

# JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES



# ABOUT JOINT ANIMAL SERVICES

- Joint Animals Services is Thurston County's primary regional animal shelter and animal control agency.
- Established in 1977, the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and unincorporated Thurston County fund Animal Services.
- 8,000 sq. ft. facility on 5 acres of wooded land in a centrally-located site for the pets and people we serve.
- JAS serves 290,440 residents in 774 square miles of urban and rural terrain.



# VISION, MISSION, GOALS

## VISION:

Our vision is to build a safe and humane community for humans and animals.

## MISSION:

To foster an environment of respect, responsibility, and compassion for all animals through learning, legislation and leadership.

## GOALS:

- Ensure and advocate for animal welfare.
- Promote public safety.
- Support responsible animal ownership.



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Animal sheltering and humane law enforcement for the Jurisdictions
- Adoption of homeless pets
- Roof over Rover
- Volunteer and foster opportunities
- Providing medical care for sick and injured stray animals including s/n surgeries prior to adoption.
- Licensing
- Public education and advocacy
- Grants for low-cost spay neuter & veterinary care
- Provide low-cost owner requested euthanasia



# COMPLAINT PROCESS - FAQ

- **24/7 reporting on our website**
- **We need a statement from both witness and victim (when there is one), including photos, or videos**
- **72 hour response time**
- **You have a right to protect yourself and your animals (including livestock)**
- **In an emergency call 911**
- **Outcomes for cases and animals**

# THURSTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL CODES

- Chapter 9.10 Animal Control Definitions
- **"At large"** means any pet animal that is not in the physical presence or control of an owner or keeper or is under the following circumstances:
  - When a dog is found off the premises or outside the vehicle of the owner and not under control of a person by means of a leash, carrier or demonstrated voice command; or
  - the dog is presumed not to have been under control and to be at large if the person purporting to exercise control is unable to immediately cause the dog to heel by giving the appropriate voice command; or
  - When an unleashed dog interferes with pedestrian or vehicular movement or causes affront or alarm to a person or if injury, damage has been caused by the dog or trespass has occurred; or

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## Chapter 9.10 Animal Control Definitions

- **"Nuisance pet animal"** means a pet animal that habitually or continually disturbs the peace and quiet of any individual or neighborhood by barking, whining, howling or making any other noise.
- **"Menacing"** means threatening behavior that places a person in immediate fear of physical injury to himself or herself or to an animal owned by that person. Such behavior shall include but is not limited to growling, snarling, barking, baring of teeth, snapping, attempting to bite, pouncing, lunging, attacking or any other behavior that restricts or controls a person's or an animal's movements.

# THURSTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL CODES

## Chapter 9.10 Animal Control

### 9.10.070 - Potentially dangerous dog or dangerous dog.

- A dog shall be declared **potentially dangerous** if, unprovoked, it:
  - Inflicts bites on a human or a pet or domestic animal either on public or private property; or
  - Chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; or
  - Has a known propensity to attack unprovoked, or to cause injury or otherwise to threaten the safety of humans or pet or domestic animals.



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## Chapter 9.10 Animal Control

Control and confinement of **potentially dangerous** includes:

- Must be securely leashed and under the control of a person physically able to control the animal when away from the premises of the owner or keeper; or
- While on the premises of the owner or keeper must be securely restrained by means of a physical device or structure such as a tether, trolley system, or other physical control device or any structure made of materials strong enough to adequately and humanely confine the dog in a manner which prevents it from escaping the premises; and
- Must be kept in conformance with other restrictions which may be set forth in the notice classifying the dog as potentially dangerous.

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### 9.10.070 - Potentially dangerous dog or dangerous dog.

A dog shall be declared a **dangerous dog** when, according to the records of animal services or the county, the dog has:

- Inflicted severe injury on a human being without provocation on public or private property;
- Killed a pet or domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's or keeper's property;  
or
- Aggressively bitten, attacked or endangered the safety of humans or pet or domestic animals after previously having been found to be potentially dangerous, and the owner or keeper has received written warning.

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## Chapter 9.10 Animal Control

Control and confinement of potentially dangerous includes:

- Must be securely muzzled and leashed and under the control of a person physically able to control the dog if the dog is away from the premises of the owner or keeper; or
- While on the premises of the owner or keeper, the dog must be securely confined inside a locked building, kennel, pen, or other structure having secure sides, bottom, and top, suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping; and
- A surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under Chapter 48.28 RCW, in a form acceptable to the board or its designee in the sum of at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable to any person injured by the dangerous dog, or a policy of liability insurance issued by an insurer qualified under RCW Title 48 in the amount of at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, insuring the owner or keeper for any injuries inflicted by the dangerous dog;

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A dog shall not be declared potentially dangerous or dangerous if:

- The threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the dog; or
- The person was tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or has, in the past, been observed or reported to have tormented, abused or assaulted the dog; or
- The person was committing or attempting to commit a crime; or
- Another pet animal or domestic animal has entered the property of the owner of the dog without invitation; or
- The dog, when on a leash, is responding to attack by another pet or domestic animal whether on or off the owner's premises.

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