

**OAK HARBOR  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# Animal Control



## **Dog & Cat Owner Information**

To report an animal issue:  
Call I-COM: (360) 679-9567  
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 .



## **Hindering Officers Unlawful**

**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.

## **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.**

<b>LICENSE FEES</b>	
Each unneutered / unspayed dog	\$40.00
Over 1-year of age	
Each Unneutered / unspayed cat	\$40.00
Any age	
Each unneutered / unspayed dog	\$10.00
Under 1-year of age	
Each neutered / spayed dog or cat	\$10.00
Any Age	
New Animal license issued after June 30th of each year is half of the annual license fee within the specified class above.	
<i>License fees for persons 65+ years of age 50%</i>	
Duplicate license tag replacement fee	\$ 3.00
Late Fee (purchased after February 28th).	\$ 5.00
<b>IMPOUND/BOARD/REGISTRATION FEES</b>	
Cat Fee (per day)	\$10.00
Redemption Fee	\$25.00
Dog Fee (per day)	\$10.00
Redemption Fee 1st Offense	\$25.00
Redemption Fee 2nd Offense	\$50.00
Subsequent Redemption Fees	\$100.00
Unlicensed Animal Fee (over and above impound/board fees)	\$25.00
Dangerous Dog Registration Fee	\$250.00
Annual Renewal	\$100.00
Potentially Dangerous Dog Registration fee	\$150.00
Annual Renewal	\$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.

## 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 bares/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, 9 am-4 pm

To report a barking problem or other animal related complaint or to speak with the Animal Control Officer, please call the non-emergency I-COM Dispatch line at (360) 679-9567. Complaints are handled 24 hours a day.