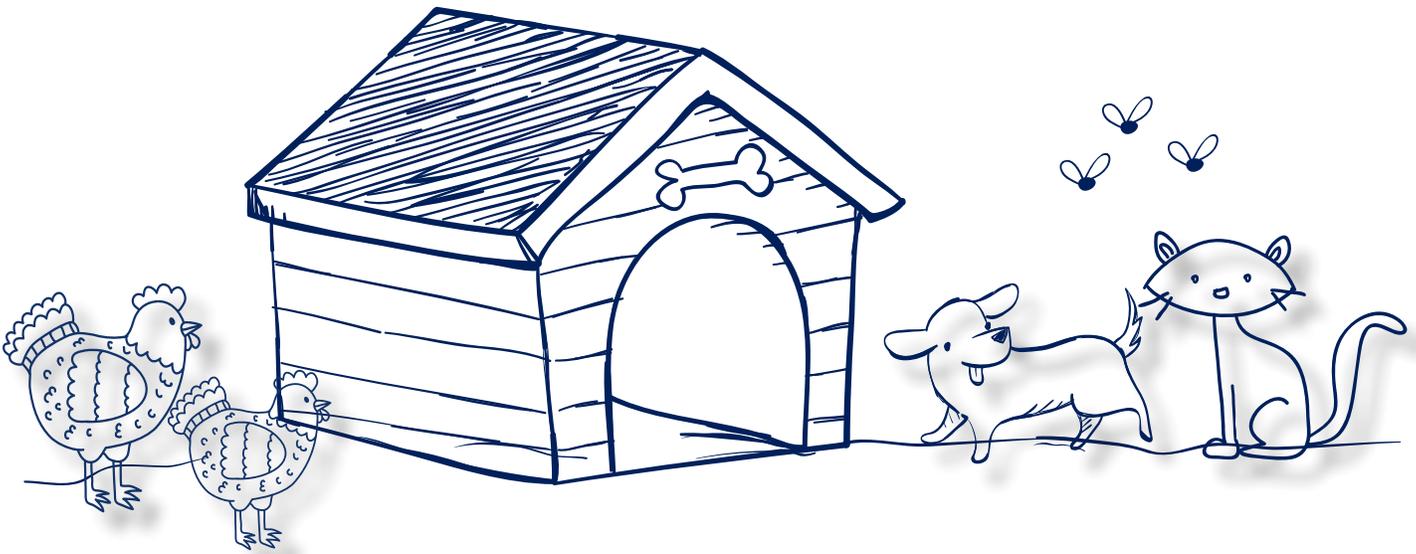


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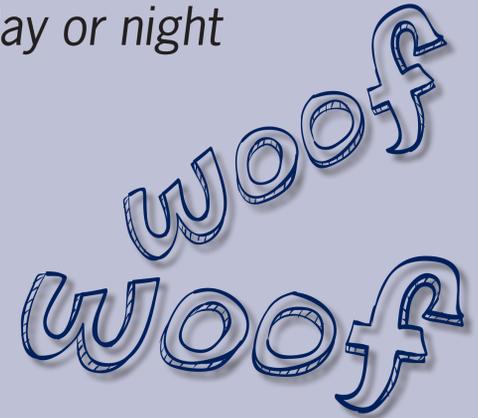


Barking dogs

Current Code: 5 or more minutes of barking, day or night

What do you think?

- Expand or limit 5-minute timeframe?
- Difference between daytime and nighttime?
- Radius/distance/noise levels?
- Warning/anonymous complaints?
- Types of evidence (video, recording, neighbor complaints)?

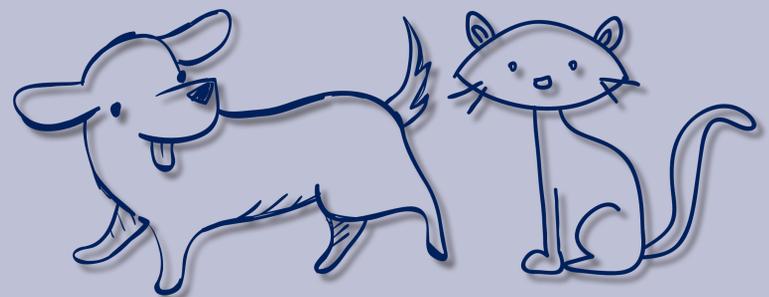


Number of animals

Current Code: Capped at 6 total animals, including not more than 3 dogs or 5 cats

What do you think?

- How many dogs or cats?
- Other animals to be included?
- Distinguish between dogs, cats or other animals?



Wildlife feeding

Current Code: Nothing included

What do you think?

- Prohibit feeding of wildlife?
- Possible exceptions?



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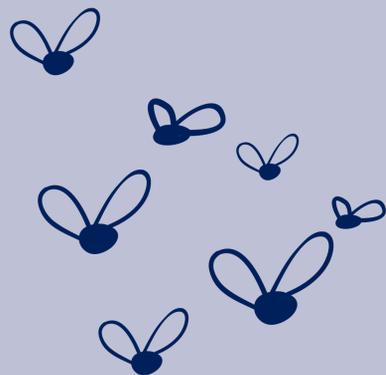
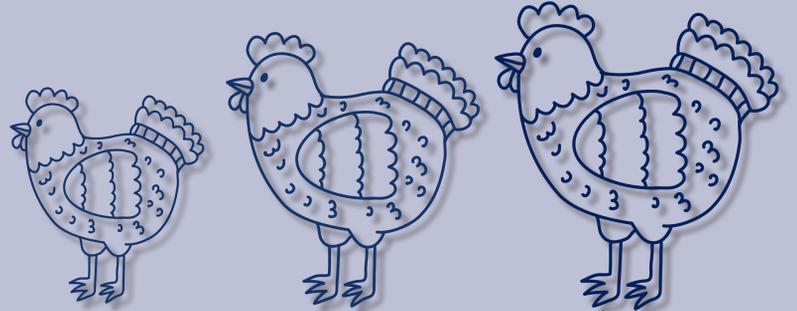
Chickens, Bees, Livestock, Exotic or Wild Animals

Chickens

Current Code: Nothing included

What do you think?

- Number?
- Permits required?
- Roosters?
- Coop requirements?



Bees

Current Code: Adopted 2012 (§§ 17.52.240)

What do you think?

- Move from zoning code to animal code?
- Limit number/size of colonies/hives?
- Humane care and treatment

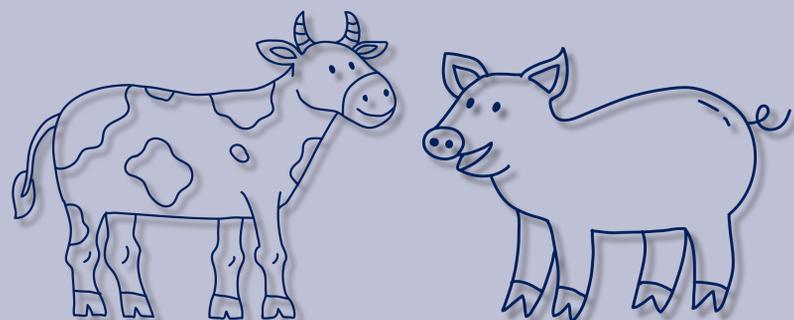


Livestock

Current Code: Hooved animals prohibited including horse, cattle, swine, Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, sheep and goats

What do you think?

- Prohibit or allow?
- Type of livestock?
- Ducks or geese?



Exotic or wild animals

Current Code: Prohibited, including wild and dangerous animals, all poisonous snakes and reptiles, all nonpoisonous snakes greater than six-feet long, all species of primates, all species of canine, feline, bear and other carnivorous animals other than dogs and cats

What do you think?

- What should or should not be prohibited?



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Licensing, Identification and PACFA

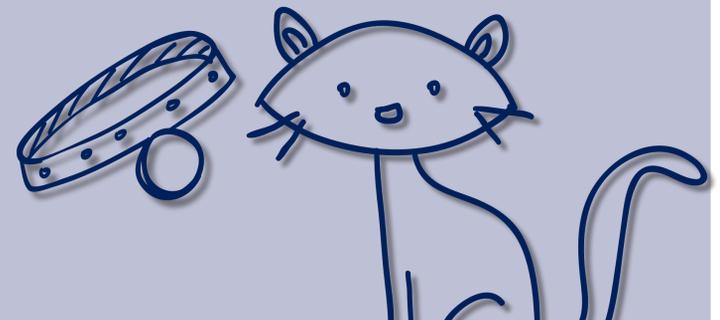


Licensing

Current Code: Licensing is required for dogs and cats; 1-3 years

What do you think?

- License required or not required?
- What should the term for renewal be?
- Registration – online or in-person?

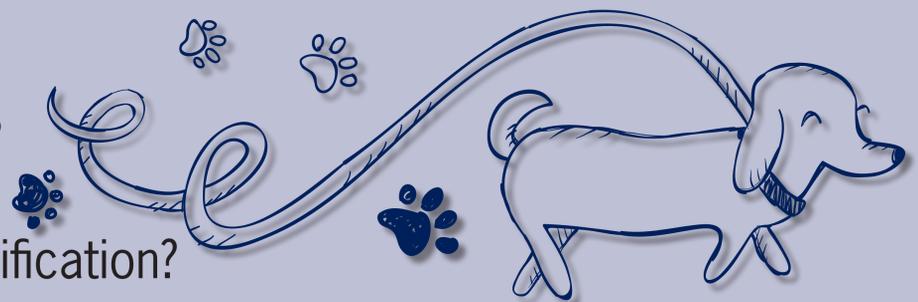


Identification

Current Code: Dogs and cats are required to display identification when off-premises.

What do you think?

- Microchip or standard tags?
- Required to display tags?
- Dogs and cats require identification?



Kennels, rescue, foster, breeder, pet shops, pet spas

Current Code: Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act, C.R.S. §§ 35-80-101-117

What do you think?

- Regulate pet animal facilities (adoption, breeding, boarding, grooming, handling, selling, sheltering, trading or otherwise transferring such animals within Town?)
- Town Code to include reference to State code PACFA?
- Town to work with State jointly



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Breed-specific Ban

Pit Bulls

Current Code: Currently banned. There is a hearing process to determine breed classification

Pit Bull defined: American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier and any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any one (1) or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club.

What do you think?

- Keep breed-specific ban?
- Eliminate the breed-specific ban?
- General comments on a hearing process?
- Other comments and concerns?



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Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Animals



Dangerous animals

Current Code: Unlawful to keep in Town after conviction in Municipal Court with no exceptions

What do you think?

- Two-tiered system – dangerous AND potentially dangerous. See definitions below



Note: Moving to a two-tiered system better enables situations to be treated on a case-by-case basis, it would likely enhance the ability to track the animals that have been previously adjudged potentially dangerous, it would increase flexibility in assessing the severity of the incident, and may not require euthanasia or removal (from the Town) for minor bites.



Definitions

Dangerous Animal

Means any animal, except a dog assisting an Animal Control Officer that:

(a) Causes serious bodily injury to any person or domestic animal or behaves in a manner that would have resulted in such serious bodily injury except for the fact that there was intervention by a person to stop the behavior.



(b) Has been previously adjudged as a potentially dangerous animal under this Title and the owner has failed to obtain and maintain the required potentially dangerous animal permit, or the animal has engaged in subsequent behavior that poses a threat to public safety or for which any of the potentially dangerous animal permit conditions set forth for the keeping of potentially dangerous animals have been violated (unless the animal owner has been relieved of the obligation to maintain such permit as set forth in this Chapter).



(c) Engages in or has been trained for animal fighting as described and prohibited in Section §§ 18-9-204, C.R.S.

Potentially Dangerous Animal

Means any animal, except a dog assisting an Animal Control Officer that may be a threat to public safety as may be demonstrated by any of the following behaviors:



(a) Causes any injury less than serious bodily injury to any person or domestic animal at any place within the Town.



(b) Without provocation, approaches any person in a menacing or terrorizing manner or in an apparent attitude of attack, whether such person is in motion or standing still, and whether such person is on foot or in a vehicle or device which allows such person to be in motion.

(c) Attacks any person who is lawfully on the owner's property.

(d) Acts in a highly aggressive manner within a fenced yard or enclosure and appears to a reasonable person to be able to jump over or escape such fenced yard or enclosure.

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Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals, Enforcement

A special note

The Town's Code related to animals has not been revisited in a global fashion in over 15 years. State statutes and Federal regulations continue to evolve. The lives of Castle Rock residents, their living philosophies, and animal welfare considerations have also continued to evolve.



Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals

Definitions:

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

In addition to the provisions about service dogs, the Department's revised ADA regulations have a new, separate provision about miniature horses that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. (Miniature horses generally range in height from 24 inches to 34 inches measured to the shoulders and generally weigh between 70 and 100 pounds).

Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not considered service animals as defined above. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not considered service animals either.

While Emotional Support Animals or Comfort Animals are often used as part of a medical treatment plan as therapy animals, they are not considered service animals under the ADA. Typically, emotional support animals are dogs but sometimes cats or other animals may be used to provide companionship, relieve loneliness, and sometimes help with depression, anxiety, and certain phobias, but do not have special training to perform tasks that assist people with disabilities. Therapy animals provide people with therapeutic contact, usually in a clinical setting, to improve their physical, social, emotional, and/or cognitive functioning.



Enforcement

We hope to streamline our enforcement tools.



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Home Owners Associations

HOAs

HOA's may have more restrictions than the Castle Rock Municipal Code. Castle Rock Police does not enforce HOA requirements.



