

City of Lawrence, Kansas Pet Ordinance

Park regulations require pets to be on a leash not more than six feet long when in developed recreation areas surrounding Clinton Lake (excluding dog parks). **Please respect other people's rights to a safe and enjoyable park visit.**

Dog, Cats and City Ordinances

The City of Lawrence reminds you to take good care of your pets and respect your neighbors and fellow citizens.

Use common courtesy when out and about with your animals, especially your dogs that now need to be on leashes. Keep a close eye on your cats when they are outside and be aware of the city's animal ordinances.

- Pet owners must keep animals on leashes and under control at all times when outside their own fences. Dogs on electronic collars, under control of the owner, are exempt.
- Cats do not have to be restrained if they stay on their owner's property. Cats not on their owners' property will be considered "at-large" unless restrained by leashes.
- Pet owners must clean up their animal's excrement.
- Pet owners must comply with strict cruelty to animal's regulations.

PETS

- Animals should not disturb the peace. Long-term barking, howling or other sounds are distracting and can annoy your neighbors.
- Animals should be under owner's supervision and on a leash when off their owner's property to prevent creating a hazard or disturbance to people, animals and property.
- Lawrence has two off-leash dog parks: Mutt Run is located at 1330 East 902, below the Clinton Lake dam. The facility includes drinking fountains, water for dogs, and rest rooms. Paths are mowed through fields and along wooded areas. The other dog park is located at Riverfront Park, at the intersection of North Second St. and Highways 24 and 40.
- You are responsible for removing your pet's excrement.
- Control your pets: it is illegal for them to damage any private property.
- All pet dogs, cats and ferrets 4 months or older must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Some animals are too exotic and dangerous to be owned in the City limits.

Animal control

LAWRENCE ANIMAL CONTROL RECOMMENDS AN IDENTIFICATION

TAG ON EACH PET WITH YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Animal Control has three full time employees and their hours are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on weekends. In case of an animal captured after hours, Animal Control Officers are on call and may be called out at the discretion of a Police Supervisor. The Humane Society should be called for after hours situations involving injured animals.

When an at large animal is picked up, it is taken to the [Lawrence Humane Society](#), 1805 E. 19th, by Animal Control. Animal owners need to call the Humane Society at (785) 843-6835 and verify that their animal is there. If the Humane Society has the animal, and it was picked up by City Animal Control, owners will need to come to the Police Station before the animal will be released. Humane Society hours are 10:30 am to 6:00 pm, seven days-a-week, excluding holidays. The pick up fee will be at least \$10.00. Citations are possible for animal control violations.