



# Animal Control

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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- IN REGARD TO A COMPLAINT
- NO VIOLATION OBSERVED
- PLEASE CALL:** Animal Control at 441-7900  
(T.D.D.) 441-7825

Animal Control Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- c) It shall be unlawful for any person to use any live animal including fish and fowl as or for a target or in any cruel or unusual manner.

### 6.04.315 Animal Neglect

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring any animal to fail, refuse or neglect to provide such animal with adequate food, water, shade, shelter, living environment, or veterinary care as may be necessary for diseased or injured animals. Any animal habitually kept outside or repeatedly left unattended outside shall be provided with a structurally sound, moisture-proof and windproof shelter large enough to accommodate and keep the animal reasonably clean, dry and comfortable. Adequate food, water, shade, shelter, living environment and care shall mean:
- 1) That each animal shall, at suitable intervals and at least once every twenty-four hours receive a quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species' physical condition and age, sufficient to maintain an adequate level of nutrition for the animal;
- 2) That each animal shall at all times have access to an adequate supply of clean, fresh potable water for the species' physical condition and age, and such water shall be provided either free-flowing or in a receptacle. Snow or ice is not an acceptable water source. If water pans or dishes are used, such pans or dishes shall have weighted bottoms or be mounted or secured in a manner that prevents tipping.



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- 5) That any animal being confined in any sort of shelter or restrained in any way shall be provided space to walk and lie down in and said space shall have adequate drainage such that the animal shall be free to walk or lie down without coming into contact with standing water;
- 6) That if any animal is restrained by a chain, leash, wire cable or similar restraint, such restraint shall be designed and placed to prevent choking or strangulation or entanglement with other objects. Any tethering device must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness. Choke chain collars, prong or pinch collars, or any collar devised for training so that it chokes or pinches the animal when pulled is prohibited for the purposes of tethering an animal. The tethering device must be at least ten feet in length but shall not allow the animal to leave the property on which it is tethered.
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SIZE OF DOG (Inches and Weight)	PEN SIZE (Sq. Ft.)
<b>Extra Large</b> (over 26" at withers or over 75 lbs.)	48
<b>Large</b> (over 20" and up to 26" at withers or not over 75 lbs.)	40
<b>Medium</b> (over 12" and up to 20" at withers or not over 50 lbs.)	32
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An additional 16 square feet shall be required for each dog sharing the pen with another. The minimum pen size includes a shelter.	

- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to place or confine an animal or allow an animal to be confined, in a motor vehicle or trailer in such a manner or under such conditions or for such periods of time as to endanger the health or well-being of the animal, including, but not limited to, extremes of heat or cold, lack of food or water, or any other circumstances which may cause suffering, disability, injury or death.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any animal within the City of Lincoln. Abandonment shall mean leaving an animal for a period of time in excess of twenty-four hours without appropriate provisions having been made for the feedings, watering, and care of such animal, or leaving an animal unattended with the intent to discontinue care and maintenance of the animal.

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