

Town Info

DOG OWNER'S GUIDE TO ANIMAL REGULATIONS FOR JACKSON COUNTY

ORS 609.060 DOGS AT LARGE PROHIBITED

Any dog shall be considered running at large when it is off or outside the premises belonging to the owner or keeper of such dog, or not in the company of and under control of its owner or keeper. This applies to all Jackson County cities and dog control districts.

ORS 609.095 DOGS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Any dog shall be considered a public nuisance if it:

- a. bites a person.
- b. chases vehicles or people.
- c. damages or destroys property of people other than owner of the dog.
- d. scatters garbage.
- e. trespasses on private property of people other than owner of the dog.
- f. disturbs any person by frequent or prolonged noises.
- g. is a female in heat and running at large.

ORS 609.100 DOG LICENSING

1. Every owner of a dog which has a set of permanent canine teeth or has attained the age of six months shall, within thirty days after he or she has become the owner or keeper of the dog, procure from the county or Butte Falls City Hall a license for the dog.
2. No dog license shall be issued until a certificate of current rabies shot is presented. The shot must be good for 10 months from date of license purchase. If the shot isn't good for the entire 10 months you can buy a partial year license or get a new shot to license the full year.
3. Except for partial year license, a license will be valid until the last day of the month one year after purchase. Failure to procure a license within the designated time will result in a late fee at time of purchase. A penalty of \$25.00 will apply if the dog is picked up or any contact from an officer is made and the dog has no current license.
4. Dog license may be purchased at the Butte Falls City Hall or at the Animal Shelter at 5595 S. Pacific Hwy, Phoenix. You may receive your tags by mail upon sending a check made to Town of Butte Falls or Jackson County Animal Control Payment Center, PO Box 1569, Medford, OR 97501. Enclose current rabies certificate (will not be returned) dogs name, breed, sex, age, your name and mailing address and phone number. Please attach a note with any additional information or circumstances that would help us in licensing your dog. The Town of Butte Falls receives 80% of all dog licenses proceeds when purchased at City Hall.
5. You have 30 days to obtain a license after your dog has reached 6 months of age. You have 30 days after moving into the state to license your dog. If you are from another county in Oregon and have a license in the county it is good in Jackson County. You have 30 days to license a new dog that is at or over the license age. If you do not license your dog within these time limits late fees or citation fees will apply.

ORS 609.140 thru 609.190 DOGS SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO KILL, WOULD, INJURE OR CHASE LIVESTOCK.

609.140 1. The owner of any livestock which has been damaged by being injured, chased, wounded or killed by any dog shall have a cause of action against the owner of such dog for the damages resulting therefrom, including double the value of any livestock killed and double the amount of any damage of livestock.

609.150 1. Any dog whether licensed or not, which, while off the premises owned or under control of its owner, kills, wounds or injures any livestock not belonging to the master of such dog, is a public nuisance and may be killed immediately by any person. (Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section)

2. If any dog, not under the control of his/her owner or keeper is found feeding upon the warm carcass of livestock, not the property of such owner it shall be deemed, prima facie as engaging in killing, wounding or injuring livestock.

3. No person shall kill any dog for killing, wounding, chasing or injuring chickens upon a public place, highway or within the corporate limits of any city.

ORS 609.850 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

No person shall beat, misuse, torture, deprive of food and water or otherwise treat an animal in a cruel manner.

ORS 609.090 IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS.

Any police officer or animal control officer shall impound a dog or cite owner or keeper to court, when in violation of state law.

ORS 483.614 DRIVER'S DUTY TO HELP ANIMALS.

Any person operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle which strikes and injures any domestic animal shall stop and give such animal reasonable attention.

For fees and information concerning the adoption program contact the shelter. Enforcement at 776-7036 and Animal Shelter at 776-7035.

We have an open seat on the Butte Falls Town Council. If you want to become more involved in your community and have time to volunteer and are a resident of Butte Falls, please consider applying for this council position. Applications will be accepted until 1:00 PM on Tuesday October 18th. For more information contact City Hall at 865-3262