

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

BITE PREVENTION

CONSULTATION

EDUCATION

REGISTRATION

VACCINATION



Can you identify these animal tracks?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Find answers on *Be Smart About Animals* page



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- Enforce animal control laws
- Maintain lost and found pet service
- Investigate complaints of animal cruelty/neglect and nuisance and/or threatening animals
- Provide spay/neuter assistance to low-income Lake County pet owners
- Provide low-cost vaccinations/microchips for pets of Lake County residents
- Provide interim shelter and care for stray and unwanted animals, and transport animals to adoption centers and rescue groups
- Provide emergency rescue of injured and sick stray animals
- Investigate incidents of animal bites and/or scratches
- Quarantine biting animals
- Submit specimens to the state laboratory for rabies testing
- Provide animal control support services to police departments upon request
- Provide educational programs (bite prevention, animal cruelty, proper pet care) to schools, community and civic groups, businesses and enforcement agencies

SERVICES

PET OWNERS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Register Your Pet With Lake County

All dogs and cats, including indoor cats, over 4 months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and wear a Lake County rabies tag when outside the home.

Rabies tags can be purchased through your veterinarian at the time of vaccination, or at the Animal Care and Control office.



Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Program

To provide a convenient and affordable way for Lake County residents to keep pets up to date with their shots and rabies tags, low-cost vaccination clinics are held during warmer months of the year. For more information, check the Health Department web site or call (847) 377-4700.

Be a Good Neighbor

Don't allow your pet(s) to roam.

Pick up after your pet(s).

Limit/monitor barking.



Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

Reduced costs for spaying or neutering a pet are available to low-income Lake County residents. For more information, check the Health Department web site or call (847) 377-8029.

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PET OWNERS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Keep Your Animals Safe and Healthy

Make sure your pet is confined on your property.

All dogs and cats must be controlled by a leash when off your property.

When a pet is outside, you must provide it with shelter, food and water.

Animal neglect and cruelty is inhumane, and a violation of county and state regulations.

If your female dog or cat is in heat, never leave her outside unattended.



Adhere to Pet Ownership Limit

The ordinance in Lake County allows each household to own four dogs and four cats. Some municipalities have more stringent limits. Multiple pet permits may be available if site conditions are met.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BE SMART ABOUT ANIMALS



Prevent Animal Bites and Scratches

Ask permission before petting someone else's pet.

Teach children to avoid stray, wild and injured animals.

Never approach a sleeping/nursing animal and never sneak up to play.

Animals hate surprises. Approach animals slowly and quietly, and allow the animal to sniff the back of your hand. Pet the animal's sides or back gently.

More Tips

Stay away from any animal that may be protecting something.

If a dog growls or tries to chase you, do not run. Use backpacks or bikes as shields. Avoid eye contact, which is often viewed by dogs as a threat.

Don't play rough. In games like tug of war, dogs may bite by accident.

Animal Care and Control receives calls about, or has in its care, these kinds of animals.

Answers

1. Duck
2. Goat
3. Chicken
4. Guinea pig
5. Rabbit
6. Opossum
7. Dog
8. Snake
9. Skunk
10. Raccoon



BE SMART ABOUT ANIMALS

ABOUT WILDLIFE

Will Animal Care and Control remove a wild animal from my property?

Animal wardens will remove a wild animal, but only if it is inside the living quarters of your home. An animal warden may attempt to capture a wild animal that is sick, injured or acting abnormally. However, residents will be advised to hire a licensed wildlife removal company to capture and remove nuisance wildlife outside the home, or within non-living areas of your home, such as the attic, crawlspace, walls, chimneys, etc.

About Bats

Bats are a common carrier of rabies in Illinois. If you come across a bat in the living quarters of your home, do not touch or attempt to remove it. An animal warden will respond at any time, day or night, to capture the bat, and when appropriate, submit it to the state lab for rabies testing if required. Without treatment rabies is almost always fatal. If you come in direct contact with a bat, contact your physician immediately.



How do I keep wildlife from infiltrating my home?



- Install a chimney cap.
- Cover and staple mesh cloth over an attic exhaust fan opening, attic end louvers (vents) and soffit vents.
- Inspect roof, soffit and fascia twice a year for signs of water damage. Water damage can soften wood and make it easier for animals to create a hole or enlarge an existing hole.
- Cover window wells with commercial grates or plastic covers.
- Dig a trench and install mesh hardware cloth around the perimeter of porches

or decks 2 feet or closer to the ground. Leave 6 to 8 inches of wire at the bottom and bend it out 60 to 90 degrees. Fill the trench with soil or rocks and add lattice or other cover for aesthetics.

- Reduce shelter for wildlife by keeping a minimum of 10 feet between your home and a tree branch. Stack firewood away from buildings or fences and remove dead trees, tall grass, debris and brush piles from your property.
- Do not feed squirrels, raccoons, deer or other wildlife. Bring all pet food dishes indoors. Install baffles or other devices on bird feeders to keep out squirrels and do not allow birdseed to accumulate on the ground where it can attract rodents, raccoons and opossums. Use solid trash containers with secure lids, clean your outdoor grill regularly, and do not put food scraps in your garden. Use fencing to keep out wildlife that may nibble on garden plants or landscaping.

How do I keep pets safe around wildlife?

- Never leave small pets outside unattended.
- Keep pets inside at night.
- Stay in well-lit areas at night.
- Be aware of surroundings and keep your pet on a leash.



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ALL PETS DESERVE HAPPY HOMES

HELP PREVENT ANIMAL CRUELTY



Provide

Quality food and water

Adequate shelter

Veterinary care to prevent suffering

Humane care and treatment

Signs of Possible Cruelty or Neglect Can Include:

- Tick or flea infestations
- Severe hair matting
- Wounds on the body
- Patches of missing hair
- Extremely thin animals
- Limping
- Anyone striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal
- Dogs who are apparently/seemingly abandoned
- An animal that appears to be suffering and not receiving veterinarian care
- Dogs kept outside without shelter for extended periods of time

Pets cannot speak for themselves. They need your voice.

Call the Lake County Health Department's Animal Care and Control program at (847) 377-4700 if you see a neglected animal or one being treated in a cruel manner.



PREVENTING ANIMAL CRUELTY

RESOURCES

Lake County Animal Care and Control
18736 W. Peterson Rd.
Libertyville, IL.

Office Phone: 847-377-4700
Fax: 847-984-5696
www.health.lakecountyil.gov

Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday
Kennel Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday
After hours - emergency response only

Lake County Forest Preserve

847-367-6640
www.LCFP.org

Animal Adoption

Orphans of the Storm
847-945-0235
www.orphansofthestorm.org/

Save-A-Pet

817-740-7788
www.save-a-pet-il.org

Wild Animals

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
847-608-3100
www.dnr.state.il.us

Barnswallow

847-487-3606
www.barnswallow.net

Flint Creek Wildlife Center

847-842-8000
Flintcreekwildlife.org

Animal Organization Web Sites

www.anticruelty.org
www.americanhumane.org
www.humanesociety.org



LakeCounty

Health Department and
Community Health Center

*Healthy people. Healthy choices.
Healthy Lake County.*

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