

CAT DETERRENTS

If speaking with the pet's owner fails, there are several home remedies residents can try that *may* keep cats away from your property.

- ❖ Place orange or grapefruit peels in your yard or flower bed, or hang them where the cat is spraying.
- ❖ Spray concentrated orange juice in areas where cats are spraying. Cats are put off by the citrus scent. The downside to these measures is that the citrus scent may attract ants.
- ❖ If a cat is jumping your wall, place plastic gallon jugs, half-filled with water around the area. Cats will see their shadow in these, and may think it's another animal.
- ❖ Spray cats with a squirt gun or water hose. If a cat is sprayed with water by the same person twice, it will not usually come around again.
- ❖ The Humane Society encourages trap/neuter/release solutions for managing homeless cats in your area. Residents are encouraged to contact AzCATs at 480- 968-4TNR or e-mail info@azcats.org.

The City of Chandler does not endorse the use of cat traps, nor does the City provide traps to residents or pick up trapped cats.

Additional animal repellents may be available at area pet stores.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control
Dogs-at-Large, Licensing and Bites
602-506-7387

City Animal Control

Barking Dogs, Vicious Dogs
and Dead Animals
(The City is responsible for picking up dead animals in City right-of-way areas only)
480-782-4130

Arizona Humane Society

Injured/Sick Animals and
Animal Abuse
602-997-7585

Animal Rescue Groups

www.pets911.com

Cruelty to animals is a serious offense and violators will be prosecuted. To report animal abuse, call the Arizona Humane Society at 602-997-7585.

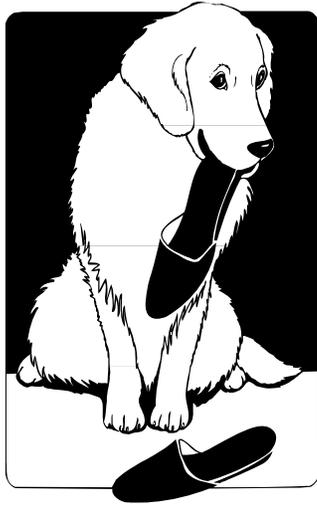
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Building a Better Community

A Guide to Pet Ownership in Chandler

**An Information Brochure About
Pet Ownership Responsibilities**





PETS

They can be a wonderful addition to any family. But along with pet ownership comes responsibilities. Courtesy and respect are part of being a good neighbor. Abiding by leash laws and cleaning up your animal's waste are a few simple courtesies you should provide. Another is making sure your pet doesn't disturb the peace by barking or howling at inappropriate times.

Many Chandler residents are unaware that enforcement of most laws and ordinances involving dogs and cats is the responsibility of Maricopa County Animal Care & Control.

Here is some basic information that every resident should know about pet ownership in the City of Chandler:

DOGS

Licensing

Dogs three months of age and older must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed annually as proof of rabies vaccination. Questions about vaccination and licensing should be referred to:

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control
2630 W. 8th St.
Mesa, AZ 85201
602-506-7387



Leash Law

Dogs may not be loose unless they are being used for livestock control or hunting. In Chandler, dogs outside of the residence must be in a suitable enclosure or confined on a leash no longer than six feet in length.

Leash laws are enforced by the Maricopa County Animal Care & Control office. Any dog at-large may be impounded for a violation.



Whether at home or taking a dog for a walk, owners are reminded to properly clean up after their dogs.

Barking Dogs

It is unlawful for dog owners to harbor a dog which barks or howls on a consistent basis and disturbs the peace of neighbors.

Chandler Police should only be contacted about barking dogs if the barking persists on a continual basis and for no apparent reason. Dogs barking intermittently between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. are generally not deemed a problem.

The Chandler Police Department suggests residents with concerns about barking dogs first contact the owner to resolve the matter.

Dog Bites

Any animal bite is potentially dangerous. A bite is a rabies threat if it comes from a mammal and if the animal's teeth break the skin, or if saliva from the animal enters an existing wound. Animal bites can transmit other diseases as well, so it's important to wash any bite wound with clean water and soap, then call a doctor or clinic for treatment advice. A report should also be filed with Maricopa County Animal Care & Control.

CATS

With cats, as in the case of dogs, the City of Chandler adheres to those animal control laws adopted by Maricopa County.

For a variety of reasons, cats are placed in a different animal control category from dogs. There are few laws relating specifically to cats which makes responsible pet ownership even more important.

Roaming cats have become an increasing problem in the City of Chandler. If you are experiencing problems with cats roaming on your property, the City of Chandler recommends talking to the pet's owner first in order to resolve the problem with minimal conflict.

If speaking with the pet owner does not resolve the situation, there are several home remedies available to discourage roaming cats (see back page).

