

La Plata County Paw Laws

Keep your new pup out of the clink

City Ordinances



- Dogs must be under direct control either by leash, cord, or chain no more than 6ft in length, while not on owner's property
- Dogs in the city must be confined by a fence or lead when not under direct supervision, while on the owner's property
- Dogs un-attended in vehicle must be secured within the vehicle
- Dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies
- Dog owners must procure a dog license every year
- License tags must be worn and visible at all times
- Dog owners must not allow defecation on any public property or property other than their own, unless removed immediately
- Dog owners must not permit their animal to bark or howl unreasonably
- No person shall own or harbor a vicious animal
- Dogs are prohibited at events on public property when food is being served to the public

County Ordinances

All the same laws as city, except:

- Dogs must be restrained on the owner's property, either by fence or under voice control and direct supervision. Dogs are not allowed to roam without supervision
- Dogs must be on leash or under voice control when not on owner's property
- Dogs must not be allowed to harass wildlife or livestock. Peace Officers have the legal right to shoot any dog harassing livestock or wildlife. Property owners can legally shoot a dog for threatening livestock in any way
- There are no noise ordinances in the county
- All dogs in La Plata County must be licensed

If your dog is picked up by Animal Protection in La Plata County, they will be impounded at La Plata County Humane Society. In addition to any tickets issued, an impound fee of **\$40 for licensed dogs**, or **\$60 for unlicensed pets** and a **\$25 boarding fee per night** is due to La Plata County Humane Society at the time of pick up.