



CITY of CRYSTAL

Animals and Pets

Guidelines and city code requirements regarding animals and pets. Contact the city about required permits and specifications before beginning any project.

No more than three dogs, or three cats, or two of each over six months of age, are allowed per household (see Licensing below).

All animals must be kept in a clean and sanitary environment where no odor can be detected off of the owner's property and no excessive noise disturbs the neighborhood.

All pets are considered personal property and pet owners may be held liable for their pet's actions.



Licensing

A multiple animal license is required for properties that have any combination of three or more dogs and/or cats. A commercial kennel license is required if you raise, sell, board for profit, breed, show, or groom any animal. All kennel licenses must be applied for annually and are available at city hall.

Noise

Although dogs may bark on occasion, owners must work with their pet to keep barking to a minimum. Pet owners must prevent their animals from becoming a nuisance to the community due to excessive barking, howling or whining.

Leashing

All pets are required to be on a leash of less than six feet in length when off of the owner's property. When pets are outdoors on private property, they must be leashed or within a fenced yard. Pets that run loose can be lost, injured, or pose a threat to other animals and people.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Police Dispatch	911 or 952-258-5321
Animal Humane Society	763-489-2204
Crystal Animal Control.....	763-531-5161
P.U.P.S. Impound Facility	763-494-5999

Waste

Animal waste may contain diseased organisms that are transmittable to humans and other animals. For these reasons, pet owners are required to pick up after their animals and dispose of the waste in an appropriate refuse container. This pertains to the owner's property as well as all other private and public property.

Animals and pet bites

The Police Department must be notified anytime an animal bites or attacks a human or another animal. If the bite breaks the victim's skin, the pet must be quarantined at the P.U.P.S. Impound Facility, at the owner's expense. The pet will be quarantined for 10 days to ensure that the animal was not afflicted with rabies at the time of the bite.

Wild, exotic and non-domesticated animals

Only traditional household pets are permitted in residential areas. Animals such as sheep, horses, goats and farm fowl (except four hen chickens) are not allowed as pets in residential areas. A single-family residence may have one pot-bellied pig.

Wild, exotic and non-domesticated animals such as non-human primates, large cats, wolves, dog/wolf hybrids, bears, raccoons and other animals wild by nature are not permitted as pets in the City of Crystal. Such animals are not easily or typically domesticated and may be dangerous.

Lost and found pets

All lost pets should be reported to Animal Control, P.U.P.S. Impound Facility and the Animal Humane Society. Stray pets should be reported by calling police dispatch.