



### Ardmore Police Department Animal Control

We are here to help you and to serve the community. Call on us when animals are loose or vicious.

### ACO Final Thoughts:

- ❁ Keep your animals updated on shots and provide them with a clean environment free from disease for a happier animal and to comply with animal control-related laws
- ❁ Animals must wear their rabies vaccination tags
- ❁ Dogs must be leashed when out in public or on private property when the yard is unfenced) for their protection and the protection of others



**Ardmore Police Department  
Supports the Kind and Ethical  
Treatment of Animals.**

# Animal Control



## Answers, Rules, Tips, and Information

### CONTACT:

For ACO, contact Ardmore Police Department at 580-223-1212

For illnesses, shot records, and other animal-specific information, contact your local veterinarian.

Animal Shelter: 580-223-7070

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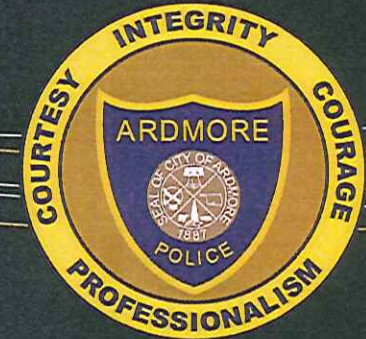


## ARDMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Non-Emergency 223-1212  
Ardmore CrimeStoppers 580-504-4LAW  
Animal Shelter 580-223-7070

IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911



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### Information:

It is legal to have three dogs, but no more than three can be kept at one residence according to Ardmore City Ordinances

Persons may have three cats, unless spayed or neutered which would allow an owner to keep five cats on the property

Concealing a stray domestic animal is the same as stealing an animal, so don't take in domestic strays because this can be considered a felony crime

It is important to recognize the city ordinances for removal of animal waste (feces) as the failure to remove is a health hazard for the community.



### Important Legal Facts

Dogs are considered personal property and theft of such property is considered felony theft

Fences for animals should be at least four feet high and made of wood or metal

Animals at large on public or private property (not on a chain or leash and not enclosed by a fence, building or home) may be impounded by Animal Control or Police

Animals for commercial sales on any parking lot, roadway, roadside, or public right of way are prohibited

ACO cannot be denied entry at any reasonable time if ACO is inspecting a dog to determine whether or not the animal has a license or vaccination

Disturbing the Peace—dogs that bark or cry disturbing the peace of others are the responsibility of the owner and owners can be cited for disturbing the peace

Impounded animals not picked up from the shelter within 5 days will be sold or destroyed

All dogs or cats 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

Owners who fail to provide food, water, or proper shelter for animals are subject to fines and/or impoundment of animals

Dumping or abandoning animals is a crime

Abuse of animals, abandoning animals, encouraging animals to fight or causing animals to fight are all criminal acts



### ANIMAL CONTROL

- ❁ Animal Control Officers are employees of the Ardmore Police Department
- ❁ Animal Control Officers are not certified police officers
- ❁ Animal Control Officers answer calls during shift hours, but are not on-duty 24 hours per day 7 days per week
- ❁ Animal Control Officers will remove a deceased animal from the roadway or private property. However, removal from private property requires the deceased animal be bagged and brought to the curb for pick up by the ACO.

