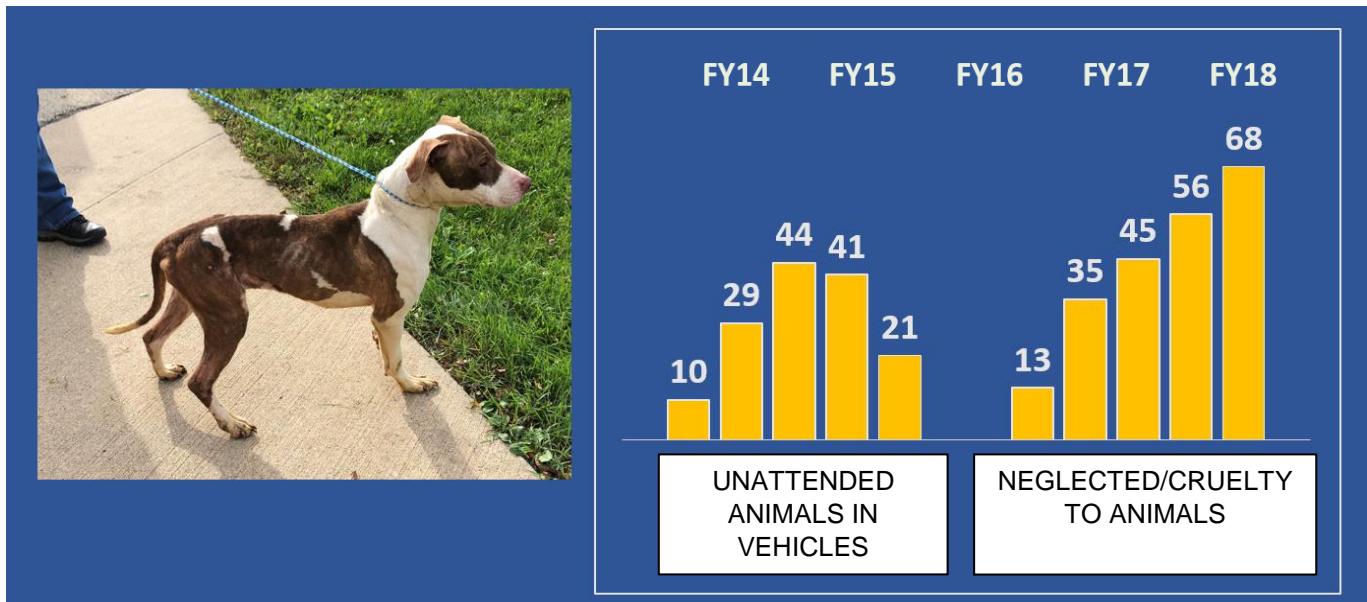


Citations other than licensing are issued for failure to vaccinate for rabies, running loose, failure to confine an animal that has bitten a person, improper waste disposal, harboring a vicious animal, improper restraint, failure to restrain, nuisance, keeping an animal in an unoccupied property, etc.

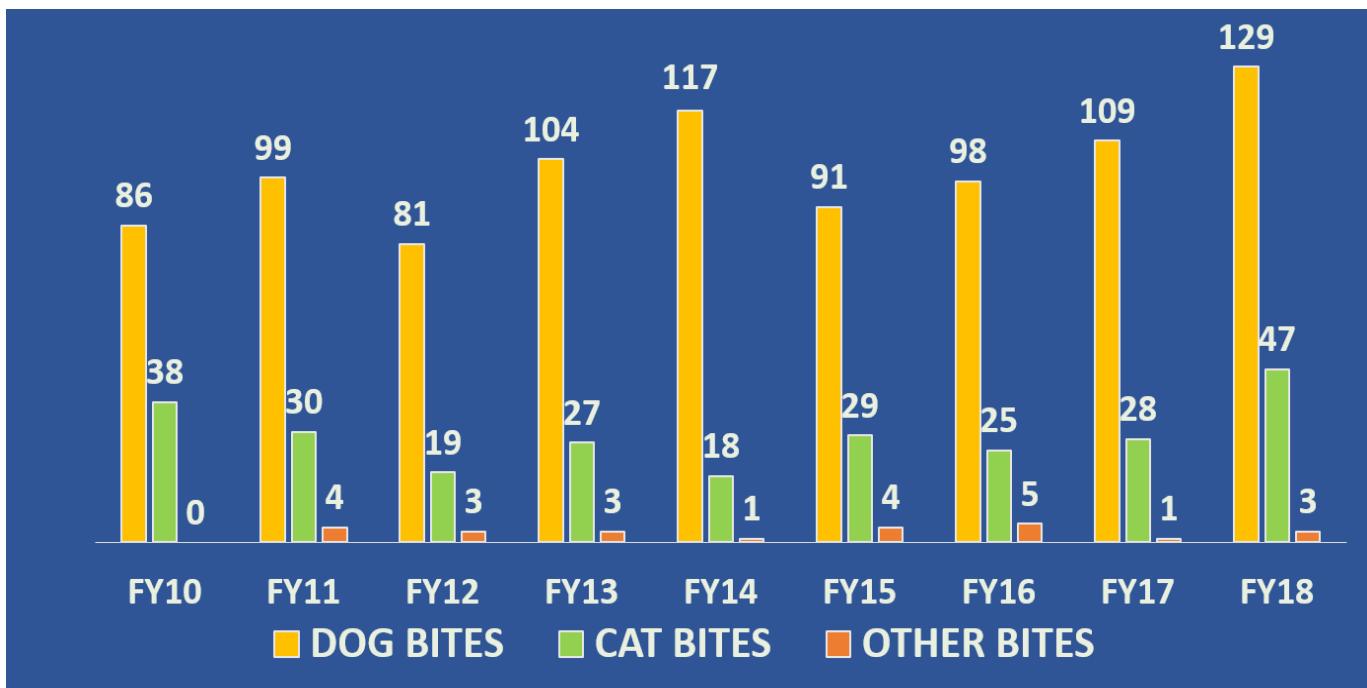
## WILD ANIMAL COMPLAINTS



## CRUELTY/NEGLECT VIOLATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

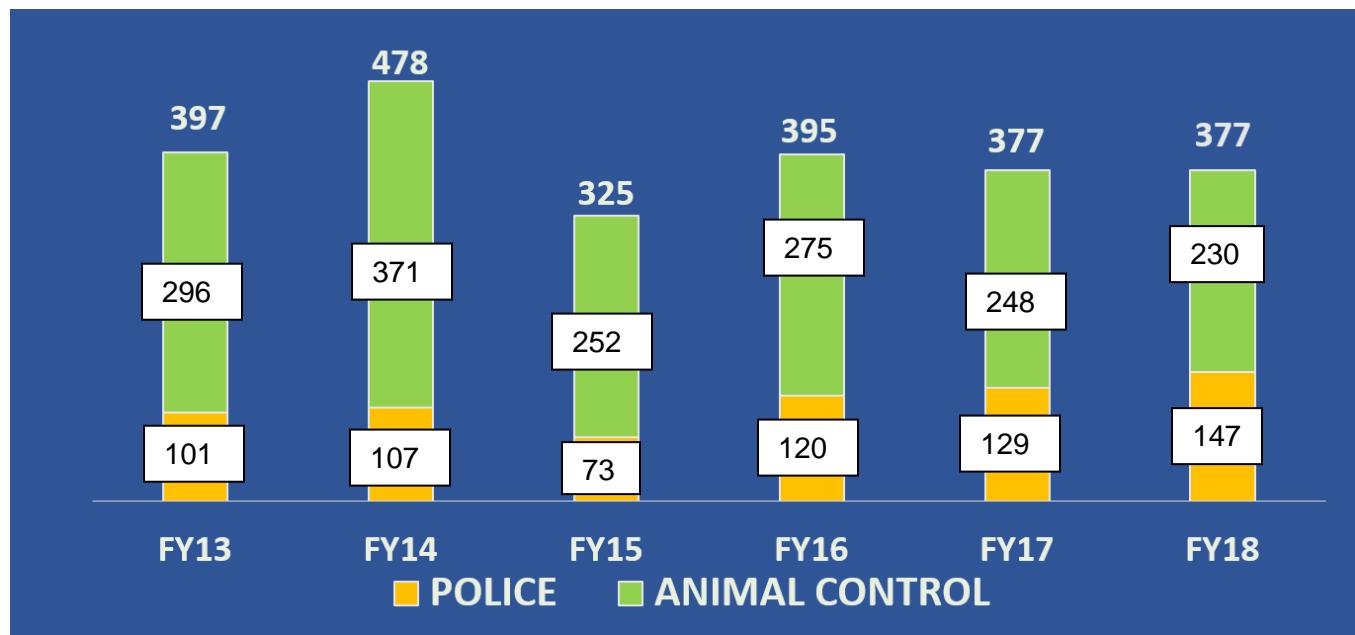


## ANIMAL BITES



Note: Average number of bites each calendar year from 2006 to 2016 is 131. The average number of bites for 2017 and 2018 is 178, a 36% increase.

## NUMBER OF ANIMALS PICKED UP



## PETS IN PARKS STATISTICS

Pets in Parks Log - 2013 to 2018 Park Seasons

PARK NAME:	2013 Park Season	2014 Park Season	2015 Park Season	2016 Park Season	2017 Park Season	2018 Park Season
Allison Henderson Park	4	1		3		
Avon Park	1					
AY McDonald Park			1	1		
Burden Park	2					
Eagle Point Park	3	3	3	3	2	6
Flat Iron Park	1	4		2	5	
Flora Park	8	2	2	4	3	1
Murphy Park				2	3	
Pinard Park	2			1		
Veterans Memorial Park	5			7		2
Washington Park				2		
Comiskey Park	10	5	2		2	1
Valentine Park		1	3			
McAleece Sports Complex	4	2	1			
Usha Park						1
Jackson Park	5	1		1		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Bergfeld (Off leash)	2	1				

# PET-FRIENDLY SURVEY SUMMARY

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HAPPY PETS

WELCOME PETS

HEALTHY PETS

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

## SURVEY SUMMARY

The Pet-friendly Community work group wanted to gain insights from the community related to the areas of the assessment including homes, shelters, businesses, and parks. Using the questions from the Better Cities for Pets Assessment as a starting point, a survey was developed and distributed online as well as in paper form. It was completed by 615 citizens over a three-week period from May 14 to June 7, 2019. The survey was advertised via media releases by the City of Dubuque to all media channels, published article in Telegraph Herald on May 17, 2019, flyers in pet businesses including Petco, PetSmart, and the Dubuque Regional Humane Society, paper surveys at the Carnegie Stout Public Library and by several media television including KWWL and radio interviews including KDTH Voice of the Tri-State. A flyer and survey was sent to all Pet-Friendly Work Group Committee Members to distribute via their networks. The City of Dubuque shared via social media including Facebook and Next Door. The survey was sent to the City of Dubuque Leadership team, to distribute to the city board and commission members. Complete results for each survey question are available in Appendix J on pages 85 to 97 as well as in table form under each pillar (Homes, Parks, Shelters, and Businesses).

Responses 1-4 are “**Disagree**” (red on bar graphs with 1 strongly disagree to 4 slightly disagree), 5 is “**Neutral**” (yellow), and 6-9 are “**Agree**” (green with 6 being slightly agree to 9 being strongly agree). N/A or Unknown is colored gray on the graphs.

When looking at the four main areas of Homes, Parks, Shelters, and Businesses, the results showed:

- The responses for Shelters were the most positive of the four areas surveyed.
- The responses for Parks reflected the most negative of the four areas surveyed.
- Citizen's indicated that pet needs are not included in green space, park, and city planning.
- Respondents felt that pet-friendly housing options were limited and amenities such as relief areas, hydration stations, and green space are not available.
- Restaurants and retailers are not perceived as pet-friendly by those completing this survey.

### Parks

- Only 13% of respondents agree that our parks offer pet-friendly spaces and basic amenities or that our parks and public spaces have visible and accessible pet waste stations with free waste bags and trash receptacles.
- Approximately 78% of respondents disagree that pet-friendly parks and public spaces are located throughout our city and 82% disagree that green space planning includes consideration for pets (on- or off-leash).

### **Homes**

- Greater than 75% of respondents disagree that rental and residential communities provide pet relief areas with waste bags and hydration stations, or that these communities have pet-friendly green space within walking distance.
- Over 80% of people responding disagreed that most rental housing allow common household pets.

### **Shelters**

- Approximately 84% of respondents agree that the Dubuque Regional Humane Society has adoptable pets readily available for viewing and interaction.
- A large majority of respondents marked NA or Unknown for the questions regarding community cat programs.

### **Businesses**

- Less than 10% of respondents agree that our city has restaurants that welcome pets or that our city has local ordinances that enable businesses and restaurants to welcome pets.
- More than 80% of survey respondents disagreed that retailers in our city welcome pets.
- Over 80% of respondents do not agree that our city promotes itself as pet-friendly or has plans to do so in the near future.

NOTE: All percentages were figured after subtracting NA/Unknown responses from total survey responses.

# SHELTERS PROFILE

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## SHELTERS PROFILE

The availability and accessibility to animal shelters in a community is important to pet-friendliness. Animal shelters not only provide a place for lost or stray pets to be cared for, but also a center for education about pet care and ownership. An educated pet-owning population is important to helping to maintain the health and safety of all community residents.

In the city of Dubuque, there is one animal shelter, the Dubuque Regional Humane Society.

The following was provided by Dubuque Regional Humane Society. The flyers on the following pages have statistics, stories, and services of DRHS. They were also provided by DRHS.



## DUBUQUE REGIONAL HUMANE SOCIETY (DRHS)

The Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) is so much more than an animal shelter. It is an animal resource center that delivers upon the mission of protecting and promoting the well-being of companion animals by building life-long bonds between pets and people through adoption, humane education, community outreach, and the prevention of cruelty. The DRHS operates as the largest open-admission no-kill animal shelter in the tri-state area providing critical medical and behavioral interventions and compassionate care for over 2,700 companion animals who are lost, abandoned, surrendered by owners, or rescued from neglect. This includes providing animal sheltering services for Dubuque (population 97,000), Jo Daviess (population 21,600), and Grant (population 52,000) counties spanning three states and five local municipalities (Asbury, Dubuque, Dyersville, Epworth, and Peosta). In addition to the animals we help locally, the DRHS is an in-demand transport destination campus for over 700 animals from overcrowded shelter and animal welfare agency relocation partners. Annually, the DRHS enriches the lives of over 2,300 community members with the addition of a companion animal adopted from our campus, as well as, reunites over 260 lost pets with the families that love them and welcomes over 12,000 visitors. We actively serve our community through other avenues such as providing numerous volunteering opportunities to be engaged in service (over 300 volunteers trained), offering character-building youth humane education programming to over 200 campers, students and youth groups, coordinating surrender appointments for over 250 owners, hosting a pet pantry for nearly 30 owners to aid with pet retention and facilitating a membership only dog park for over 60 members and their canine companions to enjoy extended periods of time at play and socialization year-round. Additionally, functioning as an animal resource center means we provide rehoming suggestions, behavior interventions guidance, and care recommendations to countless community members.

Being a successful animal resource center is not just about the work of the DRHS. It is also about the support of our community. A community that backs the mission and sets the

precedence of a cooperative commitment to creating pathways to new homes and brighter futures in the tri-state area and beyond for the animals at the DRHS. However, achieving and maintaining no-kill status means instituting additional programs are necessary as well as additional challenges. Hence, all our dogs and cats are microchipped in hopes that they are reunited with their families faster. We expanded our foster program for those animals that need a bit more TLC to thrive, and have been researching and implementing new training interventions (Dogs Playing for Life), environment techniques (decompression rooms) and innovative measures (working cat program) to open more adoption opportunities for the harder to place animals in care. Lastly, we have made the transition to be a breed free organization with the goal of helping people find a dog whose personality fits the adopter's lifestyle rather than depending on breed stereotypes.

**HOURS:**

Tuesday - Thursday: 11 AM to 5 PM  
Friday: 11 AM to 7 PM  
Saturday & Sunday: 11 AM to 5 PM  
Monday: Closed

## The DRHS is Here for the Animals Because of You.

Dedication to the animals we care for means we work on the guiding belief that companion animals deserve compassionate care, comfortable and safe harbor, and a permanent and loving home where they can thrive and be a beloved member of a family.

## And We Are Here for You, Our Community, Too!

Commitment to you, our community, means we provide the services necessary to build families through adoption, cultivate character development through humane education, and foster the greater good through community outreach and the prevention of cruelty.



Nearly 80 CENTS of every dollar we raise is reinvested to provide care for thousands of animals on their journey home and services to our community.



## WHAT IS SEASON OF PAWSIBILITIES?

Season of Pawsibilities is the Dubuque Regional Humane Society's (DRHS) annual appeal to build a community of unconditional love by connecting people and pets. This is achieved by engaging our community in raising much needed funds to create new pathways home for the animals at the DRHS, recruit new volunteers, and create greater awareness about the DRHS in our tri-state community.



### Get Involved. Change Their Lives & Yours!



Give.

Unquestionably, financial support and in-kind gifts make a direct and profound difference in the lives of the animals at the DRHS.



Volunteer.

From students to retirees, computer geeks to animal lovers, every volunteer at the DRHS makes a valued impact.



Adopt.

Adopting not only saves lives but builds families, creates unconditional friendships and promotes the human-animal bond.

## DRHS Stats

(January 1 – September 30, 2018)

	<b>2,119</b>	Animals cared for
	<b>1,656</b>	Animals that found loving homes
	<b>99%</b>	Save rate
	<b>190</b>	Animals reunited with the people that love them
	<b>542</b>	Animals transferred in

## About the DRHS

The Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) is so much more than an animal shelter. It is an animal resource center that delivers upon the mission of protecting and promoting the well-being of companion animals by building life-long bonds between pets and people through adoption, humane education, community outreach, and the prevention of cruelty. Operating as a 501(c)3 non-profit, open admission, no-kill shelter the DRHS provides critical medical and behavioral interventions and compassionate care for over 2,500 animals annually that are lost, abandoned, surrendered by owners, or rescued from neglect. Our commitment to our mission, in tandem with our supportive community, creates new pathway to home and brighter futures for 100% of the safe, healthy, and treatable animals in our care.



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## ADOPTION PAWSIBILITIES

## Going the Distance



"I look forward to the process of us growing together. I love him."

— Carly, Adopter

Carly, a student at Loras College, was visiting the Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) in search of a canine companion when she laid eyes on Oliver. At just two months old, Oliver was being carried into the DRHS after arriving on a transport from Arkansas. "I saw him and just fell in love," Carly recalls. While Carly's search to find Oliver was short, Oliver's road to her was long and hit a bump or two.

Oliver had been badly injured after being hit by a car. With two fractured bones in his forelimbs and broken bones in his paw, he required a splint, pain management, antibiotics, time to heal, and lots of TLC. Once cleared to make the trip, Oliver journeyed 630 miles from an uncertain future at an



overcrowded shelter to the DRHS. The DRHS has become a destination shelter that offers adoptable animals like Oliver their best chance at finding a new home and a forever family. Carly adopted Oliver as soon as he was available. She has big plans to enroll Oliver in obedience training and eventually certify him for visits to children's hospitals, however, for the time being, Oliver has settled quite comfortably into being Carly's copilot as they travel the road of life together.



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"Animal transport is a symbiotic partnership. While we're helping other animal welfare organizations, we're also meeting demands for companion animals in our tri-state region and beyond and achieving our goals of saving lives and building families."

— Amanda, DRHS Shelter Manager

## FOSTER PAWSIBILITIES

## Cat Burglar



Eliza, her mom, and sister actually adopted Roxy for themselves. However, her brother, who never wanted anything to do with animals took a liking to her, and Roxy is now his cat. Roxy is his constant companion always slumbering on his lap or near him. He's always playing with her and researching online all of the best ways to be a great cat parent. It is safe to say that Roxy stole his heart.

"My wife and I foster kittens and cats and it's so rewarding when they get adopted. I feel like I actually helped them find their forever home."

— Jan, Volunteer and Foster Parent



## DONOR PAWSIBILITIES

## This is what your gift can make PAWSIBLE!

**\$2,500** Reduces Pet Overpopulation Grants spay/neuter surgery for 50 animals.

**\$1,000** Creates Healthy Companions Enables 200 animals to receive the rabies vaccination.

**\$500** Delivers Compassionate Care Sponsors a week of comfort and safety for 2 animals.

**\$250** Provides Healing Procedures Affects interventions that eliminate painful conditions for an animal in need.

**\$100** Enriches Daily Life Furnishes treats, toys, and activities for countless animals.

**\$25** Reunites Families Provides 4 animals with a microchip.

## HOW TO GIVE!

Gifts can be made by sending in the attached response card or [ONLINE](#) at [dbqhumane.org](http://dbqhumane.org) by clicking on the DONATE button.

# NO-KILL



## NO-KILL, OPEN ADMISSION SHELTER AT THE DRHS.

The Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS) operates as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, open admission, no-kill shelter providing each animal in our care the best opportunity to be placed in a safe and loving home. We will never euthanize a healthy, treatable animal for lack of space, length of time, or any other reason that is not in the best interest of the animal. The DRHS continues to partner with residents to affirm the tri-state region is a compassionate, humane, no-kill community.

We meet and exceed the industry standards as advocated by Best Friends and Maddie's Fund to operate as a no-kill, open admission shelter. As part of the Best Friends and Maddie's Fund standards, the DRHS only euthanizes animals that are irretrievably suffering, unhealthy, untreatable, and cannot be rehabilitated. The benchmark for achieving a no-kill status is saving at least 90% of the homeless animals the DRHS takes in. The DRHS has proudly held a no-kill status since 2017.

In addition to helping animals find permanent homes, the DRHS also has implemented programs to reduce the number of animals coming into the shelter and increase adoption rates.

### Is the DRHS a no-kill shelter?

**Yes!** The DRHS places 100% of our safe, healthy treatable animals into safe and loving homes while maintaining an over 90% save rate. This is the most widely accepted definition of no-kill, as endorsed by Best Friends and Maddie's Fund.

### Does no-kill mean no euthanasia?

**No.** Euthanasia is reserved solely for animals that are suffering from illness or injury with no chance at recovery or quality of life. It is also for animals with behaviors that make them a danger to the community. While these decisions are difficult, they provide the most compassionate outcome for these animals.



### How do you determine which animals are euthanized?

The DRHS staff looks at each animal as an individual, assessing his or her situation and needs. This, in addition to determining the quality of life moving forward, aids our staff in making these tough decisions. We do not make generalizations about an animal due to its age, breed, illness, etc. It's truly about the individual animal.

### What does open admission mean?

We will not turn away any stray animal due to its breed, age, temperament, etc.



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**2019 PET-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**  
**SHELTERS**  
**(NUMBER OF RESPONSES FROM 615 RESPONDENTS)**

Survey Question	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree			N/A
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Pets are comfortable at our city's shelters and have room to play.	19	8	13	33	55	47	105	99	98	137
Adoptable pets are readily available for viewing and interactions	11	7	5	21	39	32	90	127	172	108
Shelter signage is welcoming and makes it easy to figure out where to go.	11	11	14	21	39	45	90	108	153	121
Shelters have separate areas for owner surrenders and adoptions	14	4	8	3	21	22	31	56	115	337
Our city has a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program.	35	10	6	5	13	4	17	13	30	447
Community cats are well cared for in our city.	37	23	29	31	39	18	24	15	23	371
Our city has one or more Working Cats programs.	41	9	6	9	13	3	8	7	19	495

Full survey results shown in Appendix J and K on page 85 to 97.

# HOMES PROFILE

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HAPPY PETS

WELCOME PETS

HEALTHY PETS

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

## **HOMES PROFILE**

Any pet-friendly community needs to have access for housing for people with pets. The National Association of Realtors recently conducted a study and presented a report entitled “Remodeling Impact: Animals in Homes.” [<https://www.nar.realtor/research-and-statistics/research-reports/remodeling-impact-animals-in-homes>]. This report highlighted the importance of pets in peoples’ home choices. Some key highlights:

- 81% of households say that animal-related considerations play a key role in deciding their next living situation.
- 61% of buyers who own animals say it is very difficult or difficult to find rental properties and homeowner associations that accommodates pets.
- 52% of homeowners undertook renovations to accommodate their pets.

The report cited several important home and subdivision considerations for pets including allowances for fencing, access to walking paths and greenspaces, and waterproof flooring materials in construction.

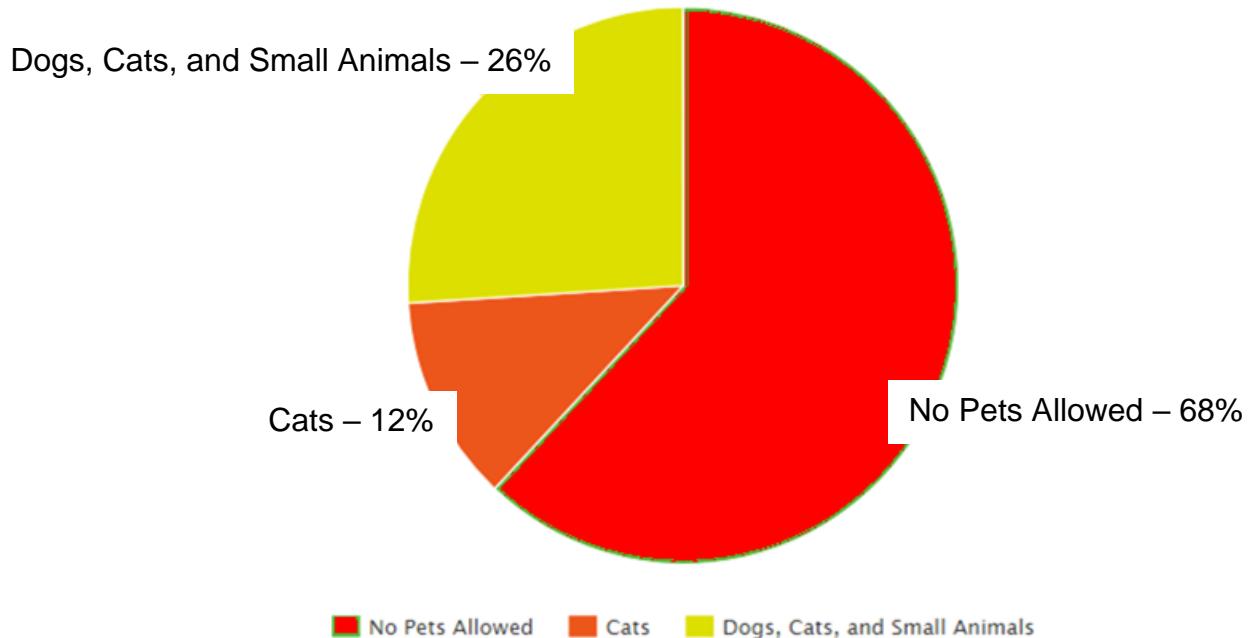
As part of this evaluation for pet-friendliness in Dubuque, landlords were also surveyed. Following is the information obtained from this evaluation:

## **SUMMARY OF LANDLORD CALLS CONDUCTED**

Research was conducted on the pet-friendliness of rental housing. There are over 1800 landlords in Dubuque and over 10,000 rental units according to the Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department. Greater Dubuque Development Corporations (GDDC) rental housing list was used to conduct phone interviews with a representative sample of Dubuque landlords by Pet-Friendly Work Group members.

Greater Dubuque Development Corporation list included 33 properties of which 19 were interviewed.

Survey respondents represented approximately 1815 units in Dubuque, with the smallest landlord managing one unit and the largest operating “200-300”. One of these landlords manages 20 Air b-N-b units.



**Additional Observations:** 68% of responding landlords allow pets of some kind, but only 38% of total units surveyed do. Landlords with smaller numbers of units were more likely to allow pets. Of the 1815 total rental units surveyed, 38% allow pets or approximately 690 units.

#### **Restrictions:**

Of 13 landlords (68%) who said they allowed pets:

- 2 only allow cats
- 4 enforce some type of size restrictions
- 7 enforce breed restrictions
- 3 enforce total # of pet restrictions
- 1 does not allow puppies

#### **Enforcement procedures:**

Of the 13 landlords who said they allowed pets:

- 11 indicated they charged a higher rent and/or deposit
- 1 indicated they charged a higher fee for unit cleaning if needed
- 2 indicated they kept a “closer eye” on these units in some way

**Amenities:** One landlord indicated they had a pet relief area. Landlords of smaller properties indicated that most units had yards which the pets could use. No other landlords identified any additional pet-friendly amenities in their properties.

#### **If you don't allow pets, why not?**

- Damage to units/yard (4)
- Irresponsible owners (4)
- Other renters object (3)

- Noise/smell (3)
- Picking up dog waste (2)
- Unknown reason (1)
- Allergies of other/future tenants (1)
- Not enough green space (1)

**Are there resources the community could offer, or other incentives, that might change your mind about allowing pets in more units?**

- Unknown (3)
- Nothing would change my mind (2)
- Understanding re: certified therapy, emotional support animals (2)
- More off-leash areas for pets in community (2)
- Better enforcement of owners who don't pick up dog waste (2)
- Responsible pet owner training (1)
- Certification/documentation of history of responsible pet ownership/no damage to units (1)

The landlord survey questions are listed on Appendix E on page 71.

**2019 PET-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS  
HOMES  
(NUMBER OF RESPONSES FROM 615 RESPONDENTS)**

Survey Question	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree			N/A
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Pet-owners in our city have plenty of options for where to live.	160	63	71	53	58	30	24	22	43	89
Most rental housing in our city allows all common household pets.	203	83	72	43	32	12	6	10	11	140
Rental housing pet deposits or fees are reasonable.	112	48	47	52	65	21	33	20	37	175
Pets are considered when housing developments are built or updated.	186	53	62	33	31	2	6	6	19	213
Our city does not have breed restrictions in place.	68	12	25	19	23	15	25	38	128	260
Our city does not restrict the number of pets a single household can have.	60	16	26	18	24	13	22	31	100	301
Our city does not have pet size or weight restrictions.	42	14	13	9	20	13	26	39	155	280
Rental housing in our city does not have restrictions based on pet breed or size.	194	51	37	18	26	10	6	4	24	240
Rental and residential communities in our city provide pets relief areas with free waste bags.	302	97	72	33	43	17	18	11	28	93
Rental and residential communities provide hydration stations with free water for pets.	198	114	76	29	34	16	26	13	27	80
Rental and residential communities have pet-friendly green space within walking distance.	231	76	68	31	38	22	25	14	29	78

Full survey results shown in Appendix J and K on pages 85 to 97.

# PARKS PROFILE

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HAPPY PETS

WELCOME PETS

HEALTHY PETS

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

## PARKS PROFILE

Access to public parks and greenspaces is vital when assessing pet-friendliness. Pet owners, particularly dog owners, need access to greenspaces in order to properly care for their dogs. Beyond those basic needs, owning a dog has been shown to help people be more active which contributes to many physical and mental health benefits. In this age of social isolationism and virtual interactions superseding face-to-face interactions, dog ownership and access to public spaces provides for far greater opportunities for growth of local neighborhood social relationships.

- Dog owners spend an additional 22 minutes walking each day compared to non-dog owners [<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-017-4422-5>]
- Dog ownership and interaction with neighbors builds social capital and connections, for dog owners and nonowners.  
[<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352827317300344>]

With those facts regarding both physical and social health benefits related to dog ownership, it is clear that access to parks and greenspaces is an important consideration in any pet-friendly community, and the benefits of that access extend to non-pet owners as well.

## PUBLIC PARKS, TRAILS & GREEN SPACES

Total Square Miles of Parks: **1.34 square miles (859.20 acres)**

Name of Park	Total Acres
AY McDonald Park*	9.00
Bergfeld Recreation Area *	73.00
Eagle Point Park	175.00
Flora Park	35.00
Marshall Park	50.00 <sup>1</sup>
McAleece Sports Complex	42.00
Miller Riverview Park and Campground *	20.00
Murphy Park	80.00
Pyatigorsk Park *	1.30
Roosevelt Park	207.00
Veterans Memorial Park	73.00
Washington Park	1.00
Alison Henderson Park	5.00
Comiskey Park	4.00
Gay Park	9.00
Usha Park	8.00
Valentine Park	19.00
Valley High Park	6.00
Avon Park	1.00
Burden Park	1.00

Cancer Survivor Park	0.50
Cleveland Park	4.00
Falk Park	1.00
Flat Iron Park	1.00
Grant Park	0.20
Harvest View Park	2.10
Hillcrest Park	2.00
Hilltop Park	1.00
Jackson Park	2.00
Jefferson Park	0.50
Madison Park	3.00
Mama Ridge Children's Park	4.00
Maus Park	8.90
Orange Park	0.23
Pet Park **	2.50
Riley Park	0.50
Pinard Park	0.50
Rocco Buda Jr. Park	0.10
Southern Park	2.00
Teddy Bear Park	1.00
Waller-Cooper Park	0.50
Welu Park	0.50
Creek Wood Park	1.87

Name of Leased Park Area	Acres
Dubuque Botanical Gardens and Arboretum	42.50
Four Mounds Park	55.00
EB Lyons Prairie and Woodland Preserve	89.00

Name of Undeveloped Parks	Acres
Eagle Valley Park	2.25
English Ridge Park	1.86
North Fork Trail Park	3.83
Pebble Cove Park	0.60
Westbrook Park	5.20

Other City Properties	Acres
Bunker Hill Golf Course	110.00

Total number of developed parks: **43**

Percentage of Community that is developed parks (total park square miles divided by total city square miles): **4.20%**

Number of Parks That Allow Pets: **5 (AY McDonald, Bergfeld Recreation Area, Miller Riverview, Pyatigorsk, Pet Park)**

Percentage of Pet-Friendly Parks (total number of pet-friendly parks divided by total number of developed parks): **11.62%**

Number of OFF-Leash Dog Parks: **1, Pet Park**

Number of Dog Parks Per Square Mile (total number of dog parks divided by total square miles): **.03 dog parks per square mile**

Parks in our area: **Eagle Point Park, Flora Park, and Murphy Park allows pets in vehicles. Port of Dubuque. Marina and Miller Riverview Campground allow pets on leash.**

## PUBLIC PET-FRIENDLY TRAILS AND/OR GREENWAYS PRESENT IN THE CITY

Number of Trail Miles: **26 miles**

Name of Trail
AY McDonald Park Trail
Bee Branch Creek Greenway Trail
Granger Creek Nature Trail
Heritage Trail
Jaycee Trail
Bergfeld Recreation Area Trails
Miller Riverview Park Trail
Northwest Arterial Trail
Port of Dubuque Riverwalk Trail
Powerline Trail
Southern Levy Trail

Estimated Number of Miles of Pet-Friendly Trails: **16.93 miles**

Percentage of Pet-Friendly Miles (total pet-friendly trail miles divided by total number of trail miles): **65.10%**

## PUBLIC GREEN SPACES/WAYS

Name of Greenway	Acres
Bee Branch Greenway *	65.00
Rockdale Grandview Entry *	0.34
Medical Associate Greenbelt	33.00
Center Grove Open Space	12.93

Medical Associate Greenbelt and Center Grove Open Space are all natural areas open to pets however are not developed areas thus referred to as open spaces.

Number of Green Space Acres: **111.27 Acres**

Percentage of Pet-friendly Green Space Acres (total number of pet-friendly green space acres divided by total number of green space acres): **88%**

Estimated Number of Miles of Pet-Friendly Greenways: **1.48, Bee Branch Greenway Trail System**

Percentage of Pet-Friendly Greenway Miles (total pet-friendly greenway miles divided by total number of trail miles): **100%**

## DOGS IN PARKS COMPARISON WITH TOP 15 IOWA CITIES

Leisure Services staff surveyed the 15 largest Iowa cities asking about their ordinance related to dogs in parks as well as their dog parks.

- Of the 15 cities surveyed all cities but Dubuque allow leashed dogs in parks.
- The cities have between 1 and 3 dog parks.
- Annual dog park fees range from \$15 to \$57 and no fees to \$6 for a daily fee.
- Acreage range from 2.5 to 24.8 acres.
- Of those that charge daily fees Dubuque fee of \$1 is the lowest.
- Four cities charge less, and five cities charge more for annual passes.

<b>Top 14 Cities averages:</b>		<b>Dubuque:</b>
Average Dog Park Annual Fee*	\$30.40	\$25
Average Daily Fee*	\$4.50	\$1.00
Average Park Size	10.23 acres	2.50 acres
Dogs allowed in city parks	Yes	No

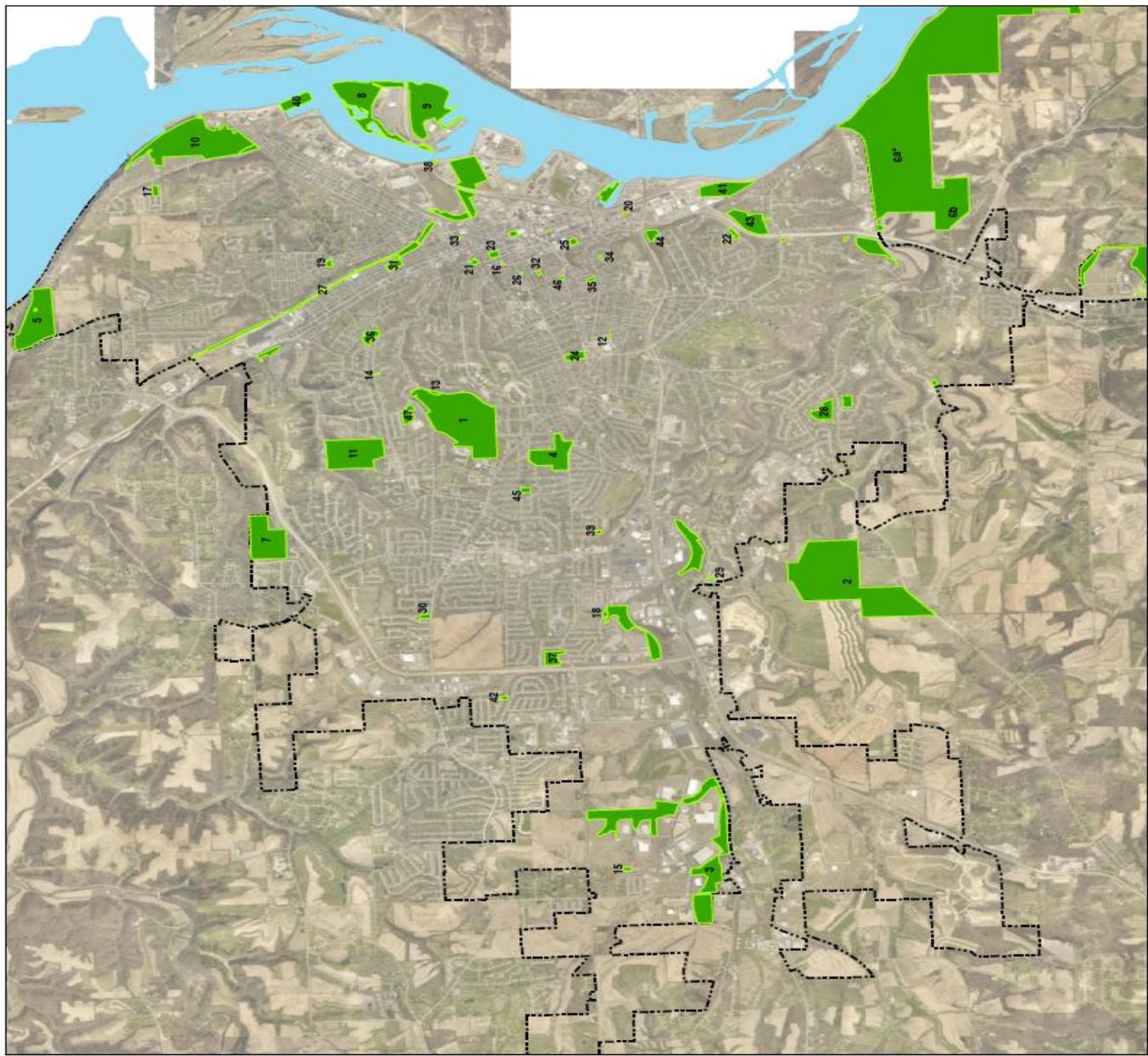
\* of those parks that charge a fee

The detailed chart is on the next page.

City	Population	Leashed dogs allowed in all parks/trails	Dog Parks	Annual Fee	Daily Fee	Dog Park Acres	Other
<b>Des Moines</b>	217,521	Yes	3	\$20.00	No Fee	16	Pin numbers to open gate
<b>Cedar Rapids</b>	132,228	Yes	2	\$33.00	\$6.00	24.8	
<b>Davenport</b>	102,320	Yes	2	No Fee	No Fee		Fees may come once area revamped
<b>Sioux City</b>	82,514	Yes	1	No Fee	No Fee	5	
<b>Iowa City</b>	75,798	Yes	2	\$52.00 - \$57.00 *	\$5.00	14	*\$5.00 discount for spayed/neutered pet
<b>Waterloo</b>	67,587	Yes	1	\$15.00	\$2.00	5	
<b>Ames</b>	66,498	Yes	1	\$42.00 Resident	\$5.00	10	\$21.00 for annual additional dog or \$2.50 additional dog daily fee
<b>West Des Moines</b>	65,608	Yes	1	\$20.00 Resident \$40.00 Non-Resident	\$5.00	10	
<b>Ankeny</b>	62,416	Yes	1	\$25.00 Resident \$35.00 Non-Resident	\$5.00	7.5	Dog owners organized and fundraised to create dog park and then gifted to the city.
<b>Council Bluffs</b>	62,316	Yes	1	\$50.00			Midland Humane Society owns this park.
<b>Dubuque</b>	58,276	No	2	\$25.00 City Park*	\$1.00	1.75	One city owned dog park
<b>Urbandale</b>	43,592	Yes	0				
<b>Cedar Falls</b>	41,570	Yes	1	\$15.00	\$2.00	3	
<b>Marion</b>	39,400	Yes	1 (County)	\$32.00 (\$5.00 discount if spayed or >1 dog)	\$6.00		Park owned/maintained by Linn County Conservation but within Marion city limits
<b>Bettendorf</b>	35,813	Yes	1			7	

\*NOTE: Dubuque Regional Humane Society Park  
Annual fee of \$75, one acre

## DUBUQUE PARK LOCATIONS



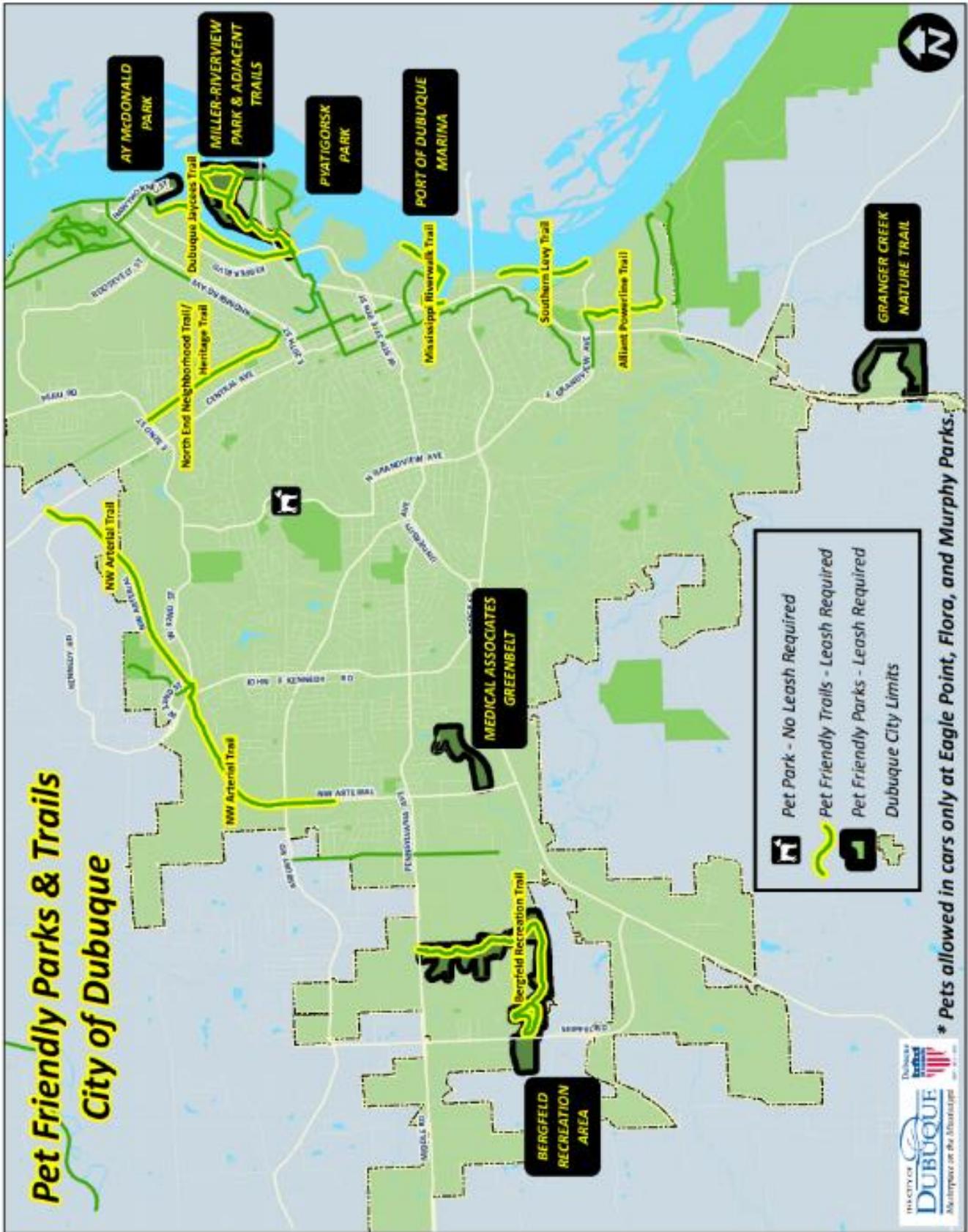
### Parks

- 1. Bunker Hill Golf Course
- 2. Roosevelt Park
- 3. Bergfeld Recreation Area
- 4. Flora Park
- 5. Four Mounds Park
- 6a. Mines of Spain \* State Park
- 6b. EB Lyons Interpretive Center
- 7. Marshall Park
- 8. Miller Riverview Park
- 9. McAleee Complex
- 10. Eagle Point Park
- 11. Veterans' Memorial Park
- 12. Cancer Survivor Park
- 13. Pet Park
- 14. Elmwood Green Park
- 15. Westbrook Park
- 16. Grant Park
- 17. Eagle Valley Park
- 18. Welu Park
- 19. Burden Park
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- 23. Jackson Park
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- 32. Avon Park
- 33. Orange Park
- 34. Waller-Cooper Park
- 35. Hilltop Park
- 36. Gay Park
- 37. Usha Park
- 38. Pvatigorsk Park
- 39. Falk Park
- 40. AY McDonald Park
- 41. Maus Park
- 42. Teddy Bear Park
- 43. Murphy Park
- 44. Cleveland Park
- 45. Hillcrest Park
- 46. Jefferson Park
- 47. Valley High Park



## DUBUQUE'S PET-FRIENDLY PARKS AND TRAILS

### Pet Friendly Parks & Trails City of Dubuque



## CURRENT PET SIGNAGE IN PARKS



## PET-FRIENDLY WASTE STATIONS

The following chart will illustrate the location and the number of waste stations available.

Location Name	Number of Waste Stations
AY McDonald Park	2
Pyatigorsk Park	1
Miller Riverview Park	3
South Flood Wall Trail	1
Pet Park	2
Bergfeld Recreation Area	1
Middle Road Trailhead	1
Chavenelle Court	1
Heron Pond Trail	1
Total	13

Fiscal Year	Waste Bag Expense
2014	\$1,823.29
2015	\$1,523.45
2016	\$936.00
2017	\$936.00
2018	\$1,415.88
2019 *	\$531.96

\*2019 as of March 5, 2019



## PET-FRIENDLY FOUNTAINS

The following chart will illustrate the location and the number of pet fountains available.

Location Name	Number of Fountains
Chavenelle Court	1
AY McDonald Park	1
Rockdale and Grandview	1
Grandview and Finley	1
University and Grandview (near fire station)	1
Pet Park	2
Bee Branch Creek Greenway (Upper)	4
Riverwalk (Marina Area)	1
7 <sup>th</sup> Street Trail	1
5 <sup>th</sup> and Bluff	1
19 <sup>th</sup> and Central	1
Total	15



## PET PARK

City of Dubuque Pet Park is currently 2.50 acres and is divided into two sections. One area is for dogs over 20 pounds while the other is for dogs under 20 pounds. Amenities for this included pet-friendly drinking fountain, benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, portable restroom, and pet waste bags. The park is currently open from 8am to 8pm daily.





## PET PARK FINANCIALS

YEAR	Resident Season Passes	# Of Passes	Non-Res Season Passes	# Of Passes	Daily Admissions	Total Revenue
2014	\$1,225.00	49	\$105.00	3	\$1,086.39	\$2,416.39
2015	\$650.00	26	\$140.00	4	\$1,535.52	\$2,325.52
2016	\$700.00	28	\$105.00	3	\$993.66	\$1,798.66
2017	\$675.00	27	\$70.00	2	\$1,069.77	\$1,814.77
2018	\$987.50	41	\$70.00	2	\$1,047.30	\$2,104.80
2019*	\$200.00	8	\$35.00	1	\$620.46	\$855.46

\* 2019 is as of March 5, 2019

## PET PARK EXPENSES

On average each year the expenses for the Dog Park is \$3197. Grass mowing is \$945, portable restroom is \$1800 and lighting is \$400. In addition, we spent \$311 in 2013 and \$399 in 2018 for envelopes. On average \$52 is spent on dog tags each year.

These costs do not include performed work by Park Division Staff such as litter control, fee collection, general repairs and maintenance and snow removal.

## PET PARK SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Leisure Services Department gives out 150 scholarships (\$125.00) to low income residents of Dubuque. The amounts listed below were used to purchase pet park passes.

FY 17 - \$25.00 (1)  
FY 18 - \$50.00 (2)  
FY 19 - \$25.00 (1)

## **CITY OF DUBUQUE PET PARK RULES**

1. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
2. Owners must remain within the fenced area at all times.
3. Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the area. Gates to the area must remain closed at all times.
4. Owners must immediately clean up after their dogs. Failure to do so can result in a fine up to \$750.
5. Dogs with a known history of, or who exhibit dangerous behavior are prohibited.
6. Dogs must be healthy, fully immunized, de-wormed, and wearing license and rabies tags.
7. An adult must accompany children under 14; young children must be closely supervised.
8. Puppies under four months old and female dogs in heat are prohibited.
9. Only two dogs per adult are allowed.
10. Dogs must be watched at all times.
11. Cooperation between dog owners is essential.
12. Enter at your own risk.

## **CURRENT POTENTIAL CITY PET PARK PLANS**

The City of Dubuque has discussed the potential of a second pet park since when the first pet park opened in 2005. Currently two plans exist related to future, potential dog parks.

### **FDR PARK**

The conceptual master plan of FDR Park was completed in 2009 and approved by the City Council. The conceptual plan shows a large dog area of 5 acres, a small dog area, a 1-acre training area, dog park shelters, pond, and parking area. The plan was developed with public input at the time. Other amenities were planned for the park. This remains a potential location. The concept plan showing the dog park and other improvements is in Appendix F on page 72.

### **SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOCUST AND DODGE**

This property is owned by the State of Iowa. The City has requested the opportunity to develop a dog park at this location and funding for construction had been approved. The Iowa Department of Transportation representatives verbally felt they would issue a permit for use as a dog park. A concept plan and cost estimate were developed. Budget

cuts mid-year in Fiscal Year 2014 meant the project was halted at the time as the funding for construction was zeroed out. The concept had a 3.15-acre area for large and small dogs. Parking was to be on-street parking with a phase 2 project of off-street parking. The concept plan cost estimate is in Appendix G and H on pages 73 to 74.

#### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS RELATED TO PETS 2012-2019**

There have been many actions taken by the City's Park and Recreation Commission as well as the City Council the last seven years. The actions and support documentation are shown in Appendix I on pages 75 to 84. The topic of both pet parks as well as dogs in parks have been research, studied, had public hearings, much public engagement and comment as well as numerous votes. This Appendix is for historical reference and referral as needed.

**2019 PET-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**  
**PARKS**  
**(NUMBER OF RESPONSES FROM 615 RESPONDENTS)**

Survey Question	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree			N/A
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Pet-friendly parks and public spaces are located throughout our city.	261	97	71	39	37	18	14	17	45	16
Parks offer pet-friendly spaces and basic amenities.	262	100	87	36	31	15	15	15	33	19
Green spaces planning includes consideration for pets.	278	90	60	32	24	14	15	13	32	55
Neighborhoods have parks that are within walking distance.	201	73	55	46	53	25	39	26	55	37
Off-leash parks and pet-friendly spaces are planned in my city within the next five years	180	55	26	14	26	11	15	11	23	25
Parks and public spaces in our city have visible and accessible pet waste stations with free waste bags and trash receptacles.	255	106	66	41	36	13	16	13	34	34
Parks and public spaces have visible and accessible hydration stations for pets.	237	109	77	33	33	17	18	12	33	43
Our city has signage that clearly identifies pet amenities.	284	102	58	26	31	10	16	8	31	45
Our city has expanded the ways it helps pet owners find pet amenities.	253	67	51	31	35	22	19	12	28	92
Parks and public spaces in our city have signage communicating where pets are allowed or restricted.	78	37	67	53	95	55	60	53	93	20
Parks and public spaces post clear rules about pet behavior.	105	69	60	54	79	46	48	32	77	42
Our city has a program to educate kids about dog behavior.	176	48	35	21	26	12	22	7	26	238
Our city has had a communication program within the last five years about responsible pet ownership.	165	48	40	24	27	13	9	14	24	248

Full survey results shown in Appendix J and K on pages 85 to 97.

# **BUSINESSES**

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**HAPPY PETS**

**WELCOME PETS**

**HEALTHY PETS**

**RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP**

## BUSINESSES PROFILE

The pet component of the economy is one of vigorous growth. According to the American Pet Products Association, the US Pet Industry is expected to top \$75.38 billion dollars in 2019. [[https://www.americanpetproducts.org/press\\_industrytrends.asp](https://www.americanpetproducts.org/press_industrytrends.asp)] Even during times of recession, the pet industry has continued to grow.

Dubuque's economy can benefit from taking advantage of this vast economic trend. Encouraging pet-friendliness and giving businesses more opportunity to grow in this sector will have tax revenue and job benefits.

When considering the total influence of pets on Dubuque's economy, it is difficult to accurately assess the full extent of impact. While there are many pet-specific businesses in the community, many retailers add pet sections of varying sizes to cater to the needs of pet owners.

## BUSINESSES RELATED TO PET HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Number of Vet Clinics: **6**

Number of 24-Hour Pet Clinics: **0**, *Several Clinics provide after hours on-call service but none are open 24 hours.*

Number of Pet Day Care Businesses: **2**

Number of Pet Training Services: **5**

Number of Pet Food and Supply Stores: *Many – difficult to fully assess:*

*Petco and PetSmart – Sell Pets & Supplies  
Many retailers provide pet supplies such as  
Theisen's, Blain's Farm and Fleet, Target,  
HyVee, etc.*

Pet Boarding Facilities: **3 + Limited Veterinary Clinics**

Grooming business: **About 10**

## PET-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES (ALLOW LEASHED PETS OTHER THAN SERVICE ANIMALS):

- River Lights Bookstore
- Lowe's
- Blain's Farm and Fleet
- Petco

- Pet Smart
- White Front Feed and Seed

## **PET-FRIENDLY LODGING:**

*BEST WESTERN PLUS* 3100 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.557.8000  
*HOLIDAY INN DUBUQUE* 450 Main Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.2000  
*DAYS INN* 1111 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.583.3297  
*GLENVIEW MOTEL* 1050 Rockdale Road | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.2661  
*HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS* 2080 Holliday Drive | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.7829  
*MAINSTAY SUITES* 1275 Associates Drive | Dubuque, IA | 563.557.7829  
*MOTEL 6* 2670 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.0880  
*QUALITY INN* 4055 McDonald Drive | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.3006  
*SUPER 8* 2730 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.582.8898

## **RESTAURANTS**

Number of Restaurants: **333 licensed food service establishments**

Number of Retail Food Establishments (grocery/food retail): **90**

Estimated Number of Pet-Friendly Restaurants: **1, only outside, only allowed with variance/permit from IDIA per State of Iowa Code**

Percentage of Pet-Friendly Restaurants (estimated number of pet-friendly restaurants divided by total number of restaurants): **0.3%**

## **PETS IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

Dubuque is required to follow the Food Code adopted by the State of Iowa. Pets are not, nor have been allowed in food establishments, with the exceptions: The code does allow pets in food establishments through variance process by the State of Iowa.

Travel Dubuque promotes Pet-Friendly Destinations. See Appendix M on page 108.

## Dubuque Pet Training Services

Name	Address	Phone	Website
<b>Petco</b>	2541 NW Arterial Dubuque, IA 52002	(563) 556-3507	<a href="http://www.petco.com">www.petco.com</a>
<b>That's My Dog</b>	5110 Wolff Rd Dubuque, IA 52002	(563) 588-3039, (800) 364-5239	<a href="http://www.thatsmydog.com">www.thatsmydog.com</a>
<b>Green Valley Kennels</b>	15431 Derby Grange Rd Dubuque, IA 52002	(563) 588-3045	<a href="http://www.greenvalleykennels.com">www.greenvalleykennels.com</a>
<b>PetSmart</b>	1300 John F Kennedy Rd Dubuque, IA 52002	(563) 557-8001	<a href="http://www.petsmart.com">www.petsmart.com</a>
<b>Paw In Hand</b>	1425 Seippel Rd Dubuque, IA 52002	(563) 663-7554	<a href="http://www.pawhand.com">www.pawhand.com</a>

## City of Dubuque Veterinary Clinics

Name	Address	Phone	Website
<b>Vanderloo &amp; White Animal Hospital</b>	3350 Asbury Rd Dubuque, IA 52002	(563) 556-3013	<a href="http://www.dubuquevets.com">www.dubuquevets.com</a>
<b>Central Animal Hospital</b>	1865 Central Ave Dubuque, IA 52001	(563) 557-1515	<a href="http://www.centralanimalhospitaldbq.com">www.centralanimalhospitaldbq.com</a>
<b>PetMed Animal Health Center</b>	1170 Iowa St Dubuque, IA 52001	(563) 583-8387	<a href="http://www.dbqpetmed.com">www.dbqpetmed.com</a>
<b>Colonial Terrace Animal Hospital</b>	2777 University Ave Dubuque, IA 52001	(563) 556-2667	<a href="http://www.colonialterraceanimalhospital.com">www.colonialterraceanimalhospital.com</a>
<b>Key West Animal Clinic</b>	2262 Flint Hill Dr Dubuque, IA 52003	(563) 588-1875	<a href="http://www.keywestanimalclinic.com">www.keywestanimalclinic.com</a>
<b>Neumeister Animal Hospital</b>	3675 Crescent Rdg Dubuque, IA 52003	(563) 582-8417	<a href="http://www.neumeisteranimalhospital.com">www.neumeisteranimalhospital.com</a>

**2019 PET-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS  
BUSINESSES  
(NUMBER OF RESPONSES FROM 615 RESPONDENTS)**

Survey Question	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree			N/A
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Retailers in our city welcome pets.	256	113	80	36	33	17	13	13	23	26
Restaurants in our city welcome pets.	323	125	47	23	26	10	5	7	18	28
Businesses post clear signage indicating where pets are welcome.	228	92	51	33	47	21	28	23	48	40
Our city promotes itself as pet friendly or has plans to do so in the near future.	309	77	37	18	28	16	15	9	23	79
Our city has local ordinances that enable businesses welcoming pets.	258	51	32	19	18	7	7	6	19	194
Our city has local ordinances that enable restaurants welcoming pets.	297	53	26	6	15	6	7	7	20	171
Our city's taxi and other fee-based car services allow pets.	94	24	13	7	11	3	4	3	9	443
Our public transportation systems allow pets.	127	21	17	8	9	3	0	4	10	410
Our public transportation does not have size limits for allowable pets.	96	16	9	3	8	1	0	3	10	462
Our closest airport has areas designated for pets and/or pet-friendly amenities.	99	24	8	11	8	6	8	6	17	423

Full survey results shown in Appendix J and K on pages 85 to 97.

## PET-FRIENDLY EVENTS/PLACES

**Doggie Dip** Dubuque Leisure Services, following the final day of public swimming, the family dog is invited to take a dip in Sutton and Flora Pools. The admission is \$5 per dog and includes access for immediate family members.

2016	2017	2018
Flora – 154	Flora – 135	Flora – 240
Sutton – 103	Sutton – 133	Sutton – 150
<i>Total</i> 257	268	390



**Theisen's Wags at the Flags** is Dubuque's indoor dog park. It is held most Wednesday evenings from 4:30pm to 8:00pm and runs November to March in Five Flags Arena. It accommodates both large and small dogs as well as their human counterparts. There are cleaning supplies available, as well as the Barka Lounge for pet owners to purchase refreshments and adult beverages. Entry is \$4.00 per dog while humans are FREE. A portion of the entry fee is donated to a charity, with this past year netting Dubuque Regional Humane Society \$1,600!



**Hadley's (Humane Society) Pet Park** - Size, a little over an acre. A drinking fountain is available as well as three waste stations inside the park and one outside. There are five benches throughout the park and the hours are 6:00am to 8:00pm. Members must pay a fee to use and show proof of vaccinations. Membership fees start at \$10 for a one-time pass, \$25 for a quarterly pass, \$75.00 for the year with \$10 for each additional dog. There is a \$10 FOB key deposit for access to the park but the \$10 is returned at the end when the FOB is turned back in.





**STRUT YOUR MUTT –** Get ready to Strut Your Mutt at one of the only dog-friendly walks in the area for the Dubuque Regional Humane Society (DRHS). Whether you have a mutt to strut or simply want to strut for a great cause you are invited to join the DRHS in raising awareness and funds for the homeless animals in our community. This unique and furry friendly community event is open to all ages and breeds. In addition to the strut, there will be vendor booths, agility equipment, doggie pools, and a dog training demonstration.

**DOG-O-WEEN –** An annual canine costume contest hosted by Theisen's Home-Farm-Auto. This event gives canines — and their creative owners — a chance to have a howling good time together. Spectators can watch the parade of pets free of charge. Proceeds benefit the Dubuque Regional Humane Society!

**DUBUQUE SUMMER FARMERS' MARKET -**

Saturdays, May - October, 7 A.M. - 12 P.M.

1300 Iowa Street | Dubuque, IA Shop for locally grown produce and handmade goods at the Dubuque Summer Farmers' Market. Well behaved, vaccinated, leashed dogs are allowed at the Dubuque Farmers' Market. Leashes may not be longer than 36 inches.



**YAPPY HOUR -** Wednesday, 11:00 A.M. to CLOSE

7 Hills Brewing Co. | 1085 Washington St, Dubuque Get your dog out of the house for some social drinking! Enjoy drinks and the beautiful atmosphere of the Millwork District. The lower patio is dog friendly for Yappy Hour. No food allowed on lower patio.

**FENELON PLACE ELEVATOR COMPANY -** Open April 1 thru November 30 8 A.M. – 10 P.M.

512 Fenelon Place Street | Dubuque, IA Hailed as the world's shortest, steepest elevator ride, the Fenelon Place Elevator Company cars elevate passengers 189 feet from Fourth Street to Fenelon Place. At the top, you and Fido will be able to see a panoramic view of the historic Dubuque business district, the Mississippi River, and three states. The cars are very small, so only small lap dogs are welcome to join their humans.

**BARKS, BOURBON, AND BREWS –**

405 Main Street | Dubuque, IA The Barks Dog Park will have enclosed safe play areas for both big dogs and small dogs, live music, dog related vendors, and dog themed films. The bourbon and beer tasting event will feature local and national breweries and distilleries including Buffalo Trace, Eagle Rare, Single Speed, 7 Hills, among others. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dubuque area Toys for Tots as they kick off the giving season. Barks Brews and Bourbon kicks off the seasonal Wags at the Flags, a weekly indoor dog park.

## APPENDIX A: CALCULATIONS OF PET STATISTICS

### Dog/Cat population estimates for City of Dubuque- June 2019 (2012 AVA US Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook)

The American Veterinary Medical Association statistics estimate the following number of pets averaged per household:

	Percentage of households owning a pet	Number of pets per household
Dogs	36.5	1.6
Cats	30.4	2.1

25,932 (American Fact Finder 2017 estimate households in the city of Dubuque)

**25,932 X 36.5% =9465 X 1.6= 15,144 dogs**

**25,932 X 30.4% = 7883 X 2.1= 16,555 cats**

## APPENDIX B: QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE OF ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS & RULES

### Trails and Parks

#### DOGS AND CATS ARE ALLOWED ON LEASH AT:

- A.Y. McDonald Park
- Chaplain Schmitt (Island)
- Northwest Arterial Trail
- John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area Trail
- Northwest Arterial Trail
- Granger Creek Nature Trail
- Mississippi Riverwalk
- Heritage Trail
- Trail (Port of Dubuque)
- Jaycee Trail
- Powerline Trail
- Medical Associates Greenbelt Park
- Pyatigorsk Park
- Miller Riverview Park
- Southern Levy Trail (including trail on

#### Do:



#### Don't:

- Create a safe and secure environment for your pet...they count on you.
- Provide fresh food and water daily.
- Confining a female dog in heat so it cannot attract male dogs.
- 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.) that disturbs others.

Dogs and cats are allowed in vehicles in the following parks: (As long as they stay in vehicle the entire time and have access to water while unattended)

- Eagle Point Park
- Flora Park
- Murphy Park

### 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 \$1.00 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](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/petpark)

### Owner Responsibilities

## THE CITY OF **DUBUQUE** *Masterpiece on the Mississippi*

## **City of Dubuque Animal Control**

### **LAWS & RULES**



## **City of Dubuque Animal Control**

City Hall Annex  
1300 Main Street  
Dubuque, IA 52001-4732  
Phone: 563.589.4185 Fax: 563.589.4299  
Email: [animalcontrol@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:animalcontrol@cityofdubuque.org)  
[www.cityofdubuque.org/animalcontrol](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/animalcontrol)

### Pet Waste Disposal

Pet owners must pick up all droppings deposited when walking their pet on public walks, recreation areas, or other private property. Waste must be removed immediately and disposed of properly.

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## APPENDIX B: QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE OF ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS & RULES (BACK)

### Licensing Your Cat or Dog

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.

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:

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

### 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](http://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.

You will need 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.



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.

### 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.



### Leash Law and Impoundment

Pets must be leashed at all times when off the owner or keeper's property (except at the pet park—see back side). 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 Chovernelle Road, 563-582-6766.

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

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

Animals must be leashed OR restrained to not go beyond an owner's property line.



### 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.

## APPENDIX C: ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

### Title 7 - POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY Chapter 6 - ANIMAL CONTROL

#### ARTICLE A. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

##### **7-6A-1: SALE OF BABY CHICKENS AND DUCKLINGS:**

- A. Sale As Pets Or Novelties: It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale, barter, or give away, baby chicks or ducklings or other fowl as pets or novelties.
- B. Selling For Commercial Purposes Allowed: This section shall not be construed to prohibit the display or sale of natural chicks, ducklings in proper brooder facilities, by hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling the same to be raised for commercial purposes.
- C. State License Required: No person shall engage in the business of selling baby chicks, poultry or domestic fowl within the City unless such person has been licensed to do so by the Department of Agriculture of the State.

##### **7-6A-2: RESTRICTIONS ON MAINTAINING LIVESTOCK:**

- A. Maintenance Of Pens, Yards And Enclosures: No person shall keep or maintain within the corporate limits of the City any pens, buildings, yards, sheds or enclosures wherein any cattle, sheep, swine or other livestock are collected, kept or fed for commercial purposes unless such pens, buildings, yards, sheds or enclosures are erected, constructed and maintained as provided in this section.
- B. Concrete Floors: All such pens, buildings, yards, sheds or enclosures shall be erected and maintained with floors constructed of concrete at least four inches (4") thick with a smoothly troweled wearing surface.
- C. Drainage; Catch Basins: All such concrete floors shall be constructed so as to drain to a catch basin or basins connected with the sanitary sewage system of the City, or in the event there is no such sewage system within two hundred feet (200') from the property line, such basin or basins shall be connected with a sewage disposal system approved by the City Manager.
- D. Controlled Livestock Grazing:
  1. A controlled livestock grazing contractor may temporarily keep or maintain within the corporate limits of the City any pens, yards, sheds or enclosures wherein any grazing livestock approved by the City are temporarily kept for the limited and express purposes of controlled livestock grazing in accordance with the City's controlled livestock grazing program. Controlled livestock grazing within the corporate limits will not be allowed in any one location for more than thirty (30) consecutive days.
  2. All such pens, yards, sheds or enclosures used for the limited and express purpose of controlled livestock grazing will be temporary and may not remain in place more than thirty (30) consecutive days. Due to the temporary nature of such pens, yards, sheds, or enclosures used for the limited and express purpose of controlled livestock grazing, concrete floors will not be required for pens, yards, sheds or enclosures used to shelter and keep animals participating in controlled livestock grazing.
  3. All fences used to keep or maintain livestock used for controlled livestock grazing within corporate limits must comply with the fencing regulations set forth in the City's Controlled Livestock Grazing Policy.

4. Any controlled livestock grazing contractor who wishes to keep or maintain livestock within the corporate limits for controlled livestock grazing must obtain a permit from the City and comply with all terms and conditions of the City's controlled livestock grazing program.

**7-6A-3: STORAGE OF ANIMAL FOOD:** All food and feed within the City for feeding chickens, cows, pigs, horses, and other animals shall be stored in rat free and ratproof containers, compartments, or rooms unless stored in a ratproof building.

## ARTICLE B. DOGS AND CATS

**7-6B-1: DEFINITIONS:** The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this article:

**AT LARGE:** Any dog, cat or livestock, fowl or ferret found off the premises of the owner or keeper. A dog or cat shall not be deemed at large if the dog or cat is:

- A. Attached to a leash of sufficient strength and appropriate length to control the animal where such leash is held by its owner or keeper; or
- B. Restrained within an enclosed motor vehicle or by crate or leash of sufficient strength and appropriate length to keep the dog or cat within the motor vehicle; or
- C. Housed in a licensed veterinarian's animal hospital; or
- D. Accompanied by the owner or keeper on the premises of another with such person's consent and restrained by an adequate protective fence or by leash, cord, chain or other similar restraint that does not allow the dog or cat to go beyond such person's property line or to come into contact with anyone outside such person's property line.

**CAT:** Both male and female animals in the family Felis catus whether neutered or not.

**DOG:** Both male and female animals of the canine species whether neutered or not, but not including a law enforcement dog.

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:** A person who is trained and licensed to give health care.

**KEEPER:** Any person other than the owner keeping, sheltering, having control or custody of or harboring an animal.

**KENNEL:** A place or establishment where dogs or cats are kept or raised for the purpose of breeding, boarding, racing at a licensed parimutuel track, exchanged or offered for sale to the general public and which are kept under constant restraint.

**NEUTERED:** A surgical procedure that has been performed on a dog or a cat that renders it incapable of siring or bearing offspring.

**NUISANCE:** A dog or cat shall be considered a nuisance if it:

- A. Damages, soils, defiles or defecates on private property other than the owner's or keeper's or on public walks and recreation areas unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner or keeper.
- B. Causes unsanitary, dangerous or offensive conditions.
- C. Causes a disturbance by excessive barking or other noisemaking that can be heard from a position in the public right-of-way.
- D. Chases vehicles, or molests, attacks or interferes with persons or other domestic animals off the premises of the owner or keeper.

**OWNER:** Any person owning a cat, dog, or other animal.

**VICIOUS ANIMAL:** A vicious cat or dog is deemed so when it shall have attacked or bitten any person on more than one (1) occasion without provocation or when an attack or bite results in serious bodily injury.

## 7-6B-2: LICENSING; TAGS AND FEES:

- A. **License Required:** No person shall keep a dog or cat in the City unless such dog or cat is licensed by the City as provided in this article. This section shall not apply to veterinary clinics and boarding facilities.

B. Application For License: The owner or keeper shall make application for a license with the City Manager. The application shall give the name, physical address, date of birth or social security number of the owner or keeper, the sex and description of the dog or cat, and if known, its breed and age. In the event of a change of ownership, the license holder shall notify the City Manager of such change. All dogs and cats shall be licensed by not later than six (6) months of age. If an animal is older than six (6) months of age, the dog or cat must be licensed within thirty (30) days of ownership or residing in the City of Dubuque, whichever is first.

C. Dogs:

1. License Fee; Neutering:

a. The license fee per calendar year, or fraction thereof, for a dog license shall be as established by the City Manager.

b. The applicant or licensee shall furnish written proof from a licensed veterinarian that surgical procedures have been performed that render either male or female dogs incapable of reproduction, which may result in a reduced licensed fee.

2. Expiration; Renewal; Delinquent Fee: All dog licenses issued under this subsection shall expire one (1) year from the date the license was issued and shall become delinquent thirty (30) days after the license anniversary date. A delinquent fee as established by the City Manager, shall be added to the required license fee for each delinquent dog license.

D. Cats:

1. License Fee; Neutering:

a. The license fee per calendar year, or fraction thereof, shall be as established by the City Manager.

b. The applicant or licensee shall furnish written proof from a licensed veterinarian that surgical procedures have been performed that render either male or female cats incapable of reproduction, which may result in a reduced licensed fee.

2. Expiration; Renewal; Delinquent Fees: All cat licenses issued under this subsection shall expire one (1) year from the date the license was purchased and shall become delinquent thirty (30) days after the license anniversary date. A delinquent fee as established by the City Manager shall be added to the required license fee for each delinquent cat license.

E. Tags:

1. Tags Not Transferable: A license issued for any dog or cat shall not be transferred to another dog or cat.

2. Tags Attached To Collar Or Harness: The owner or keeper of a dog or cat, upon procurement of the license, shall securely attach the license tag to a collar or harness and this collar or harness, with the tag attached, shall at all times be kept on the dog or cat. Any dog or cat found at large without a collar or harness with license tag attached shall be deemed unlicensed and shall be impounded.

F. Fee For Duplicate License: The fee for a duplicate license for either a dog or cat shall be as established by the City Manager.

G. Consent Implied From Application And Receipt: The application for and the receipt of a license as required in this section shall include an implied consent by the owner or keeper to permit an inspection of both real and personal property under the owner's or keeper's control for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article relating to the harborage of vicious animals or to the control of rabies outbreak or relating to the provisions of law relative to the prohibition of cruelty to animals.

**7-6B-3: KEEPING DOMESTIC ANIMALS ON UNOCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OR IN DANGEROUS BUILDINGS PROHIBITED:** The owner or keeper of a dog or cat shall not keep or allow the dog or cat to be kept on unoccupied property or in any building that meets the definition of a dangerous building as set forth in section 14-3-2 of this Code. For purposes of

this provision, "unoccupied property" shall include but is not limited to property that is not the primary residence of the owner or keeper or any other occupant.

**7-6B-4: HARBORING VICIOUS DOG OR CAT:** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to harbor or keep a vicious dog or cat within the City. The City may abate violations of this section with penalties including, but not limited to, euthanization of the animal.

**7-6B-5: NUISANCE:** It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper to permit a dog or cat to commit a nuisance.

**7-6B-6: FEMALE DOGS IN SEASON:** It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper to allow a female dog in season to run at large or to so confine such dog as to attract male dogs to the area and by their presence cause a nuisance.

**7-6B-7: RUNNING AT LARGE:** It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper to permit or allow a dog, cat, ferret, livestock or fowl to run at large.

**7-6B-8: DIRECTING DOG WITH MALICIOUS INTENT:** No person shall direct, encourage, cause, allow or otherwise aid or assist any dog to threaten, charge at, intimidate, bite, harass, menace or attack any person.

**7-6B-9: USE OF DOG IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED:** No person shall keep, maintain, control or retain custody of any dog in conjunction with, or for the purpose, whether in whole or in part, of aiding, abetting or conducting illegal activity or committing any crime.

**7-6B-10: IMPOUNDMENT, REDEMPTION AND DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED ANIMALS:**

A. Contract For Pound Or Shelter: The City Manager is hereby authorized to contract from year to year with any pound or animal shelter as defined by section 162.2 of the Code of Iowa for carrying out the provisions of this article including the collection, protection and disposition of dogs, cats and other animals and the collection of fees for licensing and care of seized and impounded dogs and cats.

B. Impoundment: Any unlicensed dog or cat except kennel dogs or cats and any licensed dog or cat found at large shall be subject to seizure and impoundment in a place provided by the City.

C. Notice To Owners Of Licensed Dogs Or Cats: Whenever any licensed dog or cat has been seized or impounded pursuant to this article, notice of such action shall be given as provided in this article.

D. Redemption:

1. Except as otherwise provided, the possession of any licensed dog or cat seized or impounded pursuant to this article may be obtained by the owner or keeper by paying an impoundment fee as established by the City Manager, together with the separate daily fee for keeping such dog or cat each day or fraction thereof during the time that such dog or cat is impounded. Upon the second subsequent impoundment of the same animal within three hundred sixty five (365) days, an impoundment fee as established by the City Manager shall be assessed together with the separate daily fee for keeping such dog or cat each day or fraction thereof during the time which said dog or cat is impounded.

2. Upon proper identification the owner may redeem an unlicensed dog or cat seized or impounded pursuant to this article after licensing the animal or agreeing to purchase a license within ten (10) working days. Failure to do so shall result in an additional fee as established by the City Manager, added to the license fee.

E. Disposition Of Unredeemed Dogs:

1. Licensed Dog: If the owner or keeper of a licensed dog impounded pursuant to this article does not redeem such animal within seven (7) days after the mailing of the notice provided for in this article, the license shall automatically be revoked and the animal disposed of as directed by the City Manager.

2. Unlicensed Dog: Any unlicensed dog not redeemed by the owner within three (3) days after it has been seized or impounded shall be disposed of as directed by the City Manager.

F. Disposition Of Unredeemed Cats:

1. Licensed Cat: If the owner or keeper of a licensed cat impounded pursuant to this article does not redeem such animal within five (5) days after the mailing of the notice provided for in this article, the license shall automatically be revoked and the animal disposed of as directed by the City Manager.

2. Unlicensed Cat: Any unlicensed cat not redeemed by the owner within three (3) days after it has been seized or impounded shall be disposed of as directed by the City Manager.

## ARTICLE C. RABIES CONTROL

### 7-6C-1: VACCINATION REQUIRED:

A. Dogs And Cats; Schedule: It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any domesticated species of dog or cat to keep or maintain such animal unless the dog or cat shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian with a vaccine approved by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and administered in accordance with the following schedule:

Class Of Animal	Age At Primary Vaccination	Booster <sup>1</sup>
Dogs	6 months	1 year later, triennially thereafter
Cats	6 months	Annually or 1 year later, triennially thereafter

Note:

1. Approved 3 year vaccine may be substituted.

B. Ferrets; Schedule: It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any ferret to keep or maintain such animal unless the ferret shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian with a vaccine licensed for the use in ferrets and administered in accordance with the following schedule:

Class Of Animal	Age At Primary Vaccination	Booster
Ferret	6 months	Annually

C. Inactivated Nervous Tissue: Inactivated nervous tissue vaccine may only be used in accordance with the rules of the Iowa State Department of Agriculture.

D. Certificate Required: A copy of the official rabies vaccination certificate approved by the Iowa State Department of Agriculture shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of any license authorized by this article.

E. Veterinarian Furnish Copies: Each veterinarian within the City limits shall forward to the City Manager by no later than the tenth of each month a copy of each official rabies vaccination certificate, with the owner's or keeper's address, issued by the veterinarian during the preceding month.

### 7-6C-2: CONFINEMENT AUTHORIZED:

A. Animal Suspected Of Having Rabies: The owner or keeper of any dog or cat or other animal which has contracted rabies, or which has been subject to rabies, or which has bitten or caused skin abrasion to any person shall produce and surrender up such dog, cat or other animal to be held in confinement in a licensed veterinarian's animal hospital under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian and in quarantine for observation for a period of ten (10) days from the date the bite occurred at the expense of the owner or keeper of the animal.

B. Quarantine Of Animal Bitten By Rabid Animal: Any animal bitten or attacked by any known rabid animal shall be quarantined under direction of the Health Officer by being confined and in quarantine as provided above for a minimum of ninety (90) days.

C. Application For Home Quarantine; Conditions: The owner or keeper of any dog or cat or other animal which has bitten a person may apply to the City Manager to have the animal released for the purpose of home quarantine. Home quarantine may be permitted at the City Manager's sole discretion. If the City Manager allows home confinement, all of the following conditions must be met, including but not limited to:

1. The animal must have a current rabies vaccination. The vaccination certification must bear the description of the animal, the type of vaccine used, the expiration of the vaccination, and the signature of the veterinarian administering the vaccination.

2. The animal must have a current City license, if the animal is six (6) months of age or older.

3. The animal must not have been running at large at the time of the bite.

4. The animal has not previously bitten any person.

5. Prior to approval of home quarantine, the owner or keeper must have the animal examined by a veterinarian, licensed in the State of Iowa, who shall certify that the animal appears to be free of rabies or any other zoonosis. Such examination and certification must be repeated on the tenth day.

6. The owner or keeper must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City Manager that the owner or keeper has the proper facilities and the ability to adequately and properly confine the animal to the owner or keeper's home or property during the quarantine period.

7. The owner or keeper must agree to immediately notify the City Manager of any changes in the animal's health or disposition, to allow representatives of the City Manager to enter upon the property and to examine the animal at any time and to immediately take the animal to a licensed veterinarian for examination at any time when directed by the City Manager.

8. The owner or keeper must agree to promptly pay all costs of veterinarian examinations during the quarantine period.

9. The owner or keeper must further agree to immediately surrender the animal at any time the City Manager determines that the home quarantine should be terminated, or at any time that any provisions or conditions of home quarantine are violated, in which event the animal shall be put in the custody of a licensed veterinarian of the State of Iowa in the City of Dubuque for the remainder of the quarantine period.

10. If the City Manager determines at any time that home confinement is not appropriate for the animal, quarantine at a veterinary hospital shall be ordered.

11. The person bitten, or, if a minor, the person's parent or guardian, must sign an acknowledgment indicating that the person has been advised of the risks of rabies, that if the animal disappears during home quarantine, the person may have to undergo postexposure rabies prophylaxis, and that the person does not object to home quarantine. The acknowledgment shall also relieve the City of Dubuque, its agents, officers, and employees from any liability if the animal disappears during home quarantine.

12. The owner or keeper shall also execute an indemnity agreement in favor of the City of Dubuque, which shall provide that the owner or keeper shall save harmless, defend and indemnify the City of Dubuque and its officers, agents and employees from any or all claims of any kind arising out of the home quarantine.

13. The owner or keeper shall agree in writing that if the animal disappears during the home quarantine, the owner or keeper shall indemnify the person bitten for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of the disappearance of the animal. Acceptance of any such payments by the person bitten shall not in any way release the owner or keeper from any other liability the owner may have to the person bitten by reason of the animal bite. It shall be the sole responsibility of the person bitten, and not the responsibility of the City, to enforce such agreement. This subsection shall not apply if the person bitten is the owner or keeper of the animal or any person residing with the owner or keeper.

D. Wild Animals: If an undomesticated or wild animal such as a skunk, bat, fox, raccoon or other carnivore bites a person, whether or not the animal's owner or keeper is known, the animal shall be humanely destroyed and examined for rabies immediately.

**7-6C-3: REPORTING RABIES; NOTICE TO CITY MANAGER:**

A. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of any cat, dog or other domesticated animal suspected of being rabid that has attacked, bitten or caused any skin abrasion upon any person to report such incident to the City Manager.

B. It shall be the duty of the victim who has been attacked, bitten or caused a skin abrasion by any cat, dog or other domesticated animal suspected of being rabid to report such incident to the City Manager.

C. It shall be the duty of any health care provider or veterinarian practice immediately to transmit information to the City Manager that may come to such health care provider or veterinarian practice through such health care provider's or veterinarian practice's professional capacity with reference to any person having been attacked, bitten or having skin abrasions by any dog, cat or other domestic animal.

**7-6C-4: NOTIFICATION TO POLICE OR CITY MANAGER OF DEAD ANIMALS:** Any person finding a dead dog or cat shall at once notify the Police Department or the City Manager.

**7-6C-5: PUNISHMENT FOR HARBORING KNOWN RABID DOG, CAT OR OTHER**

**DOMESTIC ANIMAL:** Any person or keeper who shall knowingly harbor or keep any dog, cat or other animal infected with rabies, or with knowledge that their animal was bitten by a rabid animal, fails to report such incident to the City Manager or police, shall be punished as provided in section [1-4-1](#) of this Code.

**7-6C-6: PROHIBITED ACTIONS AFTER MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY:**

When the Mayor, pursuant to resolution of the City shall declare an emergency due to rabies:

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat or other domestic animal to permit such animal to be at large. Any dog, cat or domesticated animal found to be at large shall be deemed to be so with the permission or at the sufferance of its owner or keeper.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person except the owner or keeper of a dog, cat or other domestic animal, or the owner's or keeper's agent to open any door or gate of any private premises for the purpose or result of setting such animal at large.

C. Any licensed or unlicensed dog, cat or other domestic animal found at large shall be impounded by the City Manager or Police Department.

**ARTICLE D. DANGEROUS ANIMALS**

**7-6D-1: DEFINITIONS:** Unless otherwise expressly stated or the context clearly indicates a different intention, the following terms shall, for the purpose of this article, have the meanings in this section:

CITY: The City of Dubuque.

CITY MANAGER, CHIEF OF POLICE, AND CITY CLERK: Those employees of the City of Dubuque duly appointed and holding those positions.

**DANGEROUS ANIMAL:**

- A. Any animal which is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon, or causing disease among, human beings or domestic animals and having known tendencies as a species to do so;
- B. Any animal(s) declared to be dangerous by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee; or
- C. The following animals which shall be deemed to be dangerous animals per se:
  - 1. Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx and bobcats;
  - 2. Wolves, coyotes and foxes;
  - 3. Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunks and mink;
  - 4. Raccoons;
  - 5. Bears;
  - 6. All apes, baboons, macaques, monkeys and chimpanzees;
  - 7. Alligators and crocodiles;
  - 8. Scorpions;
  - 9. Snakes that are:
    - a. Any member of the family atractaspidae, including but not limited to mole vipers and burrowing asps.
    - b. Any member of the family elapidae, viperidae, crotalidae, atractaspidae, or hydrophidae which are venomous, including but not limited to cobras, mambas, coral snakes, kraits, adders, vipers, rattlesnakes, copperheads, pit vipers, keelbacks, cottonmouths, and sea snakes.
    - c. Any member of the superfamily henophidia, which are limited to reticulated pythons, anacondas, and African rock pythons;
  - 10. Reptiles that are venomous;
  - 11. Gila monsters;
  - 12. Opossums; and
- 13. Any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified above.

**7-6D-2: DOGS, CATS EXEMPTED:** The provisions of this article shall not apply to domestic dogs or cats.

**7-6D-3: KEEPING OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS RESTRICTED:** No person shall keep, shelter, or harbor for any purpose within the City a dangerous animal except as provided in sections 7-6D-4, 7-6D-5, and 7-6D-7 of this article.

**7-6D-4: EXCEPTIONS TO KEEPING AND LICENSING RESTRICTIONS:** The prohibition contained in section 7-6D-3 of this article and the provisions of section 7-6D-5 of this article shall not apply to the keeping of dangerous animals in the following circumstances:

- A. The keeping of dangerous animals in a public zoo, bona fide educational or medical institution, humane society, or museum where they are kept as live specimens for the public to view, or for the purpose of instruction, research or study.
- B. The keeping of dangerous animals for exhibition to the public by a bona fide traveling circus, carnival, exhibit or show licensed to perform in the City.
- C. The keeping of dangerous animals in a bona fide, licensed veterinary hospital for treatment.
- D. The keeping of dangerous animals by a wildlife rescue organization, with appropriate permit from the Iowa Conservation Commission or the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

E. Any dangerous animals under the jurisdiction of and in the possession of the Iowa Conservation Commission, pursuant to chapter 717F of the Iowa Code.

F. A bona fide commercial pet shop licensed and inspected by the Iowa Department of Agriculture. Any such pet shop shall post in a conspicuous place, the following notice:

**NOTICE**

Section [7-6D-3](#) of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances 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:

1. Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx and bobcats;
2. Wolves, coyotes and foxes;
3. Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunks and mink;
4. Raccoons;
5. Bears;
6. All apes, baboons, macaques, monkeys and chimpanzees;
7. Alligators and crocodiles;
8. Scorpions;
9. Snakes that are:
  - a. Any member of the family *actinopeltidae*, including but not limited to mole vipers and burrowing asps.
  - b. Any member of the family *elapidae*, *viperidae*, *crotalidae*, *actinopeltidae*, or *hydrophidae* which are venomous, including but not limited to cobras, mambas, coral snakes, kraits, adders, vipers, rattlesnakes, copperheads, pit vipers, keelbacks, cottonmouths, and sea snakes.
  - c. Any member of the superfamily *henophidia*, which are limited to reticulated pythons, anacondas, and African rock pythons.
10. Reptiles that are venomous;
11. Gila monsters;
12. Opossums; and
13. Any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified above.

**7-6D-5: REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING:**

A. Keeping Animal Confined: Any person keeping, sheltering or harboring a dangerous animal shall at all times keep such animal securely confined within a cage or other enclosure approved by the Health Services Officer.

B. Prohibited From Public Property: No person keeping, sheltering or harboring a dangerous animal shall permit or allow such animal to enter upon or traverse any public property, park property, public right-of-way, or any business establishment licensed by the City, or the property of another except when such animal is being transported while caged or confined.

C. Report Animal Missing: It shall be the duty of the animal keeper, shelterer or harborer to report to the City Manager/Police Department when a dangerous animal is found missing.

D. Keeping Animals Which Attack Or Bite Prohibited: No person shall keep, shelter or harbor a dangerous animal which has demonstrated without provocation to attack or bite.

**7-6D-6: GENERAL PROHIBITION AND DUTY:** No person shall aid or cause any dangerous animal, whether owned by such person or not, to escape confinement or impoundment, whether such confinement or impoundment be upon such person's property or that of another by opening any gate, door or window or making any opening of any fence, enclosure or structure or by unleashing such animal.

**7-6D-7: SEIZURE, IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS:**

A. Authority To Destroy: In the event that a dangerous animal is found at large upon public property, park property, public right(s)-of-way, or the property of someone other than its keeper, harborer or shelterer thereby creating a hazard to person or property, such animal may, in the discretion of the City Manager, be destroyed if it cannot be confined or captured. The City shall be under no duty to attempt the confinement or capture of dangerous animal found at large, nor shall it have a duty to notify the keeper, harborer, or shelterer of such animal prior to its destruction.

B. Procedure Upon Complaint; Order Removal Of Animal: Upon the complaint of any individual that a person is keeping, sheltering, or harboring a dangerous animal on premises in the City in violation of sections [7-6D-3](#), [7-6D-5](#) and [7-6D-6](#) of this article or that a person is keeping, sheltering or harboring a dangerous animal which has demonstrated a propensity to attack or bite without provocation, the City Manager shall order the person named in the complaint to safely remove such animal from the City, permanently place the animal with an organization or group allowed under section [7-6D-4](#) of this article to possess dangerous animals, or destroy the animal, within three (3) days of the receipt of such order. Such order shall be contained in a notice to remove the dangerous animal, which notice shall be in writing and delivered personally or by certified mail to the person keeping, sheltering or harboring the dangerous animal. Such order and notice to remove the dangerous animal shall not be required where the Health Services Officer determines that such dangerous animal has previously caused serious physical harm or death to any person in which case the Health Services Officer shall cause the animal to be immediately seized and impounded or killed if seizure and impoundment are not possible without risk of serious physical harm or death to any person.

C. Appeal; Notice; Hearing: The order to remove a dangerous animal issued by the City Manager may be appealed to the City Council. To appeal such order, written notice of appeal stating the grounds for the appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within three (3) days after receipt of the order and notice to remove the dangerous animal. Failure to file such written notice of appeal shall constitute a waiver of the right to appeal the order of the Health Services Officer.

1. The hearing on the appeal shall be within fourteen (14) days of the filing of the notice of appeal with the City Clerk. The hearing may be continued for good cause.

2. After such hearing, the City Council may affirm or reverse the order of the City Manager. Such determination shall be contained in a written decision and shall be filed with the City Clerk within three (3) days after the hearing, or any continued session thereof.

3. If the City Council affirms the action of the City Manager, the City Council shall order in its written decision that the person sheltering, harboring, or keeping such dangerous animal, remove such animal from the City, permanently place such animal with an organization or group allowed under section [7-6D-4](#) of this article to possess dangerous animals, or destroy it. The decision and order shall immediately be served upon the person against whom rendered in the same manner as the notice of removal.

D. Seizure And Impoundment: If the order of the City Manager is not appealed and is not complied with within three (3) days of its issuance, the City Manager is authorized to seize and impound such dangerous animal. If the written decision of the City Council is not complied with within three (3) days of this issuance, the City Manager is authorized to seize and impound such dangerous animal. An animal so seized shall be impounded for a period of seven (7) days.

E. Disposition Of Animal: If at the end of the impoundment period, the person against whom the decision and order of the City Manager or City Council was issued has not petitioned the Dubuque County District Court for review of said order, the City Manager shall cause the animal to be disposed of by sale, permanently place such animal to be disposed of by sale, permanently place such animal with an organization or group allowed under section [7-6D-4](#) of this article to possess dangerous animals, or destroy such animal in a humane manner.

## ARTICLE E. POTENTIALLY VICIOUS DOGS

### 7-6E-1: DEFINITION:

A "potentially vicious dog" is a dog that:

- A. When unprovoked, on two (2) separate occasions, has engaged in any behavior that has required a defensive action by any person to prevent bodily injury when the person and dog were off of the property of the owner or keeper of the dog;
- B. When unprovoked, has attacked or bitten a person;
- C. When unprovoked, has inflicted a serious injury or caused the death of a domestic animal, either on public or private property other than the property of the owner or keeper; or
- D. When unprovoked, chases or approaches a person or domestic animal upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public or private property other than the property of the owner or keeper, in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack.

### 7-6E-2: PROCEDURE FOR DECLARATION OF POTENTIALLY VICIOUS DOG:

- A. Basis For Declaration: The City Manager may find and declare an animal potentially vicious based upon the following:
  1. The written complaint of a citizen that the animal has acted in a manner set forth in section [7-6E-1](#) of this article;
  2. Dog bite reports filed with the Health Services Department;
  3. Actions of the dog witnessed by any animal control officer or law enforcement officer; or
  4. Other substantial evidence.
- B. Service Of Declaration Upon Owner: The declaration of a potentially vicious dog shall be in writing and shall be served on the owner or keeper in one (1) of the following methods: personally, by certified mail to the owner at the owner's or keeper's last known address, or if the owner or keeper cannot be served personally or by mail, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.
- C. Contents Of Declaration: The declaration shall state:
  1. The description of the animal;
  2. The name and address of the owner or keeper of the animal, if known;
  3. The whereabouts of the animal, if not in the custody of the owner or keeper;
  4. The facts upon which the declaration of potentially vicious dog is based;
  5. The owner's or keeper's right to a hearing if the person objects to the declaration;
  6. The restrictions placed upon the animal as a result of the declaration of potentially vicious dog; and
  7. The penalties for a violation of such restrictions.
8. If the City Manager so determines, that the owner or keeper be required to have microchip identification implanted in the dog.
- D. Objections Of Owner: The owner or keeper may object to the declaration of potentially vicious dog by requesting a hearing before the City Manager by submitting a written request to the City Manager within ten (10) days of the date of mailing of the declaration, or within ten (10) days of the publication of the declaration.
  1. If the City Manager finds that there is insufficient evidence to support the declaration, it shall be rescinded, and the restrictions imposed thereby annulled.
  2. If the City Manager finds sufficient evidence to support the declaration, the City Manager shall provide the owner with written notice of such determination within five (5) working days after the hearing.
  3. Prior to and pending the outcome of the hearing, the owner or keeper of a dog that has been declared potentially vicious must comply with all conditions and restrictions set forth by the City Manager.
  4. If it is determined by the animal control officer or law enforcement officer that probable cause exists to believe the dog in question poses an immediate threat to public safety, then the

animal control officer or law enforcement officer may seize and impound the dog pending the hearing to be held pursuant to this article. The owner or keeper of the dog shall be liable to the City or County where the dog is impounded for the costs and expenses of keeping the dog if the dog is later determined to be potentially vicious. When a dog has been impounded and it is not contrary to public safety, the animal control officer shall permit the animal to be confined at the owner's expense in a Health Services Department approved kennel or veterinary facility.

#### **7-6E-3: NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF POTENTIALLY VICIOUS DOG:**

A. The owner or keeper shall immediately notify the Health Services Department when a dog which has been classified as potentially vicious:

1. Is loose or unconfined;
2. Has bitten a human being or attacked another animal;
3. Is sold or given away, or dies; or
4. Is moved to another address.

B. Prior to a potentially vicious dog being sold or given away, the owner or keeper shall provide the name, address and telephone number of the new owner or keeper to the Health Services Department. The new owner or keeper shall comply with all the requirements of this chapter.

#### **7-6E-4: EXCEPTIONS TO CLASSIFICATION:**

A. No dog may be declared potentially vicious if:

1. Any injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time of the injury or damage was sustained, was committing a wilful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the dog, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime;
2. The dog was protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault; or
3. The injury or damage was sustained by a person or a domestic animal, which at the time of the injury or damage was sustained, was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog.

B. No dog may be declared potentially vicious if the injury or damage to a domestic animal was sustained while the dog was working as a hunting dog, herding dog or predator control dog on the property of, or under the control of, its owner or keeper, and the damage or injury was to a species or type of domestic animal appropriate to the work of the dog.

#### **7-6E-5: DISPOSITION OF POTENTIALLY VICIOUS DOG:**

A. License And Vaccination; Fee: A potentially vicious dog shall be properly licensed and vaccinated. The potentially vicious designation shall be included in the registration records of the dog. The City may charge a potentially vicious dog fee in addition to the regular licensing fee to provide for the increased costs of maintaining the records of the dog.

B. Confinement; Restraint: A potentially vicious dog, while on the owner's or keeper's property, shall at all times be kept indoors or in a securely fenced yard from which the dog cannot escape and into which children cannot trespass. A potentially vicious animal may be off the owner's or keeper's premises only if restrained by a substantial leash, of appropriate length, and if the dog is under the control of a responsible adult and is humanely muzzled.

C. Notice Of Change Of Ownership And Location: If a potentially vicious dog dies, or is sold, transferred or permanently removed from the City, the owner or keeper of the dog shall notify the Health Services Department of the changed condition and new location of the dog in writing within two (2) working days.

### **ARTICLE F. VICIOUS DOGS AND CATS**

**7-6F-1: DEFINITION:** A "vicious animal" is deemed so when it has attacked or bitten any person on more than one (1) occasion without provocation or when an attack or bite results in serious bodily injury.

**7-6F-2: PROCEDURE FOR DECLARATION OF VICIOUS ANIMAL:**

A. Basis For Declaration: The City Manager may find and declare an animal vicious based upon the following:

1. When the animal has attacked or bitten any person on more than one (1) occasion without provocation or when an attack or bite results in serious bodily injury.
- B. Service Of Declaration Upon Owner: The declaration of a vicious animal shall be in writing and shall be served on the owner or keeper in one (1) of the following methods: personally, by certified mail to the owner at the owner's or keeper's last known address, or if the owner or keeper cannot be served personally or by mail, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

C. Contents Of Declaration: The declaration shall state:

1. The description of the animal;
2. The name and address of the owner or keeper of the animal, if known;
3. The facts upon which the declaration of vicious animal is based;
4. The restrictions placed upon the animal as a result of the declaration of vicious animal;
5. The penalties for a violation of such restrictions;
6. If the City Manager so determines, that the owner or keeper be required to have microchip identification implanted in the animal; and

7. The owner or keeper must keep the vicious animal within the City and under the owner or keeper's ownership until resolution of the matter through City administration or the judicial system.

D. Seizure And Impoundment: If it is determined by the animal control officer or law enforcement officer that probable cause exists to believe the animal in question poses an immediate threat to public safety, then the animal control officer or law enforcement officer may seize and impound the animal pending the resolution pursuant to this article. The owner or keeper of the animal shall be liable to the City or County where the animal is impounded for the costs and expenses of keeping the animal if the dog is determined to be vicious.

**7-6F-3: NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF VICIOUS ANIMAL:**

A. The owner or keeper shall immediately notify the City Manager when an animal which has been classified as vicious:

1. Is loose or unconfined;
2. Has bitten a human being or attacked another animal; or
3. Dies.

B. A vicious animal may not be sold, given away, or moved to another location prior to resolution of the matter through City administration or the judicial system.

**7-6F-4: EXCEPTIONS TO CLASSIFICATION:**

A. No animal may be declared vicious if:

1. Any injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time of the injury or damage was sustained, was committing a wilful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the animal, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the animal, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime;
2. The animal was protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the animal from an unjustified attack or assault; or

3. The injury or damage was sustained by a person or a domestic animal, which at the time of the injury or damage was sustained, was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the animal.

B. No animal may be declared vicious if the injury or damage to a domestic animal was sustained while the animal was working as a hunting dog, herding dog or predator control dog on the property of, or under the control of, its owner or keeper, and the damage or injury was to a species or type of domestic animal appropriate to the work of the dog.

**7-6F-5: DISPOSITION OF VICIOUS ANIMAL:**

A. License And Vaccination; Fee: A vicious animal shall be properly licensed and vaccinated. The vicious designation shall be included in the registration records of the animal. The City may charge a vicious animal fee in addition to the regular licensing fee to provide for the increased costs of maintaining the records of the animal.

B. Confinement; Restraint: A vicious animal, while on the owner's or keeper's property, shall at all times be kept indoors or in a securely fenced yard from which the animal cannot escape and into which people cannot trespass. A vicious animal may be off the owner's or keeper's premises only if restrained by a substantial leash, of appropriate length, and if the animal is under the control of a responsible adult and is humanely muzzled.

C. Notice Of Death: If a vicious animal dies, the owner or keeper of the animal shall notify the City Manager of the death of the animal in writing within two (2) working days.

## APPENDIX D: PARKS ORDINANCE

### 10-5B-4: DOGS, CATS AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS:

A. Animals Prohibited: No person shall be permitted to bring into any park, parkway, trail, or open space, any dog, cat or other domestic animal, nor shall any person permit such dog, cat or other domestic animal to run at large in any park, parkway, trail, or open space. Any unattended animal shall be impounded and its owner may redeem the same upon paying the reasonable costs of such impoundment.

B. Leashed Dogs And Cats Allowed In Certain Parks And Areas:

1. Notwithstanding the foregoing, leashed dogs and cats shall be permitted in the following:

A.Y. McDonald Park  
Bee Branch Creek Greenway  
Granger Creek Nature Trail  
Heritage Trail  
Jaycee Trail  
John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area  
Medical Associates Greenbelt Park  
Miller-Riverview Park  
Northwest Arterial Trail  
Port of Dubuque Marina  
Port of Dubuque Riverwalk Trail  
Powerline Trail  
Pyatigorsk Park  
Southern Levy Trail

2. Leashed dogs and cats as allowed in subsection B1 of this section are subject to and must comply with the provisions of title 7, chapter 6 of this Code.

3. The owner or keeper must pick up and dispose of or take away the dog or cat's waste.

4. The owner or keeper is responsible for the actions of the dog or cat.

C. Unleashed Pets Allowed In Pet Park: Unleashed pets shall be permitted in the pet park.

D. Exceptions: This section does not apply to:

1. Service animals used by persons with disabilities;
2. As part of an approved and permitted special event under chapter 4 of this title;
3. Animals which are part of the Storybook Hill Petting Zoo at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park; and
4. Animals within Eagle Point Park, Murphy Park and Flora Park which are confined to an automobile, camper, motor home (aka recreational vehicle), or other similar conveyance during the entirety of their time within the designated park(s), parkway(s), trail(s), or open space(s). (Ord. 23-17, 5-15-2017)

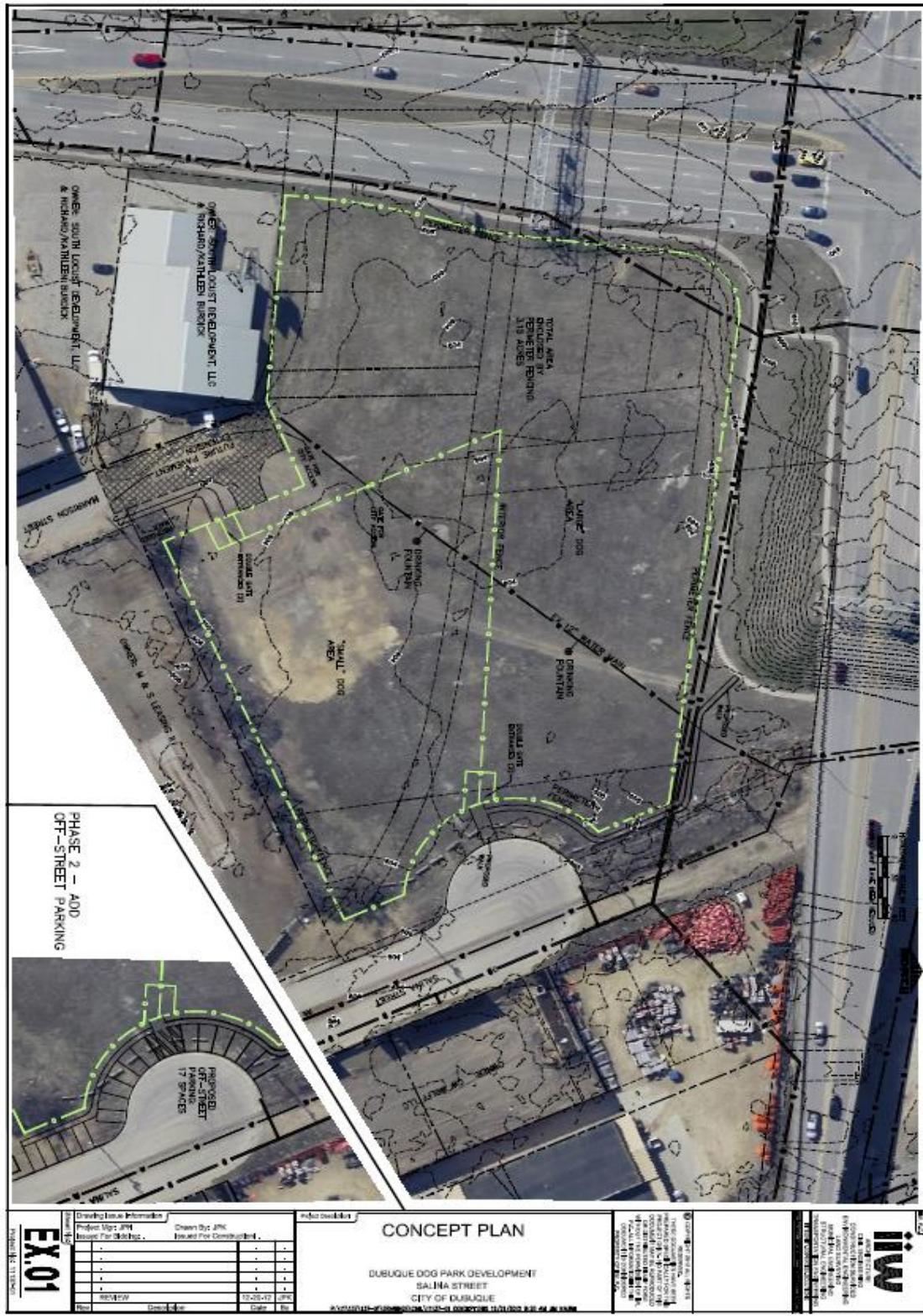
## APPENDIX E: LANDLORD SURVEY QUESTIONS

- 1. Landlord Name**
- 2. Number of units owned in Dubuque**
- 3. Number of Pet-Friendly units owned in Dubuque**
- 4. What type of pets do you allow?**
- 5. If you allow pets, are any of the following restrictions enforced?**
  - Breed restrictions
  - Size restrictions
  - Total number of pets
- 6. If you allow pets, how do you enforce any rules related to them?  
(choose all that apply)**
  - Charge a higher rent and/or deposit
  - Regular inspections of unit
- 7. Do you offer any of the following amenities for your Pet-Friendly units?**
  - Pet waste stations
  - Designated pet relief area
- 8. If you do not allow pets at your facilities, what are the primary reason(s) you have chosen not to?**
- 9. Are there resources the community could offer, or other incentives, that might change your mind about allowing pets in more units?**

## APPENDIX F: FDR PARK MASTER PLAN INCLUDES DOG PARK



APPENDIX G: SE CORNER OF DODGE AND LOCUST DOG PARK PLANNING



**APPENDIX H:SE CORNER OF DODGE AND LOCUST DOG PARK**

Dog Park Development - Salina Street  
 City of Dubuque - Leisure Services  
 11137-01



IIW, P.C.  
 4155 Pennsylvania Avenue  
 Dubuque, IA 52002-2628  
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**Preliminary Cost Estimate - Phase 1**  
January 30, 2013

NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Miscellaneous and Mobilization	1 LS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
2	Chain Link Fence (60" Height)	1,550 LF	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$21,700.00
3	Chain Link Fence (60" Height) w/Privacy Slats	345 LF	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$8,625.00
4	PCC Sidewalk	245 SY	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$9,800.00
5	Drinking Fountain	2 EA	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$10,400.00
6	Furnish & Install Light Pole Foundation	2 EA	\$975.00	\$975.00	\$1,950.00
7	Install Salvaged Light Pole Furnished by City	2 EA	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$750.00
8	Seeding	4 AC	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$4,800.00
9	Topsoil, Imported	1,300 CY	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$13,000.00
10	Gates	10 EA	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$4,500.00
11	Lighting Controller	1 EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
12	Electrical Circuit, Incl. trenching, conduit, and wiring	250 LF	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$3,750.00
					<b>\$90,275.00</b>
					<b>\$9,027.50</b>
					<b>\$99,302.50</b>
					<b>PROJECT BUDGET</b>
					<b>10%</b>

**APPENDIX I:**  
**CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ACTIONS RELATED TO PETS 2012-2019**

APRIL 17, 2012	<p>Status of second Pet Park  Area selected for second pet park is owned by IDOT at SE corner of Locust and Highway 20.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2879">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2879</a></p>
JUNE 12, 2012	<p>Commission meeting: at City Council Chambers. Voted to Receive/file petition for pets to be allowed in parks, referred by City Council.</p> <p>Reviewed current ordinance and history known (1953 CC established ordinance prohibiting unleashed pets in public areas including parks; current ordinance in place since at least 1969 with few changes).</p> <p>Discussed other input received or referred to Leisure Services; sharing information related to dogs in parks; proposed web survey; citizens present could share input (3-minute limit); <b>no action or voting</b>.</p> <p>Input session resulted in 3 for, 2 against (60% in favor of) allowing pets in parks.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3011">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3011</a></p>
JULY 10, 2012	<p>Commission meeting: at City Council Chambers. Public comment session limited to 3 minutes per person; commissioners discussed their individual proposals regarding dogs in parks and Leisure Services areas; <b>no action or voting</b>.</p> <p>Input session resulted in 10 for, 6 against (63% in favor of) allowing pets in parks.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3050">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3050</a></p>
JULY 24, 2012	<p>Commission special <u>work session</u>: info from staff on fines, liability, commissioner comments, discussion, commissioner proposal, more discussion; special gated areas and/or areas within a park; <b>no action or voting</b>.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3051">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3051</a></p>

AUGUST 14, 2012	<p>Commission meeting: Dogs in park draft ordinance review / discussion; <b>no action or voting.</b></p> <p>At conclusion of discussion, LS Manager said goal is to incorporate current ordinance draft, changes made with today's discussion, feedback from other City staff/departments and type up a final format to share with all commissioners at September commission meeting. Can then post proposal for the public to see so public is aware of what the Ordinance is, that is being reviewed and potentially recommended to Council.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3149">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3149</a></p>
NOVEMBER 13, 2012	<p>Commission meeting: discussion of draft ordinance changes related to dogs and other animals in parks suggested by Legal Department; <b>no action or voting.</b></p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3393">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3393</a></p>
DECEMBER 18, 2012	<p>Commission meeting: Chapter 5 Parks and Recreation Ordinance Review and Recommendation (includes dogs in parks); vote.</p> <p>Approve Chapter 5 Parks and Recreation Ordinance Review and Recommendation (includes dogs in parks) with some revisions; MOTION PASSED 6-1.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3339">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3339</a></p>
MARCH 4, 2013	<p>CITY COUNCIL: voted down the ordinance change that was recommended by Commission at their December 2012 meeting, 5-1.</p> <p>On March 18 the recommendation will go back on the Council agenda as a first voting and they can discuss, ask for changes, etc.</p> <p><i>Agenda:</i>  <a href="https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=104&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda">https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=104&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda</a></p> <p><i>Video:</i>  <a href="http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1487?meta_id=40500">http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1487?meta_id=40500</a></p>

MARCH 12, 2013	<p>Commission meeting: Pet Ordinance: council meeting action; upcoming meeting; Veterans' Memorial request for consideration; correspondence from Council Member Ric Jones; recommendations regarding requests for consideration / reconsideration; Vote.</p> <p>Add to recommended ordinance to make all Veterans' memorials and playground equipment areas in parks as "no pet" areas; MOTION PASSED 5-2.</p> <p>Agreement with Dubuque Humane Society related to reallocation of Pet Park C.I.P.; <u><b>VOTE</b></u> to table for further consideration. MOTION PASSED 5-2.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3499">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3499</a></p>
MARCH 18, 2013	<p>CITY COUNCIL:</p> <p>Voted to reconsider proposed ordinance changes recommended by Park &amp; Recreation Commission; MOTION PASSED 7-0.</p> <p>Voted to consider 1st reading of proposed ordinance w recommended changes – adding definitions relating to animals; restricting horse drawn vehicles; permitting dogs, cats, and domesticated animals in certain parks, open spaces and trails subject to conditions; establishing leash and waste clean-up requirements; prohibiting animals running at-large with parks, open spaces or trails; permitting the exercising of dogs off leash in certain areas; and revising park, open spaces and trail descriptions. MOTION PASSED 4-3.</p> <p>CC requested following changes be made to ordinance for second reading (scheduled for 4-15-13): 1) one-year trial period w evaluation; 2) evaluation on enforcement options; 3) shorten list of eligible parks; and 4) a clear definition of the geography of play areas. CC also requested info from staff related to funding of associated costs of amenities such as waste bags, signage and public education.</p> <p><i>Agenda:</i>  <a href="https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=116&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda">https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=116&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda</a></p> <p><i>Video:</i>  <a href="http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1494?meta_id=40637">http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1494?meta_id=40637</a></p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3473">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3473</a></p>

APRIL 2, 2013	<p>Commission meeting: Pets in Parks Recommendation: Council review request of 1-year trial period with evaluation; evaluation of enforcement options; shorter list of eligible parks; clear definition of geography of play equipment areas; costs of waste bag dispensers, waste bags and signs. Several motion / several votes.</p> <p>Trial period, vote: Approve a one-year trial period for allowing pets in parks, to end one year from date the ordinance change is enacted; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>ENFORCEMENT, VOTE: Have Police, Animal Control and seasonal and full time Park Patrol be in charge of enforcing the ordinance and use their own discretion as to whether to issue a citation or note; MOTION PASSED 6-1.</p> <p>Consideration of additional areas, Vote: Add Allison-Henderson Park, tennis courts, basketball courts and skate parks to the present proposed no pets list; MOTION PASSED 6-1.</p> <p>Geographic boundary, Vote: Define the geographic area to be 10' from the border of mulch or hard surface play equipment or play area; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Costs and signage, Vote: Not provide waste bag dispensers or bags in any areas not currently provided and to place less signs but larger informational and rules signs (\$60 size) at entrance to parks. Signs placed in parks would be appropriate to size of park; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3588">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3588</a></p>
APRIL 15, 2013	<p>CITY COUNCIL:</p> <p>Receive &amp; file documents and consider second reading of proposed ordinance amending Title 10 Public Ways and Property, Chapter 5 Parks and Recreation ..... (see list of proposed changes above on March 18).</p> <p>MOTION FAILED 5-2.</p> <p>Petition signatures resulted in 1,750 for, 1,050 against (63% in favor of) allowing pets in parks.</p> <p><i>Agenda:</i>  <a href="https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=117&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda">https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=117&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda</a></p> <p><i>Video:</i>  <a href="http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1522?meta_id=41504">http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1522?meta_id=41504</a></p>

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JUNE 25, 2013	<p>Commission meeting: Park and Recreation Ordinance Revisions: adding definitions; restricting horse-drawn vehicles; permitting leashed dogs and cats in certain trails; referencing leash in Animal Control Ordinance; establishing clean-up requirements; revise Park, revise Open Spaces and Trail descriptions; vote</p> <p>Approve ordinance revisions as proposed; MOTION PASSED 6-1.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3768">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3768</a></p>
AUGUST 5, 2013	<p>CITY COUNCIL:</p> <p>Code of Ordinances Title 10 Amendment - Animals, Definitions and Descriptions: City Manager recommending an ordinance amendment permitting leashed dogs and cats on certain trails, adding definitions, restricting horse drawn vehicles, establishing clean-up requirements, and revising park, open space and trail descriptions.</p> <p>Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and that the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings 10 prior to the meeting at which it is to be passed be suspended. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.</p> <p>Motion by Jones for final consideration and passage of Amended Ordinance No. 42-13 Amending City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances Title 10 Public Ways and Property, Chapter 5 Parks and Recreation by adding definitions relating to animals; restricting horse drawn vehicles; permitting dogs, cats, and domesticated animals in certain parks, open spaces, and trails subject to conditions; establishing leash and waste clean-up requirements; prohibiting animals running at-large within parks, open spaces, or trails; and revising park, open spaces and trail descriptions. Seconded by Resnick. Motion carried 7-0.</p> <p><i>Agenda:</i>  <a href="https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=109&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda">https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=109&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda</a></p> <p><i>Video:</i>  <a href="http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1621">http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1621</a></p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3766">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3766</a></p>

AUGUST 13, 2013	Commission meeting: Review of past pet park location options (IDOT property, Terminal Street, DICW, East 12th Street, McAleece Complex); no action or voting.  <i>Minutes:</i> <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3853">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3853</a>
MARCH 11, 2014	Commission meeting: Commissioner Lydon asked if we could bring back the issue of allowing pets in parks on next agenda since second pet park funds are on chopping block. Discussion / consensus was to wait until May meeting and see what action City Council took on FY 2014 cuts.  <i>Minutes:</i> <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4492">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4492</a>
MAY 13, 2014	Commission meeting: Commissioner Lydon asked Commission to reconsider proposing that leashed and licensed pets be allowed in city parks. She would like original ordinance that included all parks except Eagle Point and Murphy to be reviewed, along with the most recent approved version. Commissioners agreed to place on June agenda.  <i>Minutes:</i> <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4308">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4308</a>
JULY 8, 2014	Commission meeting: report on communications with All Veterans' Memorial representative and Arboretum Association Board related to pets in parks.  Decided to discuss a specific ordinance change proposal by commissioner Lydon at august meeting. if action was taken at that meeting, then hold public meeting in September.  <i>Minutes:</i> <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4491">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4491</a>
AUGUST 12, 2014	Commission meeting: recommend changing the pet section of Park and Recreation Ordinance as proposed by Commissioner Lydon; vote. MOTION PASSED 4-3. Manager Ware said next step is to have Legal Department review the proposal.  <i>Minutes:</i> <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4533">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4533</a>

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014	<p>Commissioner Lydon distributed copies of a Web Poll compiled from 2013 to 2014 asking “Should dogs be allowed in Dubuque parks?” Plus an e-mail communication from citizen in favor of pets in parks.</p> <p>Web poll resulted in 454 for, 204 against (69% for) allowing dogs in Dubuque parks.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4584">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4584</a></p>
OCTOBER 14, 2014	<p>Commission meeting: review ordinance recommendation after proposed changes from ICAP and Legal Department and set public input process; Votes</p> <p>continued</p> <p>Accept changes to the language of the ordinance recommended by Legal Department and to set a date for public input meeting. MOTION PASSED 6-1.</p> <p>Hold public input meeting at City Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 18 as part of the regular commission meeting with two-minute per person limit. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4657">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4657</a></p>
NOVEMBER 18, 2014	<p>Commission meeting / public hearing: recorded public opinions / concerns regarding possible ordinance change related to pets in parks issue as part of the regular commission meeting; no action or voting.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4693">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4693</a></p>
DECEMBER 9, 2014	<p>Commission meeting: vote to accept changes to language of ordinance recommended by Legal Department on December 9 and recommend proposed ordinance amendment to City Council; MOTION FAILED 3-3 (one commissioner absent).</p> <p>Manager Ware will check with Legal Department on what proper procedure is now since vote ended in a tie with one commissioner missing.</p> <p>Records of public hearing resulted in 19 for, 10 against (66% in favor of) allowing pets in parks.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4736">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4736</a></p>

JANUARY 13, 2015	<p>Commission meeting: Pets in parks ordinance recommendation; votes.</p> <p>Retain current ordinance was passed by City Council in 2013 where pets are allowed in several parks on a test basis; MOTION FAILED 2-5.</p> <p>Recommend proposed changed ordinance to City Council which allows pets in all parks with certain exceptions; MOTION PASSED 4-3.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4782">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4782</a></p>
FEBRUARY 2, 2015	<p>CITY COUNCIL: Park and Recreation Commission recommended amendment to Code of Ordinances to allow dogs and cats in all park areas, all trails and other department areas, with certain exceptions.</p> <p>Motion by Jones to receive and file the documents and that the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be passed be suspended. Seconded by Braig. Leisure Services Manager Marie Ware, Police Chief Mark Dalsing, and Public Health Specialist Mary Rose Corrigan responded to questions from the City Council regarding waste stations, enforcement and citations, and outreach. Motion failed 5-2 with Braig and Jones voting yay.</p> <p>Motion by Jones for consideration of the first reading of a proposed ordinance allowing Dogs, Cats and Other Domestic Animals in Parks, Trails, Open Spaces, and Areas. Seconded by Braig. Motion failed 5-2 with Braig and Jones voting yay.</p> <p><i>Agenda:</i>  <a href="https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=320&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda">https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/MeetingView.aspx?MeetingID=320&amp;MinutesMeetingID=-1&amp;doctype=Agenda</a></p> <p><i>Video:</i>  <a href="http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1996?meta_id=51666">http://cityofdubuque.granicus.com/player/clip/1996?meta_id=51666</a></p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4775">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4775</a></p>
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016	<p>Commissioner Hoffmann wondering about enforcement of no dogs allowed in Washington Park. He witnessed two unleashed dogs fighting in the park and owners did not clean up waste left by dogs.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6042">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6042</a></p>
APRIL 11, 2017	<p>Discussion on pet-friendly amenities / input for City Council: commissioners discussed more pet-friendly amenities and parks. Visitors to Dubuque are confused about where their pets are allowed.</p>

	<p>Consensus was to make sure that legalizing licensed pets on leashes in additional parks and updating amenities and making improvements at current pet park were on recommendation list to City Council.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6436">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/6436</a></p>
MAY 8, 2018	<p>Dog Park engagement process explained by Manager Marie Ware. Discussions for another pet park will now be taken through an engagement process similar to selecting the Skate Park location.</p> <p>FIDO group's request to reconsider location of proposed pet park since they feel IDOT property is not a suitable site.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7170">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7170</a></p>
OCTOBER 9, 2018	<p>Pet-friendly Community Work Group; vote.</p> <p>FIDO group addressed commission and wanted to help as discussions continue on constructing new dog park.</p> <p>Pet-friendly community discussion: Document called <i>Playbook for Pet-friendly Communities</i> was provided to commissioners and discussed. It provides tools to assess where a community is at and what are the next steps to be considered. This will be good to work through, but commissioners want to take action now to allow pets in parks and not have it held up by going through all the steps / processes suggested in the document.</p> <p>Recommended creating pet-friendly community work group to work on pet-friendly assessment and policies; vote. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7460">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7460</a></p>
NOVEMBER 13, 2018	<p>Dog Friendly Community update:</p> <p>Manager Ware distributed handouts of information related to pet licenses as requested from last meeting. Staff recommendation to establish a dog friendly community work group will be on City Council agenda for November 19, 2018 meeting.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7513">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7513</a></p>

DECEMBER 11, 2018	<p>Select commission representative and alternate for Dog Friendly Community Work Group.</p> <p>Recommended Commissioner Kuhle to serve as representative, Werner to serve as first alternate and Tigges to serve as second alternate; vote. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Commissioner Werner wants commission to move forward on action to allow pets in parks and work parallel to the Pet-friendly Community Work Group. He would like to have an ordinance change recommendation ready to present to City Council in Spring. After discussion it was decided to put ordinance change related to pets in parks on January2019 agenda. Commissioners should bring ideas to January meeting.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7535">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7535</a></p>
JANUARY 8, 2019	<p>Update on Pet-friendly Community Action Plan process the City Council approved; directed staff that there needs to be data collection and assessment completed and then community engagement process.</p> <p><i>Minutes:</i>  <a href="https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7605">https://www.cityofdubuque.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7605</a></p>

## APPENDIX J: PET-FRIENDLY SURVEY RESULTS

### DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

#### ZIP CODES:

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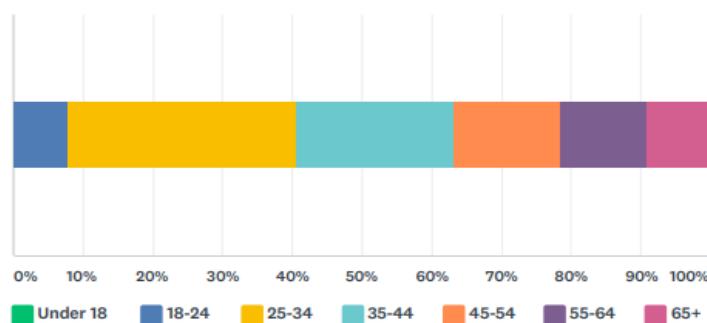
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#### Q14 Your age?

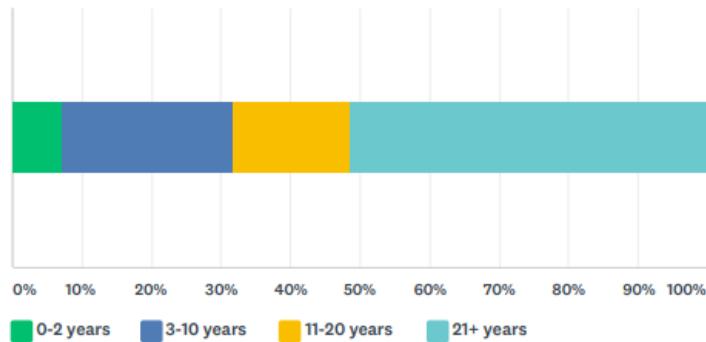
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.16%	1
18-24	7.72%	47
25-34	32.68%	199
35-44	22.50%	137
45-54	15.44%	94
55-64	12.32%	75
65+	9.20%	56
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>609</b>

## Q15 How long have you lived in Dubuque?

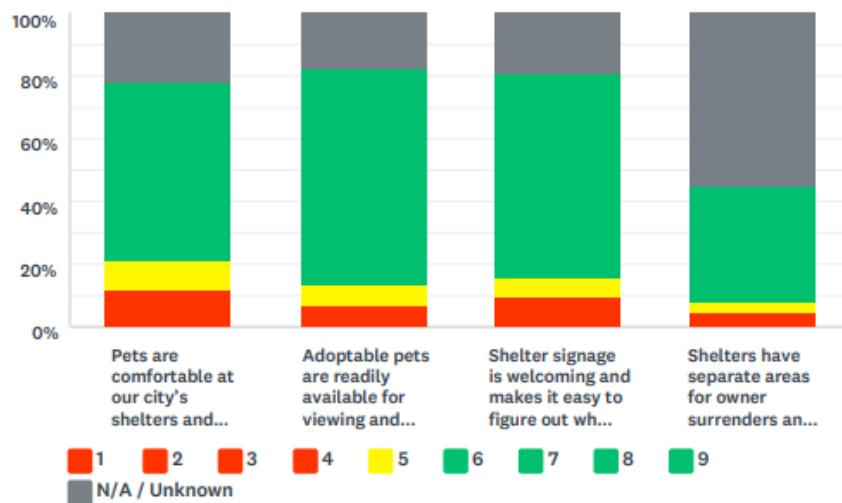
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-2 years	7.21%
3-10 years	24.59%
11-20 years	16.72%
21+ years	51.48%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>610</b>

## Q1 Shelters are warm and welcoming to encourage adoption.

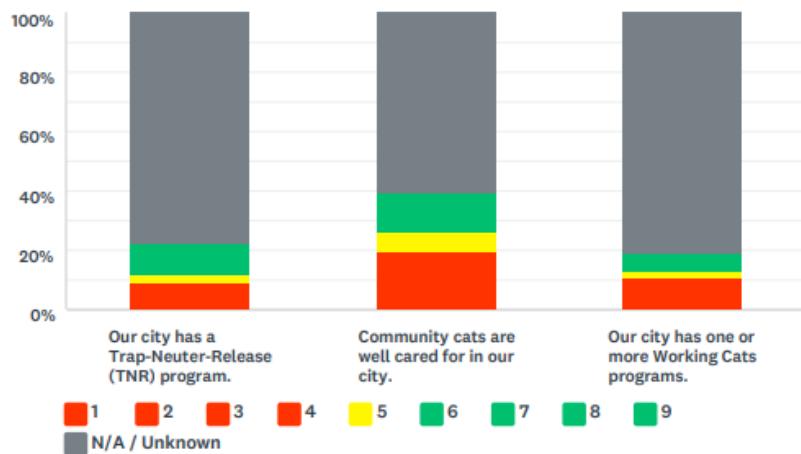
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Pets are comfortable at our city's shelters and have room to play.	3.09%	1.30%	2.12%	5.37%	8.96%	7.65%	17.10%	16.12%	15.96%	22.31%	614
Adoptable pets are readily available for viewing and interaction.	1.80%	1.14%	0.82%	3.43%	6.37%	5.23%	14.71%	20.75%	28.10%	17.65%	612
Shelter signage is welcoming and makes it easy to figure out where to go.	1.79%	1.79%	2.28%	3.43%	6.36%	7.34%	14.68%	17.62%	24.96%	19.74%	613
Shelters have separate areas for owner surrenders and adoptions.	2.29%	0.65%	1.31%	0.49%	3.44%	3.60%	5.07%	9.17%	18.82%	55.16%	611

## Q2 Community cat programs humanely address overpopulation.

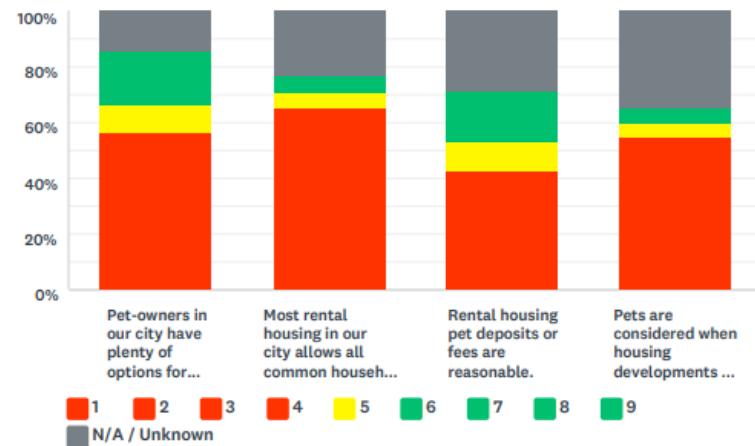
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Our city has a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program.	5.74%	1.64%	0.98%	0.82%	2.13%	0.66%	2.79%	2.13%	4.92%	78.20%	610
Community cats are well cared for in our city.	6.07%	3.77%	4.75%	5.08%	6.39%	2.95%	3.93%	2.46%	3.77%	60.82%	610
Our city has one or more Working Cats programs.	6.72%	1.48%	0.98%	1.48%	2.13%	0.49%	1.31%	1.15%	3.11%	81.15%	610

### Q3 Pet-friendly housing options exist for all families.

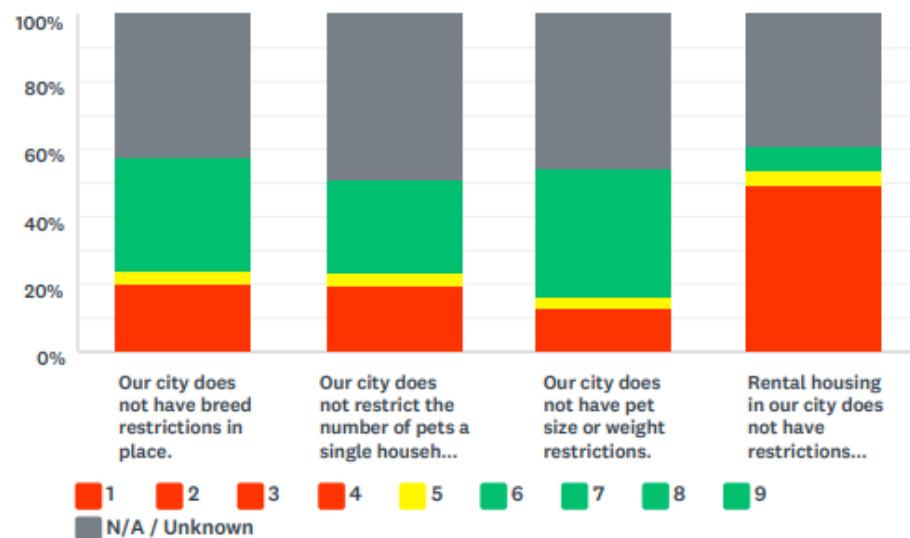
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Pet-owners in our city have plenty of options for where to live.	26.10%	10.28%	11.58%	8.65%	9.46%	4.89%	3.92%	3.59%	7.01%	14.52%	613
Most rental housing in our city allows all common household pets (dogs, cats, birds, rodents, rabbits, fish in aquariums, etc.).	33.17%	13.56%	11.76%	7.03%	5.23%	1.96%	0.98%	1.63%	1.80%	22.88%	612
Rental housing pet deposits or fees are reasonable.	18.36%	7.87%	7.70%	8.52%	10.66%	3.44%	5.41%	3.28%	6.07%	28.69%	610
Pets are considered when housing developments are built or updated.	30.44%	8.67%	10.15%	5.40%	5.07%	0.33%	0.98%	0.98%	3.11%	34.86%	611

## Q4 Pet ownership is not restricted by breed or size bans.

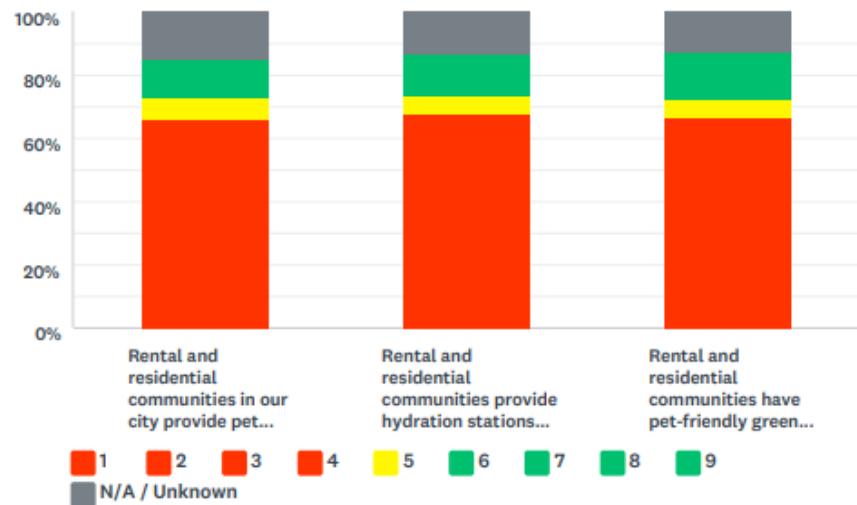
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Our city does not have breed restrictions in place.	11.09%	1.96%	4.08%	3.10%	3.75%	2.45%	4.08%	6.20%	20.88%	42.41%	613
	68	12	25	19	23	15	25	38	128	260	
Our city does not restrict the number of pets a single household can have.	9.82%	2.62%	4.26%	2.95%	3.93%	2.13%	3.60%	5.07%	16.37%	49.26%	611
	60	16	26	18	24	13	22	31	100	301	
Our city does not have pet size or weight restrictions.	6.87%	2.29%	2.13%	1.47%	3.27%	2.13%	4.26%	6.38%	25.37%	45.83%	611
	42	14	13	9	20	13	26	39	155	280	
Rental housing in our city does not have restrictions based on pet breed or size.	31.80%	8.36%	6.07%	2.95%	4.26%	1.64%	0.98%	0.66%	3.93%	39.34%	610
	194	51	37	18	26	10	6	4	24	240	

## Q5 Amenities are available that help pets and pet owners.

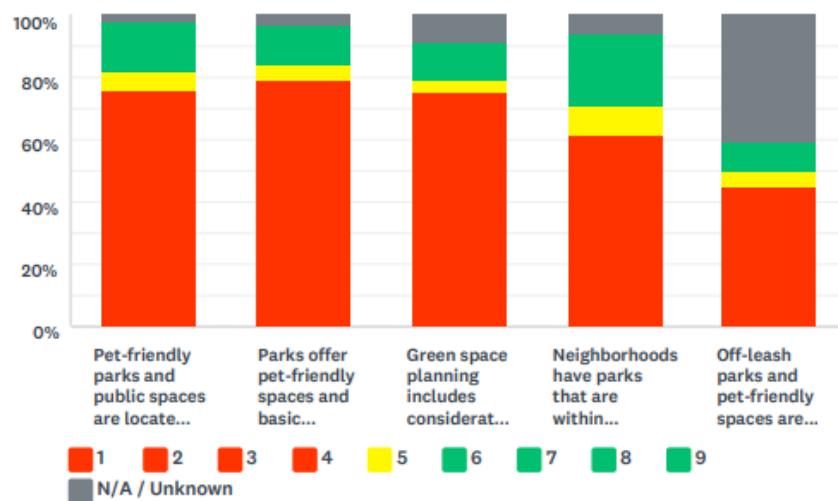
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Rental and residential communities in our city provide pet relief areas with free waste bags.	32.90%	15.80%	11.73%	5.37%	7.00%	2.77%	2.93%	1.79%	4.56%	15.15%	614
Rental and residential communities provide hydration stations with free water for pets.	32.30%	18.60%	12.40%	4.73%	5.55%	2.61%	4.24%	2.12%	4.40%	13.05%	613
Rental and residential communities have pet-friendly green space within walking distance (1/4 mile).	37.75%	12.42%	11.11%	5.07%	6.21%	3.59%	4.08%	2.29%	4.74%	12.75%	612

## Q6 Pet needs are included in green space, park and city planning.

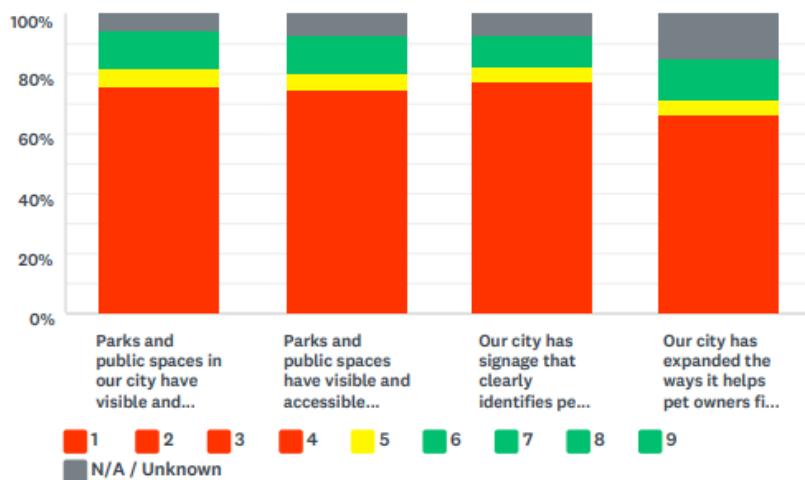
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Pet-friendly parks and public spaces are located throughout our city.	42.44%	15.77%	11.54%	6.34%	6.02%	2.93%	2.28%	2.76%	7.32%	2.60%	615
Parks offer pet-friendly spaces and basic amenities (trails, off-leash areas, waste bag dispensers, trash receptacles, etc.).	42.74%	16.31%	14.19%	5.87%	5.06%	2.45%	2.45%	2.45%	5.38%	3.10%	613
Green space planning includes consideration for pets (on- or off-leash play areas, pet relief areas, etc.).	45.35%	14.68%	9.79%	5.22%	3.92%	2.28%	2.45%	2.12%	5.22%	8.97%	613
Neighborhoods have parks that are within accessible walking distance (1/4 mile).	32.84%	11.93%	8.99%	7.84%	8.66%	4.08%	6.37%	4.25%	8.99%	6.05%	612
Off-leash parks and pet-friendly spaces are planned in my city within the next five years.	29.36%	8.97%	4.57%	2.28%	4.24%	1.79%	2.45%	1.79%	3.75%	40.78%	613

## Q7 Pet hydration and waste stations are plentiful and easy to find.

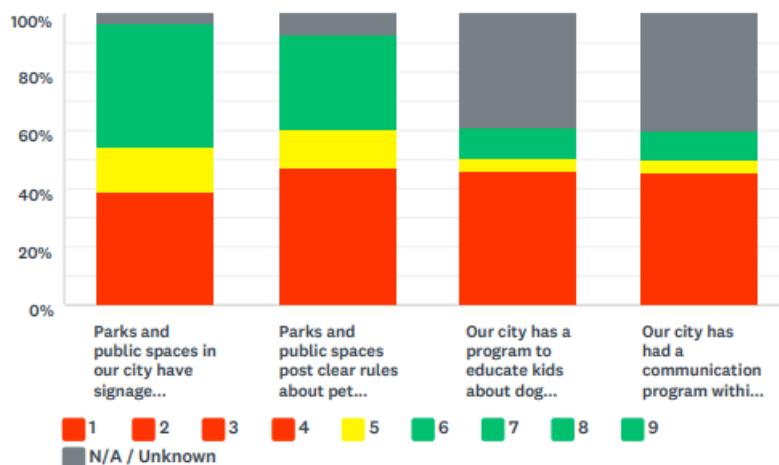
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Parks and public spaces in our city have visible and accessible pet waste stations with free waste bags and trash receptacles.	41.53%	17.26%	10.75%	6.68%	5.86%	2.12%	2.61%	2.12%	5.54%	5.54%	614
Parks and public spaces have visible and accessible hydration stations for pets, such as water fountains or other hydration areas that are low to the ground and pet friendly.	38.73%	17.81%	12.58%	5.39%	5.39%	2.78%	2.94%	1.96%	5.39%	7.03%	612
Our city has signage that clearly identifies pet amenities to help pet owners find them.	46.48%	16.69%	9.49%	4.26%	5.07%	1.64%	2.62%	1.31%	5.07%	7.36%	611
Our city has expanded the ways it helps pet owners find pet amenities (website, app, etc.).	41.48%	10.98%	8.36%	5.08%	5.74%	3.61%	3.11%	1.97%	4.59%	15.08%	610

## Q8 People know the expectations for pets in public places.

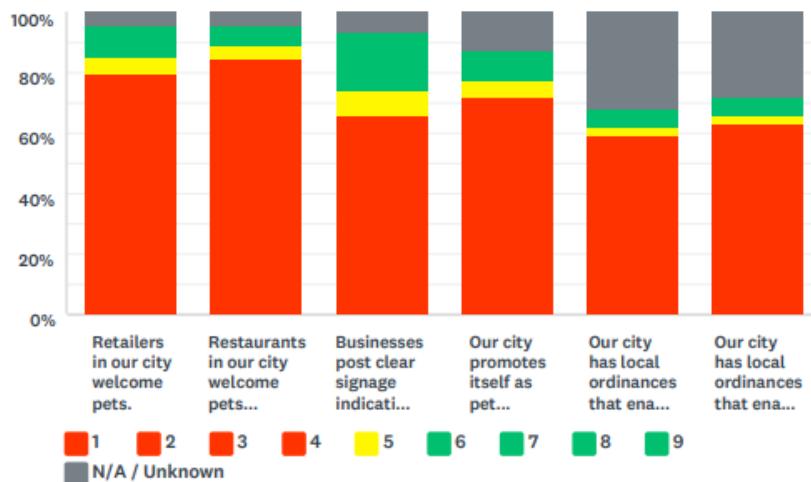
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Parks and public spaces in our city have signage communicating where pets are allowed or restricted.	12.77%	6.06%	10.97%	8.67%	15.55%	9.00%	9.82%	8.67%	15.22%	3.27%	611
Parks and public spaces post clear rules about pet behavior, where pets may be off-leash, etc.	17.16%	11.27%	9.80%	8.82%	12.91%	7.52%	7.84%	5.23%	12.58%	6.86%	612
Our city has a program to educate kids about dog behavior and/or avoiding dog bites.	28.81%	7.86%	5.73%	3.44%	4.26%	1.96%	3.60%	1.15%	4.26%	38.95%	611
Our city has had a communication program within the last five years about responsible pet ownership.	26.96%	7.84%	6.54%	3.92%	4.41%	2.12%	1.47%	2.29%	3.92%	40.52%	612

## Q9 Retail and restaurants make it easy to be out with your pet.

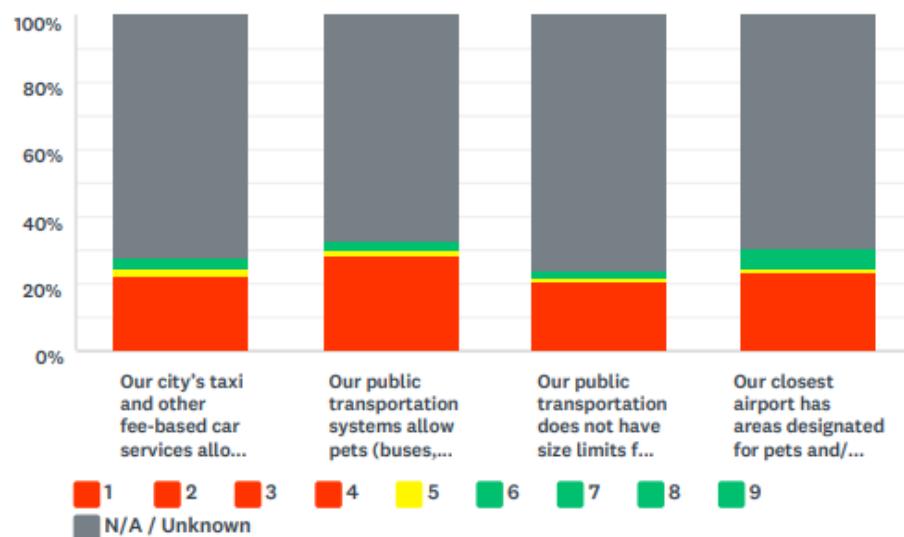
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Retailers in our city welcome pets.	41.97%	18.52%	13.11%	5.90%	5.41%	2.79%	2.13%	2.13%	3.77%	4.26%	610
Restaurants in our city welcome pets (inside or on patios).	52.78%	20.42%	7.68%	3.76%	4.25%	1.63%	0.82%	1.14%	2.94%	4.58%	612
Businesses post clear signage indicating where pets are welcome.	37.32%	15.06%	8.35%	5.40%	7.69%	3.44%	4.58%	3.76%	7.86%	6.55%	611
Our city promotes itself as pet friendly or has plans to do so in the near future.	50.57%	12.60%	6.06%	2.95%	4.58%	2.62%	2.45%	1.47%	3.76%	12.93%	611
Our city has local ordinances that enable businesses welcoming pets.	42.23%	8.35%	5.24%	3.11%	2.95%	1.15%	1.15%	0.98%	3.11%	31.75%	611
Our city has local ordinances that enable restaurants welcoming pets.	48.85%	8.72%	4.28%	0.99%	2.47%	0.99%	1.15%	1.15%	3.29%	28.13%	608

## Q10 Traveling with pets is accessible, safe and affordable.

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Our city's taxi and other fee-based car services allow pets.	15.38% 94	3.93% 24	2.13% 13	1.15% 7	1.80% 11	0.49% 3	0.65% 4	0.49% 3	1.47% 9	72.50% 443	611
Our public transportation systems allow pets (buses, trains, light rail, subway, etc.).	20.85% 127	3.45% 21	2.79% 17	1.31% 8	1.48% 9	0.49% 3	0.00% 0	0.66% 4	1.64% 10	67.32% 410	609
Our public transportation does not have size limits for allowable pets.	15.79% 96	2.63% 16	1.48% 9	0.49% 3	1.32% 8	0.16% 1	0.00% 0	0.49% 3	1.64% 10	75.99% 462	608
Our closest airport has areas designated for pets and/or pet-friendly amenities.	16.23% 99	3.93% 24	1.31% 8	1.80% 11	1.31% 8	0.98% 6	1.31% 8	0.98% 6	2.79% 17	69.34% 423	610

## Q11 Does your employer allow pets?

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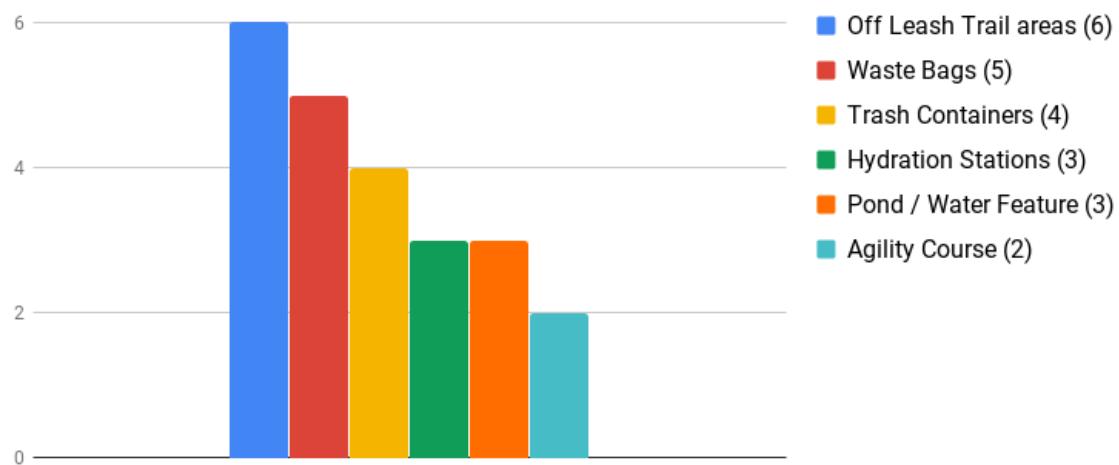
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	87.33%	517
If yes, name of employer:	12.67%	75
TOTAL		592

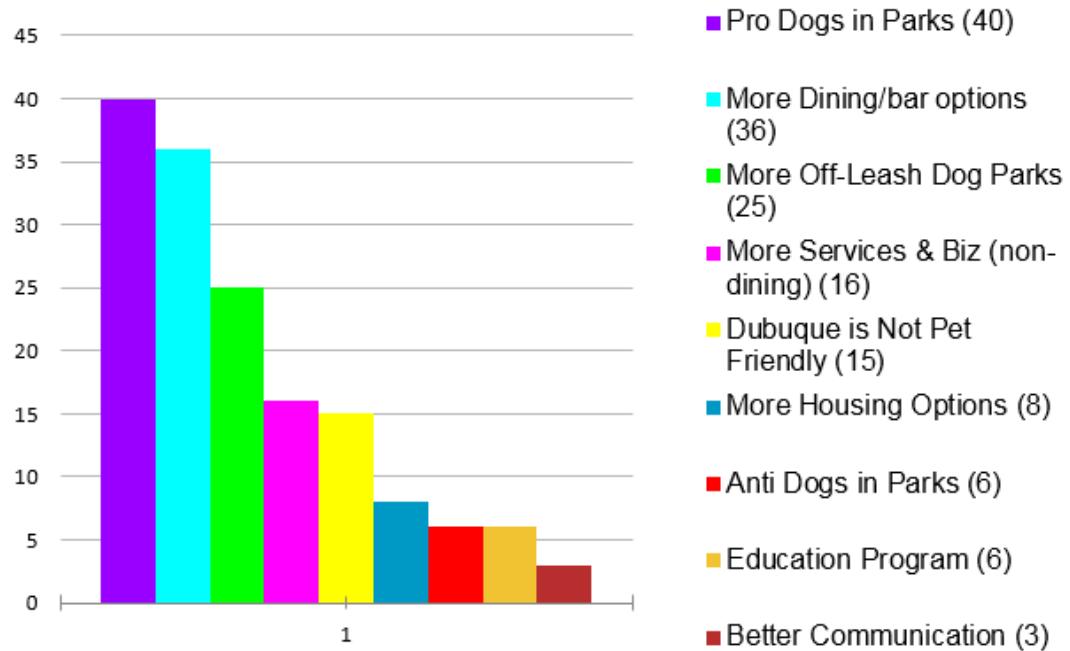
## APPENDIX K: PET-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY COMMENTS

### Comments Summary

#### Pet Amenities Requested



#### Pet Friendly Survey Comments



Survey comments fall into seven general themes:

As part of the Pet-friendly Community Survey, participants were encouraged to make comments. Of those that left feedback, the comments fell into several categories such as general concerns that Dubuque is not pet-friendly, improving access to parks and other public amenities, consideration for restaurants and businesses, encouragements for growth in pet-related business areas were Dubuque is lacking, housing limitations, and responsible pet ownership and related education and enforcement.

### **Dubuque is Pet Unfriendly**

- Nothing about Dubuque is pet friendly. It's a disgrace.
- I really feel that Dubuque is VERY pet UNFRIENDLY!!
- Dubuque is NOT pet friendly at all
- Dubuque is the least pet friendly community I know. There are slim to none pet-friendly services.
- Dubuque as a whole isn't pet-friendly!
- Dubuque is not pet friendly by a long shot.
- Dubuque is horrible for being pet friendly. Other cities such as Cedar Rapids, Madison Quad Cities are so pet friendly. It disgusts me that the City of Dubuque is so against pets in public places. I am a pet owner and always have bags to clean up. Most do. If they do have programs they are not that well publicized. Get with the program Dubuque. Don't penalize the responsible pet owners because of those that don't take care of there's. They should not have them in the first place. Thanks for this survey. Now let's get PET FRIENDLY and promote it for tourism as well.
- Dubuque is not a pet friendly city. There are many services lacking. Dubuque needs to do so much better in this area.
- Rarely saw anyone in public with pets
- All in all this town is NOT pet friendly
- Pets do not need to be everywhere.
- DBQ is far from pet friendly.
- No part of this city is pet friendly.
- I don't think pet owners feel entitled to too many services. I think it is good to limit pets in public spaces
- We need to be a more pet friendly city to attract young professionals.
- Dubuque is the most unfriendly city I have ever been in. Very disappointing. Glad to see a group working towards a city that you can take your pet to a public place and beyond .
- There isn't enough pet-friendly services or information.

### **Dog Park**

- Another dog park that is not crowded. There are sensible homeowners who take care of their pets and would like to take their pets to public parks. Would not include Eagle Point park or the Arboretum. I would not expect my pets to be off-leash either it would be nice to take them to more public parks.
- There aren't enough public dog parks

- City parks should be pet friendly. It is absolutely absurd they aren't (need) Parks allowing pets. Dog parks, parks that are accessible for families that also allow the family pet to come along.
- If pets are allowed in parks, people living near each park WILL let their dogs off the leash in the park. Neighbors of a park will treat the park as an extension of their own back yard. That is what happened when Dubuque's Heritage Trail extension was opened to pets.
- Wish more city parks allowed dogs on leash
- I don't want pet friendly areas where dogs can be unleashed. I am terrified of dogs.
- Dogs are NOT people. Service dogs are-well-trained and calm, I feel safe around them. Many family dogs are not, jumping on you, running around the length of their leash. I grew up on a farm, we had many different pets. But I don't feel that dogs should be allowed everywhere their owners want to take them, their "rights" shouldn't supersede the rights of the rest of us to walk around not having to watch where we walk, or look to see if a barking dog is near and a danger to us. If the city feels pressured to have dogs in the park, for example, have a separate, designated, and well marked area for those who feel they must be there. Yes, they'll cry discrimination, but I'm not allowed to take my toddler to the casino either. There are laws for the protection of all. The laws say I can't drive 90 mph all the way to Dyersville, for the protection of other drivers and myself, even though I feel confident (and even if I've had 4 or 5 beers.)
- The park restrictions are ridiculous.
- More parks should allow pets
- Pets are not allowed in any city parks.
- Most parks restrict pets even on leash. The public dog park has a very nice amenity but there's only one of them within city limits.
- I haven't been in any other community that is so restrictive when it comes to where I can walk my leashed dog. There are so many lovely parks around, but I feel like I can't enjoy them since there is little reason for me to go on a walk if I can't have my dog with me. It would be nice to have easy access to the park nearby so I don't always have to be walking beside the traffic
- Need -allowing dogs to be in public parks
- You can't find any parks pets can go to
- we do not have a decent dog park
- More dog parks
- Parks that allow pets. Dog parks. All are needed!!
- INDOOR WALKING FACILITY FOR WHEN IT RAINS AND SNOWS.
- When we travel to other cities dogs are very much welcomed in parks. . It's very sad that Dubuque will not allow animals in any of our parks
- Need parks
- Need Parks for on leash, parks for off leash. We can't picnic at Flora when kids swim as dog can't stay in hot car. We can't play after work at Alison Henderson which is by my employer for same reason. Safe, calm pets should be widely welcomed.
- Need Well taken care of dog parks free to the public agility courses
- Need Pet friendly businesses and restaurants
- Need Dog friendly local parks that don't cause me to drive across town to utilize.
- Need Off leash trails
- Need Parks, walking paths
- Not enough dog parks or access to public parks
- parks where kids can play while with pet
- Also, it is difficult to find out whether specific parks allow pets or not
- Need off-leash areas/dog parks

- Nice off leash dog. Park with a trail
- I wish that dogs were once again allowed in the parks with responsible pet owners who would pick up after their dogs. I live near eagle point park and would love to be able to walk there. I would like to see this reconsidered for all parks.
- Nearly 100% of our parks, and public spaces do no allow dogs. There are very few places for a dog to be off their leash. The dog park we do have in Dubuque, is extremely under par for what I have seen in other cities. It is big, but has no trees or toys, and very limited seating for owners. Dog park was recently improved by adding more gate space and a couple more benches, but gates are constantly locked- only one open to allow dogs in and out. benches are only right inside the gate causing a lot of traffic in one area. Dog park is consistently muddy.
- there are parks that aren't pet friendly, but the sidewalk leads through them.
- Need More then one off leash pet park.
- Need parks
- Need Off leash hiking trails
- Acres of wooded dog parks and hiking trails where pets can be off leash like in many other cities
- Pets should be allowed in most if not all parks in Dubuque. I have never lived in a city with such restrictions before. I have lived in at least 10 different cities.
- off leash area for dogs
- a multi-acre dog park.
- Would like to see pets allowed in parks and public areas with being told to put them back in your vehicle
- Allowing pets in parks at events (eg: Music in the Gardens at the Arboretum
- More parks/nature areas should allow leased animals
- More parks to visit with more green space to run and play
- off lead walking, jogging path
- Plus most parks aren't dog friendly
- dogs allowed at all parks
- More than one or two parks. Only place with pet fountains are these parks.
- Very few parks allow dogs
- Dogs should be allowed in all parks. I feel sad that I can not take my dog to most of our lovely parks. I have taken her to parks in Galena because they are very dog friendly. Contact with dogs improves our lives. Think of therapy dogs. They are used to cheer people up in hospitals and even relieve stress for college students during finals week. Yet here in Dubuque, dogs are not allowed in most of our parks. I was raised in Dubuque, lived out of state for many years, then returned here. Dubuque is overall a very nice place to live; the only thing that really annoys me is that dogs are not allowed in most parks. I think this makes Dubuque a less desirable city to live in.
- I cannot find any parks near me that allow dogs.
- It's very sad that Dubuque will not allow animals in any of our parks
- Nearly all parks clearly state no pets are allowed
- Extremely frustrating that you cannot take your dog to a city park on a leash!!!! I'm new back to Dubuque and hate that I can't take my puppers for a walk at eagle point park. Leashes I get. No dogs is ridiculous.
- Need An agility park that doesn't have a membership fee or associated with a company
- Parks. I can't find a park through which it is legal to walk a dog. The city's prohibition on dogs in most parks is outdated, wrongheaded, and discriminatory against people who require emotional support or other assistive dogs
- More dog parks, walking trails

## **Waste disposal and public pet amenities**

- (need) Waste bags placed around town
- need more pet friendly water and bags along the Bee Branch
- there are no waste containers around major walking areas, Agility course, pond.
- Walking trails with trees, ponds, dog play area water fountain etc
- Would like more hydration stations on public land. The nearest to my house is almost 3 miles away.
- agility courses
- Agility course
- Finally, does the Bee Branch have doo-doo baggies?
- More parks/nature areas should have trash receptacles for waste,
- More , waste bags/garbage disposal
- almost zero dog water bowls on trails or on common walking streets
- although there are several areas to walk dogs in the city, there are not enough waste disposal containers stationed along those paths.

## **Restaurant and businesses**

- (need) Restaurants allowing pets. Restaurants
- It is also very difficult to find a restaurant or brewery that would allow pets on their patio let alone inside.
- It is hard to find outside, even inside, patios and establishments where you can bring your dog. This makes the city feel like if you want to leave your house you have to find a dog park or leave them home alone.
- dog friendly bars and restaurants are needed
- more restaurants that allow dogs
- Restaurants allowing dogs needed
- Needed- Restaurants
- When we travel to other cities, dogs are very much welcomed in restaurant outdoor seating areas. . It's very sad that Dubuque will not allow animals in any of our parks
- It would be nice to have a restaurant/pub that allowed pets in. There was one that did allow them outside on their patio and the city stopped them from allowing that. I went to Indiana for training and there were a couple eating establishments that not only let them on the patio but ALSO inside!
- restaurants and businesses are not allowed to allow dogs/pets due to the local ordinance
- Need Pet friendly restaurants and stores
- Need Pet friendly restaurants/ businesses
- Need pet friendly restaurants, bars,
- Cannot go to a restaurant or pub and take dog anymore like when we had the Naughty Dog.
- Need pet-friendly restaurants
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- Nearly 100% of our restaurants do not allow dogs.
- I do not want a pet friendly office at work.

- I don't believe pets belong in places of business unless that business specifically caters to pets.
- There are no restaurants, other than DQ, where you can eat on the patio with your dog. We travel to the river often with our dog, but if we're hungry and aren't going to lock our dog in a hot vehicle, we have to drive to another town to eat with them.
- Need Outdoor dining
- Very limited area for dog owners and businesses are limited friendly to pets. Those few you can bring a pet to, you are looked at as doing something wrong
- Restaurants, stores
- Need restaurants
- Need restaurants
- hardly any restaurants that you can go with your dog.
- Not allowed on restaurants patios anymore
- Allowing pets on restaurant patios
- I've lived in Europe and find it odd that dogs aren't allowed in outdoor areas of restaurants
- More dog friendly restaurants
- Yes, there are very few places that allow pets. If they do allow pets, they are small and crowded.
- More Restaurants allowing dogs
- Need Pet friendly patios at restaurants and bars.
- Most retail and restaurants aren't dog friendly
- Need Dining out with my dog at outdoor patios.
- Very few restaurants allow dogs

### **Private Services for dogs/pets**

- (need) Canine chiropractor
- There are services but there aren't enough available to make any choice between them, and while services are available, they are limited in what they are able to offer.
- Shortage of boarding.
- Doggy day cares near downtown. Fido Fit is full with a waiting list,
- Need for Affordable dog walkers
- There are only two pet stores, I believe there should be more
- Vet services aren't well promoted.
- Vet Bill's allow to make payments
- I had trouble finding a new groomer when my previous one retired. The groomers I contacted (4 total) were full or had weight restrictions. I finally had to travel to Peosta to find a new groomer Need doggy daycares
- Doggie day camp
- More dog daycare at a reasonable price. More dog boarding options at a reasonable price.
- Agility training or places with actual clean water access for water dogs to swim in. There aren't many waste disposal options when I'm walking my dog
- Dog/cat sitters and dog walkers

- I would love to see a nice, upscale place to board pets. I have to rely on my vet office and I don't think those facilities are very nice. I'd love to see someone open a place like Stone Hollow (Cascade). I think business would boom.
- There's pet friendly services but very very few
- Yes, there are very few places that allow pets. If they do allow pets, they are small and crowded.

## Rental issues

- The fact that the vast majority of landlords here don't allow pets is ridiculous!! Take a look at Cedar Rapids, most landlords there allow pets. Also, the pet deposits in Dubuque are designed, I believe, to discourage renters to have a pet. If someone wants to rent, finds a place they want, but then finds out no pets, what are they supposed to do, take their family member and surrender them to the Humane Society?? NOT FAIR!!!!
- Make all rental units accept pets.
- I cannot find rental property that allows medium/large dogs. It's not even breed restricted, they just don't allow any dogs- especially in the safer parts of town.
- Trying to rent as pet owner is impossible unless you can afford ultra high rent or deposits or are willing to live in a dump.
- There is a big shortage of pet-friendly housing in the area.
- Renting with a pet is a need
- My daughter moved here with two dogs and was unable to find suitable housing to rent. She had to rent in a less than desirable area.
- Need Places to rent that allow BIG dogs

## Enforcement and responsible pet ownership

- Not all pet owners are bad, in fact, most are very responsible
- Too many dog owners fail to leash their dogs. It had improved slightly a couple of years ago but is now much worse. Dog owners need to leash their dogs and the city needs to enforce the leash ordinance possibly with stiff fines.
- Perhaps the city website could be more clear about options neighbors have regarding irresponsible pet owners: what can we do about scary off-leash dogs; neighbors who purposely let their cats go free to hunt, breed in the neighborhood, and mark on houses; and tenants who let their undocumented "therapy animals" trash rentals?
- Need Responsible pet owners. Owners need to take responsibility for their pets rather than expecting others to provide free services. I have four dogs and one cat. I make my choices based on what I can maintain and pay for. I do not expect others to pay for me. If I had children, I would choose the school district I wanted to live in. I would not expect a school to be built by my house for my convenience and expect everyone else to pay for it.
- Personally I'd like to see more education about responsible pet ownership above all else. Too many loose dogs accosting leashes dogs AND way too much nuisance barking. Can't take your pet in public if it doesn't behave or it's behavior is governed by hormones.
- Before expanding pet services, there should be a focus on responsible pet ownership. I would like to NOT be bothered by off-leash pets in public areas (even when leash rules

are posted), or waste that is not cleaned up. I dread having the same problems in restaurants and local businesses.

- One thing I would like to see in Dubuque is how to educate Dubuquers on dog behaviors. For example, there is a man that brings his dog to the dog park on Grandview - he tells everyone the dog doesn't like other dogs but needs to socialize and the dog is clearly uncomfortable there. This dog has not only bitten at my own dog but others. Now whenever he comes to the dog park, I leave. This has happened on multiple times with multiple different people. My dog suffering injuries from reckless dog owners. Maybe offer a free training class? If people see more dogs being friendly maybe Dubuque will become more dog friendly. If you want information, I would suggest talking to the people who are regulars at Grandview's and the Humane Society Dog Park
- I had trouble finding a neighborhood I could move to when I moved back to Dubuque because several of the newer communities do not allow physical fences. This is unacceptable to me. Underground (electric) fences are not an option as they do not prevent unfriendly dogs from entering my property nor do they prevent children who do not know how to behave appropriately when approaching a dog from coming on to my property.
- Annual pet licensing reminders should be sent at least a month before due.
- Annual pet license reminders are sent at least one month prior to renewal dates with a follow up postcard reminder.

## APPENDIX L: CITY/COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT RELATED TO PETS IN PARKS

Pets in Park enforcement is conducted by Park Patrol, Police, and Animal Control (AC).

A complaint may be received by:

- Dispatch- Police
- Park Division (3 seasonal employees working a total of 1809 hours for the season from May through October)
- Health Services Department (2 part time animal control officers for a total of 58 hours per week)

Response is dependent on:

- Who is on duty at the time of complaint
- Who is available at the time of complaint (i.e., not currently working on an incident)
- Proximity of the complaint to potential responding officers (i.e., if Park Patrol is at Eagle Point Park and complaint is at Murphy Park, AC or Police could respond if they're available)

### **Park Patrol Schedule (First Saturday in May through last Sunday in October)**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	1 Ranger	3:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	1 Ranger	3:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	1 Ranger	5:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### **Animal Control Schedule**

#### *Winter*

Monday	1 Officer	8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	1 Officer	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	1 Officer	8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	1 Officer	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### *Summer*

Monday	1 Officer	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	1 Officer	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	1 Officer	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	1 Officer	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

In August of 2019 Animal Control will have one full time and one part time for a total of 69 hours per week as an approved budget improvement package.

Enforcement may also occur via sightings/patrolling by Park Patrol, Police, and AC.

**Park Fee collectors:**

Park fee collectors is responsible for asking vehicles that are entering Eagle Point Park if they have a pet in their vehicle. If a pet is present the person will be instructed that their pet must stay in the vehicle. These patrons are recorded on a log and this serves as their first notice.

**Park Maintenance employees (Seasonal and Full-time):**

All employees in this job classification are required to make contact any time there is a pet in the park. These employees simply ask for compliance and inform the patron of the Ordinance. Staff inform their supervisor of the contact.

## **Enforcement**

A warning violation is completed by the enforcing officer with a copy sent to AC in Health Services. AC monitors for repeat violators. All violators are recorded on the Pets in Park Enforcement Log by Animal Control. Anyone receiving more than one warning notice will be issued a civil citation. If the responding officer is aware that a second violation has occurred, a citation can be issued immediately. If a second violation is not noted until AC receives copy of the warning, the responding officer is notified to issue a citation.

Police issues a warning or citation via their process and document in the Police report that is forwarded to Health Services on a daily basis.

## **Fines**

\$85 Court Costs

\$100 First Offence

\$150 Second Offence

## APPENDIX M: TRAVEL DUBUQUE PET-FRIENDLY DESTINATIONS



Flyer provided by  
Travel Dubuque

### ATTRACTI0NS

#### FENELON PLACE ELEVATOR

512 Fenelon Place | Dubuque, IA

Also known as the Fourth Street Elevator and the world's shortest, steepest, scenic railway - 296 feet in length. Magnificent views of Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Open April through November.

#### RIVER LIGHTS BOOKSTORE

1078 Main Street | Dubuque, IA

River Lights is a locally-owned indie bookstore, proudly offering culture, community, and connectedness. We feature a full spectrum of quality literature, and unique gift items, greeting cards and toys. Our terrific staff can help you find that perfect book.

#### DUBUQUE IOWA WELCOME CENTER

280 Main Street | Dubuque, IA

Load up on maps, brochures and merchandise that will help you get to know and remember this modernized city. Informational kiosks located conveniently throughout the downtown area will also assist you in your explorations.

#### ART ON THE RIVER

Mississippi River Walk, J. Port of Dubuque

Ten pieces of sculpture from artists across the country are selected for Art on the River, an annual outdoor exhibit, that will have you talking, smiling, and taking pictures.

#### A.Y. McDONALD PARK

Hawthorne Street + Volunteer Drive | Dubuque, IA

This 8 acre park features fishing piers on the Mississippi, boat ramp, large play structures, walking/biking paths, picnic tables and public restrooms.

#### JOHN G. BERGFELD RECREATION AREA

7600 Chavenelle Drive | Dubuque, IA

This 30 acre park features a pavilion, stocked fishing pond with two accessible fishing jetties, 0.8 mile hard surfaced walking trail, play equipment, 1.9 mile bike/hike trail and public restrooms.

#### MINES OF SPAIN

899 L Bellevue Heights | Dubuque, IA

1,437 acre state recreation area with 20 miles for hiking, 5 miles for cross-country skiing, EB Lyons Interpretive Center with nature and history exhibits, and the America's State Tree Woodland Walk and one mile ADA trail, Julian Dubuque Monument and the Horse Shoe Bluff area with scenic views of river.

#### DUBUQUE DOG PARK

N Grandview Avenue | Dubuque, IA

The 2.5 acre park is fenced and offers separate areas for large and small dogs. The park is to provide space where dogs can exercise and socialize with other dogs. Dogs can play off-leash in the Pet Park.

#### HADLEY'S DOG PARK

4242 Chavenelle Road | Dubuque, IA

Enjoy this private dog park courtesy of the Dubuque Humane Society. Over a acre of green-space allows your pup plenty of space to run play and socialize. Open year round and one time day passes available for purchase.

#### FIDO-FIT

99 Main Street | Dubuque, IA

Need to do some human only exploring? Take your pets to doggy day care at FidoFit. Structured programming of agility, socialization, and rest will leave your pup happy and healthy while traveling.

### EVENTS

#### DUBUQUE SUMMER FARMERS' MARKET

Saturdays, May - October, 7 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
1800 Iowa Street | Dubuque, IA

Shop for locally grown produce and hand-made goods at the Dubuque Summer Farmers' Market. Well behaved, vaccinated, leashed dogs are allowed at the Dubuque Farmers' Market. Leashes may not be longer than 36 inches.

#### WAGS AT THE FLAGS

Wednesday, November - March, 4:30 - 8:00 P.M.  
Five Flags Center | 405 Main Street, Dubuque

Come to downtown Dubuque's indoor dog park at Five Flags. This winter destination features separate play areas for small and large dogs, as well as the Barka Lounge for pet owners with food, drink, and adult refreshments.

#### YAPPY HOUR

Sundays - Thursdays, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
7 Hills Brewing Co. | 1085 Washington St, Dubuque

Get your dog out of the house for some social drinking! Enjoy drinks and the beautiful atmosphere of the Millwork District. The lower patio is dog friendly for Yappy Hour. No food, allowed on lower patio.

### LODGING

#### BEST WESTERN PLUS

3100 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.557.8000

#### HOLIDAY INN DUBUQUE

450 Main Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.2000

#### DAYS INN

1111 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.583.3394

#### GLENVIEW MOTEL

1050 Rockdale Road | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.2661

#### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

2080 Hallowell Drives | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.7829

#### MAINSTAY SUITES

1275 Associate Drive | Dubuque, IA | 563.557.7829

#### MOTEL 6

2670 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.0880

#### QUALITY INN

4055 McDonald Drive | Dubuque, IA | 563.556.3006

#### SUPER 8

2730 Dodge Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.582.8898

#### SUPER 8

1151 Washington Street | Dubuque, IA | 563.258.4300