

Important Information Concerning Dogs in Canterbury

- County Ordinances and State Laws do not permit dogs to be unleashed outside the boundary of an owner's property.
- El Paso County dog licensing requirements also apply.
- All residents are required to control their dogs.
- Owners of dogs that are running at large or becoming a danger to persons or property of another or trespassing on the property of another should expect other residents to pursue enforcement actions against them.
- The way to prevent these problems is to control your dogs and keep them confined to your property.

El Paso County Ordinances concerning dogs:

El Paso County Ordinance 17-201 Amended "Animal Control / Dog Licensing Rules and Regulations Regarding Fees" can be viewed at:

<http://clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com/wp-content/uploads/CTB/Ordinances/17-201-Animal-Control-Resolution.pdf>

Colorado State Law

Multiple state statutes concern dogs, civil actions against dog owners, dangerous dogs, etc.

Relevant laws include:

- 13-21-124. Civil actions against dog owners
- 18-9-202.5 Financial bonding requirements for costs of holding impounded animals
- 18-9-204.5 Unlawful ownership of dangerous dog
- 35-42-115 Dangerous dog registry

How do I file a complaint?

To have an Animal Law Enforcement Officer respond to a complaint, call the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region at (719) 473-1741 during regular business hours. A dispatcher will dispatch an officer to investigate your complaint. If the officer witnesses a violation when he/she arrives, appropriate action will be taken. Our officers cannot take any legal action unless they actually witness a violation in progress. This does not mean nothing can be done about a violation. Citizens who have witnessed a violation can request to meet with an officer. An officer will then investigate the complaint and take the appropriate action.