

## Animal Control FAQ

Q: What hours can you call Animal Control for questions?

A: Animal Control is part of the Grain Valley Police Department's Support Services Division. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) works during normal business hours from 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday and only covers domestic animals. Wild animals (example: Deer, raccoon, opossums) are not part of the ACO job duties. If it is an immediate animal need Police officers will be able to assist you, and then refer you to the ACO for follow up.

Q: When is the Animal Control Officer available for pick-ups?

A: Monday through Friday 8 AM – 5 PM at (816) 847-6250. For after hours or weekend emergency calls like animal bite, injured animal, etc., you must contact the Police Dispatch at (816) 795-1960.

Q: How do I get an animal license for my animal?

A: Animal licenses can be purchased at City Hall. Remember to bring proof of current rabies vaccination from your veterinarian.

Q: How often do I have to update my animal license?

A: Animal licenses need to be renewed no later than February 1st of each year.

Q: What is the cost of a city animal license for my animal?

A: \$10.00 per dog or cat (limit 4); Pot-Bellied Pig \$100.00 (limit 1); Primates \$100.00 (limit 4); Ferrets \$100.00 (limit 4). There is a total limit 4 domesticated animals per household. You cannot have 4 ferrets and 4 dogs etc.

Q: Is there a leash law in Grain Valley?

A: Yes, all animals must be under the control of their owners at all times, either by leash, fence (electronic / physical) or other means.

Q: Where is my animal taken if captured by Grain Valley Animal Control Officer?

A: All animals picked up by the city are kept in the City's pound or contract kennel for up to 5 days. After 5 days, if unclaimed by the owner, animals may be sent to local rescues, relocated at the Half Way Home Pet Adoptions facility, adopted to a new family, or humanely euthanized. Owners of animals are responsible for kennel fees and may be subject to citation for violation of city pet ordinances.

Q: How do I get my pet back from Grain Valley Animal Control?

A: In order to retrieve your pet, you must come to the Police Department and pay all associated fees. If the animal has been transferred to the Half Way Home Pet Adoptions facility or another rescue organization you may be required to pay their fees, as well.

Q: What happens if my animal is picked up injured?

A: Any injured animal impounded by the City of Grain Valley will be treated humanely and every effort will be made to contact the owner prior to euthanizing any suffering animal. If the owner cannot be reached, the animal will either be treated or humanely euthanized as advised by the Veterinarian. Any veterinary cost incurred will be billed to the animal owner.

Q: How do I report a lost or found animal?

A: Contact Animal Control at (816) 847-6250 8 AM – 5 PM Monday through Friday. If you have a picture of the animal, please email or email it to [gvmoldpd@cityofgrainvalley.org](mailto:gvmoldpd@cityofgrainvalley.org), with the subject line of lost animal.