



Community Development Division

Code Compliance Section

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Larimer Humane Society

Larimer Humane Society is not a department of Larimer County. It is an independent, non-profit corporation.

The County contracts with Larimer Humane Society to enforce the County's Animal Regulations (contained in Chapter 6 of the Larimer County Land Use Code). Other jurisdictions like Loveland and the City of Fort Collins also contract with the Humane Society for services.

Reduced Services

Due to decreases in funding from the County in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, the Larimer Humane Society finds it necessary to reduce services in the unincorporated area of the County (outside city/town limits).

Animal control field service in the unincorporated area of Larimer County will continue seven (7) days a week, but will be limited to eight (8) hours per day from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with only one officer responding to calls.

The following service reductions apply:

• **Dead Animals in Public Areas and on Private Property.**

Larimer Humane Society will no longer be able to pick up dead animals in public areas, such as public roads and parks, nor dead animals on private property.

Maintain fences in good repair for pets and livestock—Colorado's fence-out statute may NOT protect stock owners from personal liability or property damage when their stock causes injury on a highway.

• **Barking Dog Complaints.**

The Humane Society is no longer able to respond to barking dog complaints (*see reverse for options*).

• **Injured and Nuisance Wildlife.**

The Larimer Humane Society will no longer be able to respond to calls about injured wildlife or wildlife presenting a nuisance.

Since 2012, the number of rabies-positive animals including skunks, foxes, raccoons, cats, farm animals and other species continues to increase significantly. If you suspect a family member, pet or farm animal has been bitten by a terrestrial animal or bat, contact the Larimer Humane Society at (970) 226-3647 ext. 7 or the Larimer County Department of Health & Environment at (970) 498-6775.

Call the Humane Society at (970) 226-3647, ext. 322 for assistance on how to deal with orphaned or injured wildlife.



Barking Dog Complaints and Dead Animal Pick-Up

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Safety for Humans and Animals

Safety for humans and animals remains the top priority for the Larimer Humane Society. The Humane Society will continue to respond to reports of dangerous/vicious animals, assist law enforcement with cases involving animals, and will respond to calls about injured domestic animals needing urgent medical care and abused or neglected animals.

Citizen Options for Dead Animal Pick-Up

The Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, (970) 498-6775, recommends dead animal carcasses be taken to a rendering facility, the Larimer County Landfill or other permitted landfill for disposal. Should on-site burial be an option, the following best management practices should be followed:

- Maintain a 100-foot separation from wells and waterways, including streams, lakes, creeks, etc.
- Maintain a four-foot separation above ground water table.
- Bury all parts of the animal with a minimum of two feet of soil cover.
- Do not bury in a low-lying area, gully or ditch at the base of a hill or any area prone to flooding.

Dead Deer, Elk or Antelope Impacting Traffic Lanes

Location of animal	Who to Call	Phone
Please note: When calling, you must provide your name and phone number and an address, land mark or mile marker for location purposes.		
County Maintained Road	Larimer County Road & Bridge Department	(970) 498-5650
Colorado State or Federal Highway	CDOT – Region 4	(970) 350-2100

Note: Colorado Parks & Wildlife located at 317 W. Prospect in Fort Collins does not pick up dead wildlife, but must be notified when "trophy" animals are hit by a vehicle (bobcat, bear, bull elk, deer, antelope). Call (970) 472-4300 for more information.

Dead Pet Animal or Livestock - **Private Property**

If a dead *pet animal or livestock* is located on private property, call any local veterinarian for assistance. Two (2) local pet cremation facilities will pick up dead animals for a **fee**. For example, the fee for pick-up and cremation of a large dog anywhere in the County is approximately \$180 during business hours. After hours pick-up is an additional \$50 more.

1. Precious Memories	(970) 482-7557
2. Rainbow Bridge	(970) 962-9200

Call the Brand Inspector's Office when the owner of dead livestock is NOT known (970) 490-1764.

See reverse for tips on barkina doa complaints

Citizen Options For Barking Dog Complaints

Talk to Your Neighbor

When the problem is with your neighbor's barking dog, it is always helpful to talk to or leave a note for the dog's owner.

Although this may be difficult to do at first, communicating with the owner is usually the most effective way to resolve the problem.

Larimer Humane Society Tips

For more tips on how to communicate effectively with the owner, call the Larimer Humane Society at 970-226-3647, ext. 7 or visit the Humane Society's website at: www.larimerhumane.org.

Common-Sense Approaches

- Talk to your neighbor when you are **not** frustrated about the barking.
- Be calm when approaching your neighbor and discuss the barking in a friendly manner.
- Inform them of the time of day or night that the dog is barking.
- Ask the neighbor whether you can contact them, day or night, when the barking is a problem.

If leaving a note for your neighbor

- Explain what the dog does when the family is away from the residence.
- Use words that are not offensive or intimidating to the dog owner.
- If you feel safe doing so, leave them your name, telephone number, or address so they can respond to your letter.

When Talking Doesn't Work

Mediation

If talking or leaving a note with the owner does not work, try private mediation. Mediation can save time and money and allows for resolution without resorting to a court process.

Private Mediation Services

There are several private mediation services available to the public. Companies who provide mediation services advertise on the web and in the yellow pages.

Mediation offers:

- quick resolution of the problem
- non-threatening, problem-solving environment
- a satisfying solution
- privacy and confidentiality
- no police, no courts
- no judgments, no blame

Private Court Action

Consult an attorney of choice for assistance with a civil action, or commence a court action on your own.

Legal Services available to 'qualified' applicants

Larimer County Bar Association Pro Bono Program	(970) 402-2075
CSU Student Legal Services	(970) 491-1482
Colorado Legal Services	(970) 493-2891 ext. 211

Voice concerns to:

1. [Captain Bill Porter, Larimer Humane Society](#)
Director of Animal Protection & Control
(970) 226-3647, ext. 342
e-mail: bporter@larimerhumane.org
2. [Building & Code Compliance Supervisor Candace Phippen](#)
Larimer County (970) 498-7724
e-mail: cphippen@larimer.org
3. [Larimer County Board of County Commissioners](#)
[Lew Gaiter III](#), (970) 498-7001
[Steve Johnson](#) (970) 498-7002
[Tom Donnelly](#) (970) 498-7003

E-mail comments to County Commissioners at www.larimer.org/contact.cfm.

Helpful Websites:

www.cobar.org (attorney referrals and information)
www.courts.state.co.us (self-help forms)
www.coloradolegalservices.org (info, referrals)

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Mon to Friday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sat & Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.