

Dog Licensing Requirements

Dogs can be registered with the Basalt Police Department. Please bring the following:

1. Proof of rabies and vaccinations
2. Fee of \$15 if spayed or neutered \$25 non spayed or neutered. Cash or check only.

See below ordinance regarding dog licensing.

Sec. 7-131. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

Abandon(ed) means to deposit, leave, drop off or otherwise dispose of any living domestic animal without providing immediate humane care on any public or private property.

Animal means any living vertebrate creature, domestic or wild, including dogs but excluding estrayed animals as defined in Section 35-44-101(1), C.R.S.

Bite means to be seized with the teeth or jaws so that a person or animal has been nipped, gripped, wounded or the skin pierced.

Board means the Board of County Commissioners of Eagle County.

Control means physical restraint or influence over a dog by means of a leash, cord or chain no longer than ten (10) feet in length except when the dog is actually working livestock, locating or retrieving wild game in season for a licensed hunter, or assisting law enforcement officers, or while actually being trained for any of these specifically enumerated purposes. For purposes of this Article, *control* shall be construed to include authorization for the Animal Control Officer to secure the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals in accordance with Section 7-159 herein.

Conviction means a finding of guilt by a court or acknowledgement of guilt by payment of fine pursuant to the penalty assessment procedure.

County means the County of Eagle, State of Colorado.

Cruelty occurs when a person knowingly or with criminal negligence overdrives, overloads, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beats, needlessly mutilates, needlessly kills, carries in or upon any vehicles in a cruel manner, or otherwise mistreats or neglects any animal, or causes or procures it to be done, or, having the charge and custody of any animal, fails to provide it with proper food, drink, socialization or protection from the weather, or abandons it.

Damage means loss or harm resulting from injury to person or property.

Dangerous dog means any dog that, according to the records of the appropriate authority:

- a. Has inflicted severe injury upon a human being without provocation on public or private property;
- b. Has killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property;
- c. Whose owner has been convicted of a violation of Section 7-147, or the equivalent in another jurisdiction;
- d. Has been previously found to be potentially dangerous, the owner having received notice of such and the dog again bites, attacks or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals; provided, however, that dogs shall not be declared dangerous if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass

or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog, was abusing or assaulting the dog, or was committing or attempting to commit a crime; or

- e. Has engaged in or been trained for animal fighting as described and prohibited in Section 18-9-204, C.R.S.

Dog refers to any animal of the canine species, regardless of sex, including dogs of wild extraction, and a dog that is of any hereditary part related to wild canines, such as but not limited to the wolf family (*canis lupus*) and the coyote family (*canis latrans*).

Dog, female means a dog of the female gender on which no alternative surgery (e.g., ovariectomy or ovari hysterectomy) has been performed.

Dog, male means a dog of the male gender which has not been castrated (intact).

Dog, neutered male means a male dog which has been castrated.

Dog owner is a person, or any parent, guardian or legal custodian of any unemancipated child under eighteen (18) years of age, who owns, co-owns, possesses, controls, maintains, keeps or harbors a dog or knowingly permits or intends to permit a dog to remain for seven (7) consecutive days on or about property or premises owned, controlled, or occupied by him or her; a kennel is not a dog owner within the purview of this definition.

Dog, spayed female is a female dog on which an ovariectomy or ovariohysterectomy has been performed by a licensed veterinarian.

Dog, stray means any licensed or unlicensed dog found loose or unattended anywhere within the County.

Dog tag means a metal tag stating vaccination against rabies which is serial numbered, bearing the year of issuance, the name of the County and the telephone number of the Animal Control Center. Dog tags are issued by a County Animal Control Officer or other authorized agent upon presentation of a current vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian.

Harbor or keep means to feed and care for any dog upon the premises or to permit any dog to be fed and cared for on the premises. The occupant of any premises on which a dog is kept or to which a dog customarily returns daily for food, shelter and/or care is presumed to be harboring a dog within the meaning of this Article, and said person shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this Article. No person is deemed to *harbor* or *keep* any animal that has been reported to Animal Control and is actively assisting in efforts to impound or confine said animal.

Keeper means any person who keeps or harbors a dog or cat for less than seven (7) days.

Kennel means a person, entity or operation which is required to be licensed or permitted by the State and/or County pursuant to applicable laws and regulations and which keeps and maintains dogs for sale, resale, boarding, breeding, show, hunting or other commercial or recreational purposes.

License year means January 1 through December 31 of the referenced year.

Mistreatment includes every act or omission which causes, or unreasonably permits the continuation of, unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering.

Neglect includes failure to provide food, water, protection from the elements, opportunity for exercise, socialization or other care normal, usual and proper for an animal's health and well-being.

Potentially dangerous dog means any dog that when unprovoked:

- a. Inflicts a bite on a human or a domestic animal, either on public or private property;
- b. Chases or approaches a person upon the streets, sidewalks or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; or
- c. Chases or approaches a person upon private property other than the owner's in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack.

Premises means property owned, leased or expressly permitted to be used by an owner; or any confined area or locality like a residence, business, room, shop, building or motor vehicle in which the animal's presence is authorized by the owner of the premises. The term *premises* includes the open space bed of a truck.

Proper enclosure of a dangerous dog means, while on the owner's property, a dangerous dog shall be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the entry of young children and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such pen or structure shall have secure sides and a secure top, a locked gate and shall also provide protection from the elements. There shall be posted signs, which are legible to passers-by, warning of the dangerous dog's presence.

Proper restraint of a potentially dangerous dog means:

- a. While on the owner's property, a potentially dangerous dog shall be restrained by chain, leash or other confinement suitable to prevent the animal from leaving the owner's property; or
- b. While off the owner's property, a potentially dangerous dog shall be under physical restraint of the owner or other responsible person.

Provocation means harassment, teasing, threatening, striking or attacking an animal or its owner in the animal's presence by either a person or another animal.

Public nuisance means an animal infected with rabies or stray cat(s) or a barking dog which disturbs the peace of humans, or a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog, an unconfined dog in estrus, or a dog or a cat that deposits excrement on public or private property that is not subsequently and promptly removed by the responsible party.

Rabies means a communicable disease of both wild and domestic animals, especially dogs, transmittable to humans as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Running at large means when a dog enters the property of another person without authorization of that person, or when it enters public property and is not under the control of the dog owner or a responsible person or an employee or agent of the owner either by leash, cable or chain not more than ten (10) feet in length.

Severe injury means any physical injury that results in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery.

Vaccination, inoculation or vaccination for rabies means the inoculation of a dog with an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the State Department of Health and administered by a licensed veterinarian for use in the prevention of rabies which is deemed current by reference to the expiration date noted on the vaccination certificate or published duration as indicated by the manufacturer.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1991; Ord. 27, 1992)

Sec. 7-132. - Annual licensing and vaccination required.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a dog owner to fail to annually obtain a license in accordance with the provisions of this Article for each dog which he or she maintains, keeps or harbors within the Town for seven (7) consecutive days and to have annually vaccinated or inoculated against rabies each dog for which said license is required. In order to be licensed, a dog must have been first vaccinated or inoculated as can be demonstrated by a vaccination certificate issued by a graduate veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine.
- (b) A license is not required for cats; however, every cat so maintained, kept or harbored within the Town for seven (7) consecutive days must be currently vaccinated against rabies and a certificate as

to the date administered and expiration, identifying the type of vaccine, administering veterinarian and business address must be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized officer.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1991; Ord. 27, 1992)

Sec. 7-133. - Issuance of dog license and dog tag.

The County Animal Control Department and/or Deputy County Clerk and Recorder, or any agency or person designated by the Board of County Commissioners in writing, shall issue a dog license and dog tag upon the receipt of the executed application thereof and inspection of the vaccination certificate. The vaccination certificate will certify that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1992; Ord. 27, 1992)

Sec. 7-134. - Duration, fees and requirements of dog license and dog tag.

- (a) A tag and license shall be available for a fee as set forth in Section 7-150. A dog license shall be valid from January 1 through December 31 of the referenced year. Upon the expiration of a dog license, a new license must be obtained from the County for the succeeding year.
- (b) A dog license will provide a place to state the following information:
 - (1) Name and address of dog owner;
 - (2) Breed, sex, age and description of the dog to be licensed;
 - (3) Date of vaccination or inoculation against rabies according to the vaccination certificate;
 - (4) Date of issuance of license; and
 - (5) Number of the dog tag.
- (c) A dog tag shall be issued to the dog owner with the dog license and will be regarded as part of the license. The tag will be made of durable material, shall be suitable to be attached to a dog collar or harness, and will state the year of issuance and the number of the dog license.
- (d) In the event a dog tag is lost, destroyed or mutilated, a replacement tag may be issued by the appropriate official upon presentation of the current dog license and payment of a fee in an amount approved by the Town Council pursuant to Section 2-381 et seq.
- (e) It shall be unlawful to possess and/or affix a tag to any other dog than that specific animal for which the respective license and tag have been issued.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1991; Ord. 27, 1992; Ord. 12 §B23, 2003)

Sec. 7-135. - Registration to license dog moved into Town; exception for dogs under age of twelve (12) weeks.

- (a) With respect to a dog that is moved into the Town, the owner shall obtain a license for said dog within seven (7) days after entry into the Town.
- (b) A dog under the age of twelve (12) weeks is not required to be licensed or vaccinated; provided, however, that within thirty (30) days after a dog has become twelve (12) weeks of age, the dog owner shall obtain a license for said dog. If said dog is impounded, vaccination shall be mandatory at the time of release from impoundment. Such vaccination shall be at the owner's expense.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1991; Ord. 27, 1992)

Sec. 7-136. - Vaccination or inoculation against rabies.

- (a) Vaccination or inoculation against rabies in order to obtain a dog license must be by a licensed graduate veterinarian using a vaccine recommended by a current compendium of animal rabies vaccines.
- (b) The dog owner will obtain from the veterinarian a vaccination certificate which states the type of vaccine with which the dog was inoculated, the date of inoculation, the expiration date of inoculation, the business address and the administering veterinarian.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1991; Ord. 27, 1992)

Sec. 7-137. - Retention of dog license; attachment of dog tag to collar or harness.

- (a) A dog owner who obtains a dog license will retain it during the license year and is required to present it for examination by the County Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Town Police and the County Animal Control Officer or any other peace officer in the connection with the enforcement of this Article.
- (b) No dog owner shall fail to place upon his or her dog the collar or harness to which the tag is attached. Said collar or harness must be worn by the dog at all times, except when the dog is securely confined within any enclosure on the property of the owner, possessor or keeper of such an animal. Failure to adhere to this regulation shall result in penalties listed in Section 7-149.
- (c) If for some reason a dog cannot wear a collar or harness, the owner of said dog must have the dog tattooed with a tattoo approved by the Animal Control Department.

(Ord. 1 §3, 1991; Ord. 27, 1992)



Town of Basalt Police Department

100 Elk Run Drive, Suite 115

Basalt, CO 81621

(970) 927-4316

TOWN OF BASALT POLICE
DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY SAFETY
DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Please fill out the following application completely, accompanied by \$15.00 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$25.00 for a non-spayed/neutered dog. Return to the Police Department:

Basalt Police Department
c/o: Community Safety Officer
100 Elk Run Drive, Ste. 115
Basalt, CO 81621

Make checks payable to the Town of Basalt

Owner Name: _____
Owner Mailing Address: _____
Owner Physical Address: _____
Residence Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Dog Name: _____	Dog Age: _____
Color: _____	Sex: M___ F___ Altered: Y N
Breed: _____	
Rabies Tag #: _____	
Vaccination Date: ___/___/___	Expires: ___/___/___
Vaccinated By: _____	Phone: _____
Date Altered: ___/___/___	
Altered By: _____	Phone: _____

Any questions please call us at 927-4316
Danny Martinez #345
Community Safety Officer
Town of Basalt, Colorado