

Safety Tips for You & Your Dog

Aggressive Dogs

If you are approached by an aggressive dog, expect it to bark, growl or snarl. If the dog's ears are back, legs are stiff and it's in a crouching position or if the hair on its back is standing up, it is warning you to stay away. The dog may be getting ready to bite if it charges forward or bears/snaps its teeth.



Do's & Don'ts

- DO stop what you're doing
- DO slowly walk away sideways
- DO act like you're the boss and firmly say "No!"
- If you end up on the ground, DO curl up in a ball and protect your face if attacked
- DON'T stare into the dog's eyes
- DON'T turn your back and run away

If You Have Been Bitten

- Tell an adult right away
- Wash the wound with soap and water
- Seek medical attention
- Report the incident to the local Police Department and the Health Department



Animal Overpopulation

This is a huge problem in our country. It is unfair to the animals and unhealthy for our community. Before you get a pet, do your research and consider adopting from a shelter or rescue organization. There are so many unwanted pets out there that need good homes. Don't add to the problem of overpopulation...

Please spay & neuter your pets!

Don't Leave Pets Unattended on Warm Days

Temperatures in a parked car can reach 160 degrees even with windows partially opened. It is not safe to keep your animal in the car while you run errands even if water is available for them.



Animals can get heat stress and die in a short amount of time.

Heat stress signs include heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, dizziness, vomiting, and/or a deep red or purple tongue. If this is happening lower your pet's body temperature immediately! Move them

into a shady area and apply cool (not cold) water all over your pet and then get them to a veterinarian.



Oak Harbor Police Department

860 SE Barrington Drive
Oak Harbor WA 98277
(360) 279-4600

Open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

To report a barking problem or other animal related complaint or to speak with the Animal Control Officer, please call the non-emergency ICOM Dispatch line at (360) 679-9567. Complaints are handled 24 hours a day (Animal Control Officer available for contact Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm)

OAK HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Animal Control



Dog & Cat Owner Information

To report an animal issue:
Call ICOM: (360) 679-9567
Email tsampson@oakharbor.org
Fax (360) 279-4609



Licensing

Dog & Cat Licensing Required OHMC 7.12.010

All dogs and cats over four months of age are required to be licensed through the City of Oak Harbor Utility Department.



Proof of a current rabies vaccination and proof that the animal is altered (if applicable) are due at the time of licensing.



You will be issued a city license tag that must be kept on your pet's collar. This will help us identify you as the owner if your pet is picked up.

Microchips may be implanted however they are not a replacement for license tags.

Number of Pets Per Household OHMC 7.20.100,

No person shall permit more than three dogs or three cats over the age of four months in or on any residence in the City of Oak Harbor.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

When Off the Owner's Property, Pets:

- Cannot run loose.
- Must be under control
- Must have a secure collar with the City license attached.
- In any City park, pets must be controlled by a leash in hand.

Animal Noise

Frequent howling, barking or other animal noises which disturb the peace and quiet of the surrounding area is not allowed.

Animal Waste

Owners are required to immediately remove fecal matter upon any public or private property.

Nuisance Behavior

Any animal that: (1) Molests passerby or passing vehicles; (2) Attacks other animals; (3) Is repeatedly running at large; (4) Damages private or public property; (5) Barks, whines or howls in a excessive, continuous or untimely fashion.

Bites or Attacks

Any dog or cat that has bitten or attacked a person or a domestic animal must be reported to the Animal Control Officer. Animals that have bitten must be quarantined for 10 days .



Obstructing Animal Control Officers OHMC 7.20.060

It is unlawful for any person, without lawful reason, to knowingly hinder, resist, delay or obstruct any animal control officer or police officer in the performance of their duties. Obstructing of an animal control officer or police officer is a misdemeanor offense.

Complete Animal Ordinance

City of Oak Harbor Municipal Code (OHMC) Title 7 can be found on the City website or you may obtain a copy from the Oak Harbor Police Department.

Penalties and Fees

Penalties

Animal owners can receive a notice of infraction in the amount of \$250.00 for certain violations.

City Fee Schedule

ALL ANIMAL LICENSES ARE TO BE RENEWED ANNUALLY.

LICENSE FEES	
Each unneutered male dog	\$35.00
Each unneutered male cat	\$35.00
Each unspayed female dog	\$35.00
Each unspayed female cat	\$35.00
Each neutered male dog	\$10.00
Each neutered male cat	\$10.00
Each spayed female dog	\$10.00
Each spayed female cat	\$10.00
<i>License fees for persons 65+ years of age 50%</i>	
Duplicate license tag replacement fee	\$ 3.00
Late Fee (purchased after February 28 th).	\$ 5.00
IMPOUND/BOARD/REGISTRATION FEES	
Cat Fee (per day)	\$15.00+
*additional daily board fee \$5	
Dog Fee (per day)	\$15.00+ - 1 st offense
*additional daily board fee \$5	\$25.00+ - 2 nd + offense
Unlicensed Animal Fee (over and above impound/board fees)	\$25.00+
Dangerous Dog/Potentially Dangerous Dog Registration fee	Potentially Dangerous \$25.00 Dangerous \$50.00

Criminal Citations

Can be issued for violations including, but not limited to: animal abandonment, dogs severely injuring or killing a human, failure to quarantine dangerous/potentially dangerous dog violations, dog fighting, inhumane trapping, possessing a prohibited exotic animal and animal cruelty.



Restrictions

It is unlawful to own, keep, or harbor any animal species known to transfer rabies. This includes bats, skunks, foxes, coyotes or raccoons or any animals defined in Chapter 7.40 Exotic Animals.