The image features a top section with a textured background of green and yellow brushstrokes. Below this is a solid blue horizontal band containing the text 'Greenwood Village' in a white, elegant cursive font. The bottom two-thirds of the image is a photograph of four dogs of various breeds (a chocolate Labrador, a Golden Retriever, a black and white dog, and a tan dog) sitting in a grassy field with their mouths open, appearing happy. The text 'A GUIDE TO YOUR DOG'S SAFETY AND BEING A GOOD DOG OWNER' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the bottom portion of the dog photo.

Greenwood Village

**A GUIDE TO
YOUR DOG'S SAFETY
AND BEING
A GOOD DOG OWNER**

A Dog is a Man's Best Friend



Having a dog as a member of your household can be a very rewarding experience and the beginning of years of happiness as the special bond between humans and canines exceeds even the greatest expectations. This brochure outlines essential information all dog owners should know to enhance your pet's livelihood, sustain positive relationships in your neighborhood, and ensure compliance with Village Codes related to dogs.

Keeping Your Canine Safe

Our four-legged animals can sometimes get themselves into trouble on their own or by unintentional actions of their owners. Ensure your dog remains safe during the cold and warm weather seasons. Also, many common household items can pose a threat to your pet due to their curiosity and tendency to explore. Lastly, there are mammals in the Village that count your dog as a food source. Every owner is ultimately responsible for their dog's safety. Your canine relies on you so don't let him down.

During the Winter

- Avoid leaving your pet in a vehicle at any time, even if it's just for a minute.
- Make sure they have access to plenty of water if left outside. If the weather is cold for you, it could be cold for them.
- Keep walking to a minimum on the pavement during cold temperatures.
- Wipe off your dog's paws, legs and stomach when he comes in from the snow. Salt and other chemicals might make your dog sick if he swallows them while licking his paws.
- If you dog has short hair, clothe him with a warm coat or sweater.
- Make sure your dog has a warm place to sleep.



During the Summer

- If left outside on a hot day, make sure he has a shady spot to rest.
- Doghouses are not good shelter during the summer as they can trap heat.
- Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.
- Avoid strenuous exercise on hot days. Take walks in the early morning or evening.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.

Dogs Left in Cars

Even 68 Degrees is Too Hot!

Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature in your car can rise almost 30°F within 20 minutes, even with having a window rolled down.

Outside Temperature	In Car After 10 Minutes	In Car After 60 Minutes
68°	81°	115°
75°	88°	122°
82°	95°	129°
90°	102°	136°
97°	109°	144°



In the House

- Anti-freeze can be fatal when it is ingested, even in a small amount.
- Aluminum foil can sever a dog's intestine, causing internal bleeding, and could be fatal.
- Plastic wrap can cause choking or intestinal obstruction in dogs.
- Poisonous plants such as azalea, geranium, dieffenbachia, lily, mistletoe, and philodendron, if eaten, can cause dogs to become extremely ill.
- Chocolate is poisonous to dogs.
- Keep medication containers and tubs of ointments and creams away from your dog.
- Leftovers such as chicken bones easily shatter and can choke a dog.
- Keep away onions and onion powder; alcoholic beverages; yeast dough; coffee grounds and beans; salt; macadamia nuts; tomato, potato, and rhubarb leaves and stems; avocados and anything with mold growing on it.
- String, yarn, rubber bands, and even dental floss are easy to swallow and can cause intestinal blockages or strangulation.
- Toys with removable parts can pose a choking hazard.

Outside Play and Wildlife

- Keep your dog on a 6-foot leash when walking at all times.
- Never allow your dog to "play" with a coyote or other wildlife.
- Pick up small dogs if confronted by a coyote or other wildlife.
- Always supervise your dog when outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Never leave dogs outside after dark.
- If you must leave your dog outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

Dog Rules and Laws in Greenwood Village

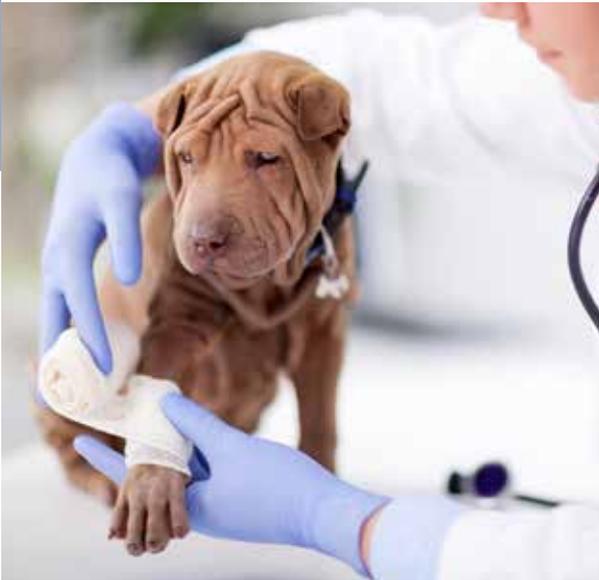
Greenwood Village Animal Control Officers are here to help people and animals live harmoniously together in the community. Nevertheless, there are times when certain behaviors disrupt residents' peaceful enjoyment of their homes and property and is prohibited in Greenwood Village. It is the responsibility of all pet owners to comply with all local laws at all times.

Licensing

Dog licenses are not required in Greenwood Village.

Rabies Vaccinations Required

Every owner of a dog, three (3) months of age or older, shall have evidence of a current rabies vaccination within 30 days of permanent residence in the Village. The rabies tag shall be worn by the dog at all times.



Leash Law

There are no off-leash facilities/parks in Greenwood Village so it remains the responsibility of the pet owner to maintain control of their dog at all times. A 6-foot leash and use of retractable leashes are highly recommended. Allowing a dog to run at large is against the law.

It's the law to keep your dog on a leash at all times in the Village for their safety and the safety of others. Any dog owner that does not comply with the Village's pet leash law will be issued a ticket and a fine.



Disturbing the Peace – Excessive Barking

In Greenwood Village, dogs are prohibited from frequent or habitual barking, yelping, or howling which causes annoyance, inconvenience, or disturbance to any person. Excessive non-stop barking is a behavioral problem stemmed from boredom, loneliness, protection of territory, change in health or change in location. Try a few of these simple techniques to discourage and/or reduce barking:

- Provide your dog with regular leash walks to increase mental and physical stimulation.
- Use a chew toy as your dog will have a hard time making noise if his mouth is busy chewing.
- Shake a soda can filled with pebbles. Your pet will not like the sound, and might stop what it is doing when the sound occurs. If your animal sleeps outside and simply won't stay quiet throughout the night, please bring your pet indoors.
- Obtain a bark collar which may deliver a squirt of citronella, a high frequency sound, or a light shock when your animal makes excessive noise. Bark collars that are recommended include:

Citronella collar – highly recommended because of its success rate. Whenever your dog barks, citronella is sprayed into the dog's face.

Shock collar – puts out a warning beep, and if barking continues, a small shock is used to startle the dog.

Aversive sound collar – emits a high-frequency sound when your dog barks.

Dog Waste

It is illegal for pet owners to leave their pet waste on public or private property in Greenwood Village. Leaving your pet's waste in the grass or on the trail is not only discourteous to others, but is very harmful to public health and the environment.

It's illegal for pet owners to leave their pet waste on public and private property in Greenwood Village. If you are caught in the act of not picking up after your dog, you will be issued with a ticket and a fine.

6 Things You Didn't Know About Dog Waste

- Dog waste is NOT fertilizer like cow or horse manure. Dogs have a high protein based diet that creates a very acidic excrement or waste product that is horrible for grass.
- Dog waste can make you sick as it contains bacteria, viruses and parasitic worms which can transmit diseases to humans or other animals. One gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria that can persist in dog waste for more than two weeks in your yard.
- Dog waste does not biodegrade quickly. It stays on the ground and keeps on accumulating.
- Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers, and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors impacting fish and other aquatic life. Humans who come in contact with creek water can also face health hazards. That's raw sewage introduced into the places we swim, boat, and fish.
- Dog waste should not be flushed down the toilet because many septic systems and wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to handle pet waste. Always place pet waste in the trash since landfills are designed to safely handle dog waste.
- Dog waste is not effective for compost as it does not kill the fecal coliform bacteria in pet waste.

How to Safely Dispose of Pet Waste

- Take bags with you when you walk.
- Always place the pet waste bag in the trash
- Do not dispose of dog waste in storm sewers.
- Do not leave bags on the side of trails.
- Trash receptacles along with 71 pet waste stations are provided at Village parks and along trails. If there is no trash receptacle nearby, keep the bag with you and dispose of it when you get home.



How Do I...?

Report Animal Bites

Colorado State law requires that all animal bites that break the skin, with the exception of rodents, be reported to Animal Control where the bite occurred. This includes bites inflicted by the victim's own animal. When a human is bitten by a dog, the biting animal is placed on quarantine for ten days, usually at the owner's residence. If a wild animal has bitten your dog, contact Animal Control immediately at 303-773-2525.

File a Complaint About a Barking Dog

Residents are encouraged to contact their neighbors first about the barking dog in an attempt to resolve any nuisance issues prior to the involvement of Animal Control. To file a barking dog complaint, you must provide an exact location of where the barking dog lives, a description of the animal, and the dates and times the excessive barking occurred.



No summons and complaint shall be issued for a barking dog violation unless there are two (2) or more complaining witnesses from separate households who have signed complaints and will testify at trial. An Animal Control Officer who has witnessed the dog behavior can serve as the second complaining witness.

Inform About a Dog's Welfare

Animal Control Officers respond to and investigate cruelty, neglect and abandonment of animals. If you have any concerns about the care of an animal in the Village, please call Animal Control at 303-773-2525.

Find a Lost Pet

If your pet is lost or you find a pet roaming in the Village, immediately contact the Greenwood Village Police Department at 303-773-2525. The Police Department will take the information on a lost or found pet, and will dispatch an officer to pick up the pet. All pets found in the Village are held by the Police Department for five days before releasing them to a local animal shelter.

Every Dog Deserves a Loving Home

Animal Shelters

Adams County Animal Shelter 303-288-3294
Aurora Animal Shelter 303-326-8280
Denver Animal Shelter 720- 913-1311
Denver Dumb Friends League – Castle Rock 303-751-5772
Foothills Animal Shelter 303-278-7575
Humane Society of Pikes Peak 719- 473-1741
Humane Society of South Platte Valley 303-703-2938

Municipal Animal Control Agencies

Arapahoe County Animal Control 720-874-6750
Centennial Animal Welfare 303-325-8070
Cherry Hills Village 303-761-8711
Douglas County Animal Service 303-660-7529
Englewood Animal Control 303-761-7410
Greenwood Village 303-773-2525
Littleton Animal Control 303-794-1551
Lone Tree 303-339-8150

Non-Profit Organizations

Angels with Paws 303-274-2264
Downtown Animal Care Foundation 303-595-3561
Pet Aid Colorado 303-722-5800
Pet Assistance Animal Haus 720-505-4287

Online Resources

The American Kennel Club – www.akc.org
Pet Harbor – PetHarbor.com
Greenwood Village Animal Control –
www.greenwoodvillage.com.



Get Connected with Greenwood Village



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