

REMINDERS

-  Download the Animal License Application from the City's website at www.RanchoMirageCA.gov
 -  Keep your pet safe during a disaster by obtaining a "PIC" today
 -  Keep your dog's vaccinations and license current
 -  Microchip your dog and keep your contact information current
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-  Address excessive barking issues as soon as they occur
 -  Pick up after your pet
 -  Keep your dog on a leash
 -  The City of Rancho Mirage contracts with Riverside County Department of Animal Services for shelter and after-hour field services.

RESOURCES

ANIMAL SAMARITANS SPCA

72307 Ramon Road
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
(760) 346-2226

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Eastern Sierra, Inland Deserts Region
Ontario, California 91764
(909) 484-0167

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE CODE COMPLIANCE

69-825 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 770-3220 (8am - 5pm. M-F)
(760) 578-5877 (after-hours)
(760) 324-4511 (City Hall)

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE POLICE

73-705 Gerald Ford Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92211
(760) 836-3215

COACHELLA VALLEY ANIMAL CAMPUS

72-050 Pet Land Place
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
(760) 343-3644

VCA HOSPITAL

71075 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 766-2604

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES



ANIMAL KEEPING REGULATIONS & FAQ'S

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT NOISY DOG?

Any dog which habitually barks, cries or makes other noises which are so loud and/or so frequent and/or continued over so long a period of time as to disturb the peace and quiet of nearby property or which would cause annoyance or discomfort to a reasonable person of normal sensitivity in the area is defined as a nuisance (6.60.010. A.1)

- 🐾 Nobody likes to live near a habitually barking dog. If you have a neighbor whose dog barks excessively and disturbs your sleep or enjoyment of your home, start by approaching your neighbor in a calm and friendly way.*
- 🐾 Attempt to help the dog's owner find solutions to the barking problem.*
- 🐾 Dogs often bark when their owners are away. When leaving your dog alone, it might be helpful to leave a radio on for company.*
- 🐾 Relocating your dog away from neighbors to another area may eliminate barking.*
- 🐾 Food and water should be available to your dog along with toys or chewing items for entertainment.*
- 🐾 Praise your dog when it is quiet and verbally scold it in a stern voice when it is not.*

If your neighbor's dog barks habitually, and you are unable to resolve the situation, and the owner of the dog is not willing to make any changes in order to keep the dog quiet, you may need to make a complaint to Animal Services at **(760) 770-3220**.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL CARE AND TREATMENT

Every owner or keeper of an animal kept in the city shall see that such animal: (6.04.70.010)

- A.** Is kept in a clean, sanitary and healthy manner and is not confined so as to be forced to stand, sit or lie in its own excrement; the person(s) responsible for animal(s) shall regularly and as often as necessary to prevent odor or health and sanitation problems, maintain all animal areas or areas of animal contact;
- B.** Has food that is appropriate for the species in adequate amounts to maintain good health, fresh potable drinking water where appropriate, shelter and ventilation, including quarters that are protected from excessive heat and cold and are of sufficient size to permit the animal to exercise and move about freely;
- C.** Shall not be tethered by use of a choke collar, or on any collar too small for the size and age of the animal, nor by any rope, chain or cord directly attached to the animal's neck, nor by a leash less than twelve feet in length, or of such unreasonable weight as to prevent the animal from moving about freely;
- D.** Is protected against abuse, cruelty, neglect, torment, overload, overwork, or any other mistreatment;
- E.** Shall provide the reasonably necessary medical care, in addition to the required rabies vaccination which shall include recommended vaccinations as required by accepted veterinary standards, and if diseased or injured, or exhibiting symptoms of disease, receives proper care and is segregated from other animals so as to prevent transmittal of the disease; and
- F.** Is maintained in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and all regulations respecting animal care and control as are adopted by the city and in effect from time to time (6.70.010).

Make sure that the yard area where your dogs are kept is secure, with all fencing being in good condition, with no openings which would allow the dog to escape. Gates to such yard areas should also be self-closing and self-latching.

HOW MANY DOGS CAN I HAVE?

No more than three (3) dogs over the age of ninety (90) days may be kept or maintained at any one place of residence in the city (17.30.030 ANIMAL KEEPING).

MUST THEY ALL BE LICENSED & WHY?

It is mandatory that any dog which is four (4) months of age or older and is kept within the city for a period of over thirty (30) days, be licensed. Licensing insures that our dogs are vaccinated against rabies as licenses are not issued without proof of current vaccination. (6.04.040 LICENSE REQUIRED)

ANIMAL CONTROL LEASH LAW

Having a dog is a serious responsibility. It involves not only caring for it but also making sure that it is not a nuisance or hazard to others. Dogs which are allowed to be "at large" or off-leash when off the premises of their owner or caretaker can be a threat or at the very least a nuisance to the public and/or their pets. It is for this reason that we have laws and ordinances regulating the keeping of dogs. Here in Rancho Mirage, our Municipal Code makes it unlawful for the owner or person in charge of any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large (6.30.030 RESTRAINT OF DOGS).

Make sure that when walking your dog that the dog is on a leash which is of a size and material appropriate to the size and temperament of the dog. Voice, eye or signal control of the dog by a person or device is not acceptable.

