

It's the Law!

Eagan City Ordinance 10.11

Subd. 2. Running at large prohibited. It is unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat, ferret, or horse to permit such animal to run at large.

Subd. 6. Public nuisance.

A. *Unlawful acts.* It is unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to:

1. Permit such animal to habitually bark, cry, whimper, howl, whine, or emit any other loud or unusual noises;
2. Permit such animal to damage or defecate in or upon public property or the property of another;
3. Permit dog or cat feces to accumulate on the owner's premises for more than 24 hours;
4. Interfere with any police officer or other city employee in the performance of his duty to enforce this section;
5. Keep or own four or more dogs or cats or combination thereof over four months of age without a kennel permit.



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City of Eagan Dog Licenses—

- A dog with a City of Eagan Dog License is *four times* more likely to be brought directly home instead of impounded.
- The average cost of a dog impound is \$60, *three times* the cost of a license.
- An unlicensed dog risks being left unidentified— over 10 percent of impounded dogs are never picked up.



Jesse

City of Eagan Dog Licenses can be purchased:

Online at www.cityofeagan.com/econnect

At all Eagan Veterinary Clinics
At the Eagan Police Department,
Eagan Community Center &
Peanut's Place Dog Care Center.



Eagan Police Department
Animal Control

3830 Pilot Knob Road
Eagan, MN 55122-1810

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Eagan Animal Control

Good Pet Citizenship



Grayton



Rollie



Cobbee

How to help
your pets be
a welcome
part of our
community

My pet, a nuisance?

We all love our pets, and usually other people love them, too. But when our pets' behavior starts to affect our neighbors, they can become a nuisance. Since everyone has a right to enjoy their home and neighborhood, being aware of Pet Nuisance Laws can help you make sure your pet is a good neighbor.

Born to Run

Although most pets would love to run free, animals at large pose a danger to themselves and others.

Roaming animals are at risk of being hit by cars, attacked by other animals, or being permanently lost. Of the more than 200 animals impounded by Eagan Animal Control in 2011, almost half were never reunited with their owners.



Princess

Loose animals can threaten public safety. Between October 2007 and March 2008, 90% of dog bites and incidents of aggression involved dogs who were either off-leash or roaming at large.

Eagan's Animal at Large Ordinance is an equal opportunity ordinance: dogs, cat, ferrets (and horses!) are not allowed to wander.

It's Raining Cats & Dogs!

Many people love to have more than one pet. Pets can keep each other company, exercise together, and bring twice the love to their owners. But multiple animals can also bring multiple problems.

In an effort to keep nuisance complaints to a minimum, and to make sure animals are well cared for, the City of Eagan limits most households to a combined total of 3 dogs and/or cats over the age of four months.



Joe & CJ

The Scoop on Poop

Many people think it's ok to let their pet's feces biodegrade "naturally". However, when you multiply that one pile by the more than 10,000 pets estimated to be living in Eagan, it equals one very big problem.

Pet feces left outdoors contaminate soil with bacteria and parasites, which can eventually make their way to our ponds and streams. This "fertilizer" can add to algae growth, fowling our water resources, too.



Gunner

Not cleaning up pet feces also makes pet owners look irresponsible, and can create ill-will among neighbors. We all care about how our neighborhoods look, and cleaning up after your pets contributes to a positive image of pet owners.

When walking your dog, be sure to carry a bag for picking up, and make sure you pick up your own yard daily.

Woof, Bark, Howl & Whine

One of the most common Pet Nuisance Complaints involves barking dogs. City ordinance requires owners to prevent all types of pets from habitually disturbing the peace.

Dogs bark for many reasons. They may be alerting you to an intruder, or someone just walking down the street. They may be bored, scared, or lonely.

Cats can be disruptive, too. Male cats are known for their "singing", which can often be reduced by neutering.



Bielke

Dogs that spend most of their time outside run the greatest risk of generating a barking complaint. If your dog lives outside or spends most of his or her time outdoors, make sure all basic needs for housing, food, and socialization are met.

Although nuisance pet noise is prohibited at all times, it becomes a greater problem during the hours when most people sleep. If you turn in late or are early to rise, keep in mind that your neighbors may still be in bed.

Being considerate of your neighbors and attentive to your pet can help make our neighborhoods enjoyable for everyone.

Parks Are For Everyone!

The City of Eagan requires that all pets must be *on a leash* while in any city park or recreation area.