**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 the Animal Defense League of Arizona - Spay/Neuter hotline at 602-265-7729 or email feralcats@adlaz.org.

Additional animal repellents may be available at area pet stores.

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**Important Phone Numbers**

**Maricopa County Rabies & Animal Control**
Dogs-at-Large, Licensing and Bites
602-506-7387  
pets.maricopa.gov

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

Barking Dogs
480-782-BARK (2275)
chandlerpd.com/bark

**Arizona Humane Society**
Injured/Sick Animals and Animal Abuse
602-997-7585

**Animal Rescue Groups**
pets911.com

*Cruelty to animals is a serious offense and violators will be prosecuted. To report animal abuse, call the Arizona Humane Society.*

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**Building a Better Community**

**A Guide to Pet Ownership in Chandler**

An Information Brochure About Pet Ownership Responsibilities
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 Rabies and Animal Control.

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

### Dogs

#### Licensing
Dogs four 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 Rabies/Animal 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 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.

### Cat

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).