

PET LICENSING

- All dogs 4 months and older must be licensed through the City of Baker City if they reside within city limits
- Maximum fine for failing to license: \$100
- Cost:
 - Licenses purchased in January and February—\$4.50 for spayed and/or neutered and \$6 for non-spayed and/or non-neutered animals.
 - Licenses purchased March –December - \$8.50 for spayed and/or neutered and \$10 for non-spayed and/or non-neutered animals.
- Licenses are to be renewed annually by January 1
- Obtain a license at City Hall or at any local vet
- If your dog doesn't have a license and is impounded you may be assessed fines and associated fees

BENEFITS OF LICENSING

- Annual licensing keeps ownership information current
- Increases the chances your dog will be returned directly to you without having to be impounded.
- Impound fees average \$100-\$200

BARKING DOG

- Maximum fine of \$500 if your dog has prolonged, continued barking for five minutes within a 15 minute period.
- Barking dogs affect the quality of life, peace and repose of neighbors.
- It's often a problem due to lack of training, separation or boredom for your animal.
- Some tips to diminish barking include: reducing visual stimuli, training and positive reinforcement, giving your dog attention and regular exercise.
- Bark collars are available for \$1.00 a day rental through the Police Department. A minimum of \$7.00 is required for check-out.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Solid waste must be picked up by owner. Maximum fine of \$50.00.
- You can't have more than 4 dogs per household without obtaining a permit at the police department.
- All dogs are mandated to have a leash on at all times when off their property and a city license if they live in city limits.
- Dogs require housing with bedding, food, clean potable water daily, room to exercise and living area clean of fecal matter.

DOG AT LARGE

- Fine is \$500 for dog at large (at large means off of its own private property without being on a leash controlled by an owner).
- Dogs found to be at large are often impounded at the Baker Animal Clinic and put to sleep on the end of the 5th day. Sometimes these dogs are adopted.

YOUR DOG GOES MISSING

- Call Baker Dispatch at 541-523-3644 and report it as missing (this does not guarantee you won't be cited or your animal won't be impounded, this is a courtesy report).
- License/Microchip your dog so that it's easier to return to you.
- Visit Baker Animal Clinic to see if your dog has been impounded.
- Call Best Friends of Baker 541-519-PETS
- Place a lost ad in the local newspaper and create flyers to distribute.
- Check with Blue Mt. Humane Society

IMPOUND FACILITY: Baker Animal Clinic
2490 10th Street, Baker City, Oregon
541-523-3611

BAKER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANIMAL CONTROL, CARE AND SERVICES

*SHOW YOUR PET YOU CARE:
LICENSE THEM, LEASH THEM,
SPAY & NEUTER THEM
AND LOVE THEM!*



Baker City Police Department
1768 Auburn Avenue
Baker City, OR 97814

To learn more about animal related
requirements visit
www.bakercity.com/government/ordinances

24 hour Dispatch: 541-523-3644
Police business line: 541-524-2014
Police business fax: 541-524-2023
Ordinance/Animal Control:
Officer Mark Powell
541-524-2014 ext.24
Email: mpowell@bakercity.com

MORE ANIMAL RELATED INFORMATION

ENFORCEMENT OF CATS

- The City of Baker City does not regulate cats. There may be civil liability from neighbors if your cat is a problem for someone.
- Cats will be picked up and euthanized if they are severely sick or injured.

WAYS TO DETER CATS

- Cat repellent sprays/granules (visit local stores, talk to your veterinarian).
- Some cats dislike water.
- Plants that detract: Coleus Canina, Rue, Lav-ender, Pennyroyal, Citrus smells.
- Attract cats to another location of the yard by planting catnip and adding a sandbox.

ANIMAL FIGHTING

- Fighting an Animal for sport/money is illegal.
- If you have information regarding animal fighting call the police immediately.
- If you have information on dog fighting there are reward programs up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the arrest & conviction of a dogfighter.
- Your identity will be protected.

LIVESTOCK

- Permits are required for livestock residing in the city limits. Obtain one at the police department.
- There are specific zones for livestock as well as minimum square footage requirements for livestock to remain in city limits.

DECEASED ANIMALS

- If the animal is on public property, call dispatch for assistance with removal.



KENNEL PERMITS

- Kennel permits are required if you have more than 4 cats or 4 dogs per household that are over six months of age.
- Apply for a kennel permit at the police department; there is an associated fee that must be paid in full.
- Permits are to be renewed at the first of every year.

TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN PROGRAM

- Feral cats can be trapped, spayed/neutered and returned as funds allow through the New Hope program.
- To learn more about this program call Baker City Police Department.

WILDLIFE ISSUES

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) deals with wildlife issues within Baker City.
- Police can put down an injured wildlife animal if the animal is suffering.
- If you find wildlife becoming a problem call animal control for options and ODFW.
- Do not disturb wildlife as it can create safety issues for yourself and others.

EXOTIC ANIMALS

- Exotic animals in the city require a permit. Permits are available at the Police Department, require a fee and are to be renewed at the first of every year.

ANIMAL TRAPS

- The Police Department does **NOT** check out live traps.
- There are potential civil/criminal liabilities when trapping animals that are not yours.

RABIES VACCINATIONS

- Dogs are required to be vaccinated against rabies at 4 months of age.
- It is recommended that cats be vaccinated against rabies to help prevent the spread of this disease.

WHY SPAY OR NEUTER

**Information obtained by Oregon Humane Society*

- In just six years one female dog and her offspring can be the source of 67,000 puppies.
- In seven years one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens.
- For every human born in the United States, 15 dogs and 45 cats are born.
- Sterilized pets generally lead longer and healthier lives.
- Spaying female animals greatly reduce the incidents of breast cancer and eliminates the possibility of uterine/ovarian cancer.
- Spaying a female before her first heat and not after her first litter further reduces health risks.
- Neutering a male will prevent the risk of testicular cancer and reduces prostate enlargement.
- Neutering a male will make your pet more affectionate, less likely to roam, get into fights or get lost.

CONTACT NUMBERS

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| 1. Best Friends of Baker Inc. | 541-519-PETS |
| 2. Animal Clinic | 541-523-3611 |
| 3. ODFW | 541-523-5831 |
| 4. Baker Dispatch | 541-523-3644 |
| 5. Police Department | 541-524-2014 |
| 6. Baker City Hall | 541-524-2039 |
| 7. Baker City Herald | 541-523-3673 |
| 8. Record Courier | 541-523-5353 |
| 9. Blue Mt. Humane Society | 541-963-0807 |
| 10. Animal Control, BCPD | 541-524-2014
ext. 104 |
| 11. Baker County Sheriff's Office | 541-523-6415 |