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**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 3:18 PM  
**To:** Margaret Kroeckel  
**Subject:** FW: Online Form Submittal: Animal Ordinance Form

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

I am requesting that the zoning code be amended to allow miniature and/or dwarf goats to dwell within city limits. Urban goats are alternatives to dogs for some and milk-makers for others. Either way, the popularity of backyard goats -- legal in Denver -- is on the rise. Denver has allowed goats to reside within city limits since 2011.

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

I feel that individuals should be allowed to have domesticated animals of any variety. All breeds of dogs should be allowed within the Town of Castle Rock- it is not necessary to restrict certain breeds. I would agree that residents should be allowed to have bees, chickens and pet pigs if they so choose. The responsibility to ensure all animals are well cared for and as long as the ownership of such said animals is not a nuisance there should be no issues a person having the type of pet they desire.

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During my life I've had many dogs, 16 in all from 12 # miniature to poodles to 96 # German Shepard mix. Included was a pit bull who was one of the sweetest and smartest dogs I ever knew. All of my dogs have been rescues either from a rescue group or strays that showed up on my property. I believe all animals are what people make them to be. If they are treated meanly they will be mean, if treated with love they show niceness. That is not to say that training isn't necessary and that's an ongoing process. In other words animals can't understand if they are corrected for a behavior one time and let get away with it another. Consistency is essential. I'm a relatively new resident to CR but my understanding is that Pit Bulls are not allowed. Banning a specific breed doesn't seem right to me, I think an educational program for dog owners to train their dogs could help, but it has to be on going. Perhaps

an education program, through the town, would help, much like the spay and neuter program that animal welfare groups have done in the past and continue to do. In the meantime CR could make it illegal for owners (1) to let their dogs put their head out the window because it is dangerous for the dog (foreign objects could get into their eyes) or they could jump out and be killed by another vehicle. (2) Make it illegal for dogs to ride in the open back of pickup trucks, because that poses a danger to the dog and the public. As our pets are considered part of the family they should be treated in the same way as children. Part of the education program should be to encourage owners to restrain their dogs in a moving vehicle for the owners and pet's safety. As far as other animals go: cats should be limited to 4 as long as they are kept in the owners home; pigs should be limited to two per household as long as they are pets kept in the owners home; horses should be required to have a minimum of two acres per horse. Of course all animals need to be cared for properly.

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I believe the animal registry is a joke, not one person that I know in the town abides by the registry. The only people that I know who registered their animals were forced to after their dog was picked up by animal control, otherwise no one follows the registry rule. I believe that it is not necessary. I also believe the ban on pot belly pigs is not necessary. I have never heard of an issue with a pot belly pig. I believe that keeping poultry such as Chickens, Turkeys, and Ducks are a good freedom to have as long as it is practiced in moderation.

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I think a home should be able to have up to 6 pets--cats, dogs, chickens etc. They should also be allowed to raise chickens for eggs, and have other small animals-goats, rabbits, etc, up to 6 (in addition to pets) in the town limits. I think the town should ban pet shops, allow kennels and doggie daycares with regulations. Fostering up to 6 pets should be allowed, rescues should be allowed and CR should have a program to neuter and spay feral cats--along with giving them rabies shots etc.

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**From:** Jennifer King  
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I would like to keep the ban on pit bulls in place. While I understand that it is not the fault of the animal or breed, I still do not trust them. People have a hard time following the leash laws as is and the thought of my children being attacked by an animal that I could not fight off (natural to the areas I have no issues with...Bears, coyotes, etc. Since they r native) scare me to death. I will not allow my children in a home with pit bulls and that will extend to parks and such if the ban is lifted. I have no problem with allowing other animals such as chickens, pigs, etc but definitely no on pit bulls. Thank you. My name is Tracy Steube and I live in Founders.

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# Tell us your thoughts during our Animal Ordinance Review

ATTACHMENT A

## We want your feedback!

As a home rule municipality, the Town of Castle Rock has its own set of local laws and codes. From time to time, those local laws need to be reviewed. A topic currently being discussed relates to animals. We want your feedback!

Please write clearly. Feel free to discuss any or all of the topics we presented tonight.

Name: PAMELA Schanuel

Resident or non-resident? resident (ex CR area 28 years)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you hear about Town news? (Check all that apply.)

- ☒ Online at CRgov.com  
☐ Email  
☐ A neighbor

- ☐ Social media (Facebook/Twitter, etc.)  
☐ Local newspaper article  
☒ By mail

☒ Roadway sign



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- Barking Dogs = 10 minutes every hour (they have to protect "theirs")
  - # animals = chickens should be at least 5-10 in "hobby coop"  
 Roosters can "visit" every few weeks but can't stay if they crow non stop (except litters)  
 = cats (indoor = 3-4 depending on size and how clean home)  
 = dogs (depends on size, but 2 is enough, except litters which should allowed 10 weeks)
  - # Wild life feeding = bird feeders and squirrel YES! Deer licks YES! Beavers: NO  
 Bears → NO Coonrats & raccoons & foxes, SURE why not once in while.  
 chickens / bees / exotic / wild animals = hobby bee hives in town only;  
 hobby chicken coop in town; no parrots → but, pig belly pigs and ferrets and like should be kept on leash & clear smelly area.
  - Snakes = reptiles OK up to 6.5 feet; no crocodiles & no poisonous
  - dog barking → first / second offense & ticket then animal HAS to go to dog training school, or get no bark collar; also animal must be taken inside if barking
- CRgov.com/Animals  
 Sound = 1-2 houses away for dog barking issue





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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

I believe that goats should be allowed as animals within Castle Rock. They are quiet, have a personality similar to dogs and help keep landscapes tidy. They have been allowed in the City of Denver for several years and Castle Rock is certainly more of a "rural" based community than Denver.

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Please tell us your  
thoughts on Town Code  
related to animals.

I think we should be allowed Pot Belly Pigs. They are the size  
of cats and dogs. We should be allowed to have them as in  
door pets

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Hello! I am writing to recommend the inclusion of pot-bellied pigs in the Town's Animal Code. Below I have included a discourse on the animals themselves and some suggestions to facilitate their incorporation. I believe they would be a great fit for our community and add to both its charm and diversity. Thank you for your time and attention! Important Potbellied Pig Information for Council Review 1. What is a pet pig? Most domesticated pigs are potbellied pigs; these animals can also be referred to as miniature pigs, teacup pigs, micro pigs, nano pigs, and pixie pigs. They have been genetically modified over the last 50 years or so, in Germany and the United States, to create a pig ideal for laboratory testing in the biomedical fields. When genetic modification for these purposes, and animal testing on pigs in general was abandoned in the 1980s, pigs were displaced and sent to zoos, euthanized, or relinquished

into the wild in various regions. Because of this, and because of the general demeanor and personality of the pigs, these smaller breeds were introduced in the United States and Canada as domesticated animals. There is an estimated 250,000 to 1 million pet potbellied pigs in the United States, though the number is difficult to assess because of lack of understanding and agreement on the keeping of pigs as pets across the country.

2. What to expect of a pet pig: size, longevity, and health concerns Potbellied pigs, as we currently know them as pets, do not come from one region or breed. There have been decades of interbreeding among a variety of swine breeds, making the classification of potbelly a difficult one to define. That being said, potbellied pigs range in size from 80lbs-250lbs at maturity (approximately three years of age). Most potbellied pigs will average between 100-150lbs at maturity. They will range from 16" to 32" in height, and the weight of a potbellied pig is hard to assess from merely looking at the pig—they are dense animals that have short legs and large, rounded bellies. To understand the size of a potbellied pig, consider comparing one against a common dog breed. A 100lb potbellied pig sounds large, but will be visually comparable to a basset hound—a dog that averages 14" in height, and 55lbs in weight. While a 100lb pig may sound large to those unfamiliar with pig breeds, they are truly miniature in comparison to their livestock counterparts. Consider the China Poland breed of commercial swine; at full maturity, this breed will weigh 550lbs to 1200lbs. Similarly, the Yorkshire swine will reach 600lbs to 2000lbs at full maturity. Domesticated potbellied pigs have an average 20-year lifespan. The oldest documented potbellied pig, in the Guinness Book of World Records, lived to be 23 years old; many pig owners and rescues cite pigs living as long as 25 years. There are many misconceptions about domesticated pigs as pets. One concern is noise, another is spread of disease. Just like any domesticated pet, pigs have certain requirements for health concerns. They are prone to respiratory illness, and must be vaccinated annually with a drug called Mycoflex. There are many veterinary clinics in the Denver Metro area now treating pigs, and this vaccination is easily accessible. Pigs must also be vaccinated biannually with Ivermectin, a dewormer that treats and prevents common parasites--this is very similar to routine heart worm treatments in canine companions. Pigs do not require a rabies vaccination—the physiology of swine is so comparable to humans that the vaccinations required of other domesticated animals do not apply. Pet pigs do not contract or carry common illnesses that can be spread to humans, such as colds or the flu.

3. Cleanliness/behavior of pet pigs This is a common question with regards to pet pig ownership. Pigs are



actually quite clean animals--cast aside the image of the smelly, muddy pig farm. They will not defecate where they sleep or eat, and are very easy to litter box or dog-door train as a result. One other misunderstood fact with pet pigs is the smell of fecal matter. Potbellied pigs are vegetarian, and as such, eat a primarily grain-based diet with vegetables and fruits to supplement. The fecal matter from pigs, therefore, has less odor than that of feline or canine companions that eat a carnivorous diet! In terms of mud, pigs do enjoy it--but there are alternatives for a happy pig! The purpose and pleasure of a mud hole is twofold. First, mud is a natural protectant from bugs and exposure to sun. Lighter color pigs are prone to sunburn, and mud prevents and protects their skin from harm. Second, mud is a cooling mechanism for pigs in the summer. Because pigs do not sweat, they must have access to water, or mud, to cool off in. Mud holes are easily substituted with swimming pools; plastic pools sold for children are an ideal watering hole to keep a pet pig comfortable and happy, and to keep a yard clean! 4. Noise and pigs Pigs can be very loud, but unlike dogs, do not cause loud, long disturbances such as barking. Pigs will make noise when distressed or hungry, but remain relatively calm and quiet throughout a normal day. Because pigs are routine driven animals, a normal, regular schedule with feeding must be in place. Pigs naturally like to be asleep by the time it is dark--they are not nocturnal creatures, because they are prey animals, and sleep is a safety mechanism in the dark. They are an ideal pet for families with children, because they may keep the same routine as a child.

5. Other relevant information Pigs are intelligent--the fourth smartest mammal, in fact. They reach the intelligence of a 3-4 year old human, and are as charming and fun as a toddler! They can be trained to walk on a harness and leash, perform tricks--sit, spin, high-five, agility training, and more--and are very social animals. Pigs make wonderful companion animals; they can form close bonds with humans, and are affectionate, personable, and compassionate. They are also prey animals by nature, as opposed to cats and dogs, and so are not prone to aggressive or predatory behavior. The potbellied pig's natural instinct is to run and hide.

6. Household requirements to keep a pet pig Pigs are in need of a good indoor and outdoor environment. They make ideal house pets because of cleanliness, but outdoor time is a necessity. They enjoy grazing, and this activity is important to a pig's health; certain vitamins and minerals are contributed to a grazing pig's diet. Pigs will root as a natural behavior, but to avoid complete destruction of a manicured lawn, a certain area may be set up for this behavior. Pig owners may build a box for rooting as well, filled with wood chips, river rocks, or plastic balls. Rooting

is a source of enrichment for a pig, and an enriched pig is a happy, content pet. Outdoor environments must have solid fencing; wooden slat fencing, chain link fencing, and hog panel are some recommended materials to keep a pig safe in its own environment. They do not climb fences, but may root underneath, so materials like chicken wire and field fencing are not ideal unless reinforced into the ground. Current Zoned Cities and Counties in Colorado for Potbellied Pigs: Information has been compiled by Hog Haven Farm on this topic, and may be found at <https://hoghavenblog.org/potbellied-pig-ownership-in-colorado/> Nearby cities/communities: In Douglas County, current zoned areas for potbellied pigs include: Douglas County: See Douglas County Zoning Resolution, Section 24, 2402 for requirements; also refer to "Guide to Animals" handout following this page; relevantly summarized below: •

Dog/cat/pot-bellied pig: 4 may be kept per dwelling unit in Suburban, Estate, and Rural Residential Areas Town of Parker: See Parker Municipal Code, Title 9, 9.05.050 for requirements; relevantly summarized below: • The pig must be registered through a bona fide potbellied pig registry or certified as a potbellied pig by a licensed veterinarian familiar with this breed of pig. The owner of any potbellied pig four (4) months of age or older shall procure a license for the pig. The license tag shall be worn by the pig at all times. A male potbellied pig shall be neutered prior to four (4) months of age and a female potbellied pig shall be neutered prior to six (6) months of age. A potbellied pig shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) pounds in weight.

Suggested Points of Consideration for Potbellied Pig Ownership in Castle Rock: • It is recommended that pot-bellied pigs, due to their care, behaviors, habits, demeanors, size, and complete lack of agricultural purpose whatsoever be incorporated into the Town code alongside dogs and cats as "bonafide household pets" as opposed to livestock. Unlike farm hogs and general purpose swine, pot-bellied pigs are not bred for consumption or food production purposes. Neither are they utilized for any farm or production purpose; dogs are better and more frequently used in agricultural trades than potbellied pigs • As with Parker, it may behoove the Town to have the pig be registered through a bona fide potbellied pig registry or certified as a potbellied pig by a licensed veterinarian familiar with this breed of pig. This should be confirmed prior to an individual obtaining a pig and will help prevent unlawful breeds of pigs being acquired, owner disappointment, Town difficulty, animal cruelty/neglect, and animal shelter overload • A prospective owner of a potbellied pig shall complete for any and all pigs an application (fee for application, if/as needed, and amount of fee to be determined by Town leadership) to be kept on record with the Town prior to purchase or acquisition of said animal;



suggested inclusionary items to be as follows (but not limited solely to the below): o Owner name, address, and contact information o Source where pig is to be procured (breeder, shelter, third party, etc.) o Proof of pig breed (via potbellied pig registry, breeder registry and/or credentials, licensed veterinarian inspection/certification) to ensure compliance with Town code • Once application is approved, owner may procure the pig(s) stated in the application and must then comply with all relevant Town animal codes conducive to the wellbeing of both animals and humans. Pigs do not require rabies vaccines but other measures are needed (see previous Section 2, "What to expect of a pet pig: size, longevity, and health concerns"); in addition, the owner must be able to provide an appropriate environment for pig-keeping similar to the general guidelines/provisions in the Town's current animal code • Also in concurrence with Parker, a male potbellied pig should be neutered prior to four (4) months of age and a female potbellied pig shall be neutered prior to six (6) months of age. Neutering is essential to the animals' health and well-being and to the safe management of their behavior. • Once the pig itself is procured, the owner must also procure a license for the pig. Upon proof of registration and neutering and payment of a license fee (amount of licensing fee to be determined by Town leadership), the Town shall issue a dated and numbered receipt and corresponding tag. In the event of loss or destruction of the original license tag, the owner shall obtain another tag from the Town. Pig licenses are not transferable. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or attempt to use a tag for any pig other than the pig for which the tag was originally issued • A weight limit, though it may sound appealing, is not necessarily recommended. This is somewhat arbitrary and could also be considered cruel and unnatural. A potbellied pig's genes and parents will determine its weight; some overweight pigs weigh less than healthy weight varieties. An average potbellied pig weight is approximately 125 pounds but very healthy pigs have been observed up to 175-200 pounds, still smaller and lighter than the largest dog breeds and far less dangerous to humans and other animals. If a weight limit must be established, 200 pounds seems to be a fair and agreed upon consensus by pig experts. • No more than two (2) potbellied pigs shall be kept as permanent residents/pets on any one (1) residential property at any given time. Pigs are social animals and work best in pairs. They are less likely to cause trouble, make mischief, or be unhappy if they have a companion. • Potbellied pigs kept on residential property shall be kept only as pets for personal enjoyment, and not kept or raised for breeding, sale or human consumption. • Prospective owners should consider educating themselves on habits,

demeanors, and particulars of potbellied pigs prior to committing to ownership. Local veterinarians and animal rescues should be consulted; two potbellied pig rescues exist in Colorado (Hog Haven Farm in Deer Trail, CO and Pigasus in Grand Junction, CO) that allow interested persons to visit, volunteer, and get acquainted with the animals and their keeping. Just a suggestion, perhaps to be delivered to potbellied pig applicants or those interested in becoming such Resources AMPA: [www.americanminipigassociation.com](http://www.americanminipigassociation.com) North American Potbellied Pig Association: [www.petpigs.com](http://www.petpigs.com) Hog Haven Farm: [www.hoghavenfarm.org](http://www.hoghavenfarm.org)

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

I am recommending that the town separate potbellied pigs from their farm hog counterparts and reclassify them as household pets rather than livestock. Potbellied pigs are bred as domestic pets and have no agricultural use. They are not used for labor or bred to be used for their meat, hooves or other body parts. Potbellied pigs are very sweet natured, loyal pets that want to spend their time eating, playing, and napping. They are smart animals that can be trained to do tasks or tricks in a very short period of time, and in fact fall above dogs on the animal intelligence scale. They are good indoor/outdoor pets for residential homes as they can easily use a litterbox for waste management and they enjoy sunshine in their kiddie pools and grazing on backyard grass. If I were a council member, I expect that I would have a few prime concerns that I hope I can address as follows: 1) SAFETY –Potbellied pigs are in nature a

prey animal. This means that their first instinct is to run and hide when confronted with a possibly dangerous situation. It would be very unlikely for anyone to experience a pig bite or any physical damage from a pig. As a local homeowner, I enjoy walks around my neighborhood, but unfortunately tend to avoid certain blocks because I feel intimidated and unsafe passing by certain yards with dogs in them. I have experienced dogs jumping at the fence (and almost making it over), barking, and growling viciously. This would never be a concern with a pig in the backyard; if anything the pig might come over seeing if the passerby had a snack in hand. This is not intended as a slight against dogs. I love dogs and grew up having them as pets, but the biological fact is that dogs are predatory animals by nature and may act according to their nature at times resulting in physical injury to humans and other animals. 2) TOWN

REPUTATION—Castle Rock is a quickly growing community with a unique blend of suburban and rural qualities that make it a place worth moving to and raising a family in. More and more people are coming to call our town home, and as we continue to grow and develop, I think that it is important to both evolve and stay true to our roots. Potbellied pigs as pets would be a perfect way to exemplify this idea. There isn't much that says "small town feel" like a mini-pig strolling down the street on a harness with its tail constantly wagging as it greets passersby. Potbellied pigs are also very trendy right now in our nation, so any worries about our town looking like a small, backward community should be laid aside. Pet potbellied pigs would make us hip, cool, and cutting edge! They would set our town apart and continue to make it a destination as we grow, while still retaining the charm and exclusivity that brought the original Castle Rock residents here in the first place. 3) TIME

MANAGEMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OFFICIALS—This is an important concern with any new law or ordinance. If we change a law that then creates more busywork or a multitude of complaints that have to be dealt with, then we take away from the more important duties our government needs to address. Recently I spoke with Fonda Hamilton, a member of the Meadows HOA Board of Governors, and she expressed frustration with all of the dog complaints that are taking over their board meetings and time. They have problems with waste not being picked up in community areas, dogs escaping, dogs barking and in general people not controlling their pets. They have looked at hiring an off duty officer to patrol the neighborhoods and give tickets to people who are violating the HOA standards or who have escaped pets. This has become a constant drain on time and financial resources for the HOA. If the council is concerned about further complaints brought on by pigs, let me lay that to rest. Pigs are



quiet animals who are only loud when they are harmed or when meal time has been delayed. They are extremely clean animals (despite common misconceptions) and will separate their food and waste areas. They roll in mud to cool down (since they can't sweat) and as a form of sunscreen, but they do not roll in manure. A backyard with a pig in it will not look like a "pigsty." Instead it will look like a backyard where kids live with kiddie pools, balls, and play areas. In terms of smell, they are going to be comparable to an experience with a dog next door. If the owners are not good about picking up animal waste, then there will be a scent when the wind blows, but any regular responsible owner will generally manage this well enough that the neighbors don't experience any difference. Pigs can't jump very high, so they will not be leaping the fence to escape. Reasonable landscaping with rocks along the fence edge will keep them from rooting under the fence as well. The previous HOA president for the Meadows lived in Denver while she served on the board and stated that her neighbors had a pet pig that was the celebrity of the neighborhood. I think a pig, as opposed to creating discomfort or dissent, is likely to foster more neighbor interaction and tighter knit communities. I hope this provides more insight into my request for potbellied pigs as pets and hope to have addressed some of the potential concerns surrounding this decision. I have loved pigs since I was a little girl and have always wanted to own one, however I also enjoy the community sense of being in town and appreciate the amenities available. I believe that potbellied pig reclassification is the answer to bringing together the two sides of the life that I wish to live. I believe that there are others who share this viewpoint and would like this opportunity as well. I have spoken to many of them in Castle Rock and hope that they heard about this opportunity to give feedback. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name: SHARI JANGER

Resident or non-resident? resident

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you hear about Town news? (Check all that apply.)

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☐ Roadway sign

☐ Email

☐ Local newspaper article

☐ A neighbor

☒ By mail



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- ① Get rid of breed specific ban - (antiquated & ridiculous) - good to move to case by case "dangerous" animals, but NOT 'potentially dangerous' which could easily lead to canine profiling, and the ~~new~~ definition of 'menacing' can be too broad.
- ② barking dogs - 5 min is pretty short period of time - ~~anywhere over~~ at least 10 min
- ③ # of animals - chickens should have their own number; up to 6 chickens - they're very social and need company - number of animals shouldn't be ~~added~~ divided between dogs & cats - up to 6 dogs or 6 cats.
- ④ no restriction on bird feeding -
- ⑤ chicken coop requirements need to be humanely ~~retained~~ required
- ⑥ bees moved to animal code
- ⑦ chicks or geese permitted as long as humanely housed.
- ⑧ Cats that are owned, yet are outdoors, should have to be collared ~~with a~~ with a device to warn birds - there is a low cost collar "BirdBeSafe" that is very effective. Millions of birds and native small wildlife are killed by outdoor cats every year. It is important to stop this assault on wildlife. Perhaps Castle Rock could set an ~~area~~ example and subsidize these cat collars for owners to be able to keep their cats from killing wildlife for sport. I know this sounds ~~strange~~ strange, but is absolutely important.

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- ⑨ Dogs and cats should have owner identification when off their premises. Tags are fine. Although microchip is preferred.
- ⑩ No breed specific ban !!!
- ⑪ "Potentially dangerous" for dogs is a very slippery slope.  
Too subjective and too broadly described.
- ⑫ Again, # of chickens and # of animal dogs & cats are separate numbers.
- ⑬ No selling of dogs/puppies and cats, raised by breeders, in retail shops in the town.  
Only adoptions!!!

**Margaret Kroeckel**

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I would love to see pot bellied pigs find loving homes in Castle Rock. I know my cousins have been wanting one for some time there as well and I know they would be thrilled to finally be able to adopt one. They make as good of pets as dogs and cats!

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potbelly pigs are pets too, smarter than cats or dogs and wonderful companion animals. most municipalities do not allow pigs because they have a steriotypical view of a pigs as a nasty, dirty, smelly animal wallowing it its own filth. quite the contrary, pigs are clean, they are quicker to potty train than cats or dogs and will go in a litterbox or outside just as a cat or dog would. they are easier to train than a dog and do tricks too. they do not smell, they do not sweat and they have hair, not fur and are wonderful pets for those who are allergic to pet dander. we live in denver and have two pet potbelly pigs. they are fully vaccinated, and we have a zoning permit and livestock license to have them. it is ridiculously difficult to obtain the proper permits to keep a pig in denver, thus most people here who have pigs are not legal. castle rock can lead the way by embracing pigs as companion animals and by not putting an

unrealistic weight limitation on them. a 125 pound pig is tiny compared to a 125 pound dog. our pig, schrodinger, is a member of our family, sleeps in our bed under the covers with us and has been featured on television in 2016 on kdvr march 1st national pig day and most recently in the denver post last thursday. should anyone in the castle rock government voting on whether or not to allow pigs as pets wish to meet a "real" pig i am sure it could be arranged. sincerely, rick and deb mcdonald

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Name: Kari Shohet

Resident or non-resident? in the county

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email               | <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspaper article               |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A neighbor          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By mail                    |                                       |

Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

barking dogs - keep current code  
# of animals - should increase this or capped at 4 dogs/cats  
chickens - should be allowed - no regulation needed except HOA's  
bees - should be allowed  
livestock - pot bellied pigs OK  
exotic animals - keep current code  
licensing - should not be required - responsibility of owner  
identification - should not be required - " "  
kennels + pet shops - enough regulation under PAFCRA - doesn't need more  
Pit Bulls - keep ban and ban any dangerous dog regardless of breed  
Dangerous Animals - should be banned after causing injury to  
Someone. Owner should be fined.

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I am requesting that the zoning code be amended to allow miniature and/or dwarf goats to dwell within city limits. Urban goats are alternatives to dogs for some and milk makers for others. Either way, the popularity of backyard goats, which have been legal in Denver since 2011, is on the rise. There are many benefits to keeping goats in the household: \* Milk – One Nigerian female dwarf goat produces about a quart of milk a day. Goat's milk has many uses. It's a nutritious and healthy alternative to cow's milk, with a lot less lactose, which makes it ideal for those who are lactose intolerant. Goats' milk is ideal for making cheese. Goats' milk can also be turned into lotions and soaps – great for the skin in our dry climate. \* Good for the Environment – Goats have been long known for clearing unwanted brush. Goats decrease the need to use herbicides, decrease the risk of fire, improve the soil's fertility and control



weeds in hard to reach areas. Also, they love dry leaves, which parts of town seem to have an abundance of in the fall. \* Pets – Goats have personality. They are affectionate, great with kids, loyal, intelligent, curious and playful. Goats can be trained to walk on a leash, pull small carts, and carry packs while hiking. They would be a great addition to the trails around Castle Rock. Plus their droppings help the environment rather than harm it. \* Responsibility for Children – Raising goats as a 4-H project is a fantastic way to teach responsibility. As with dogs and chickens, keeping goats require daily chores, and children quickly learn that the goat depends on them for all their needs. A great way to learn important life lessons. Amending the zoning code to allow for goats will be a tremendous economic, environmental and cultural benefit for the citizens of Castle Rock. Goats give milk to drink, cheese to eat, fiber to create and they can carry our belongings when hiking. Owning and raising goats, as with chickens, provides a special insight into sustainability and responsibility of our environment. Thank you for your consideration.

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I would like to encourage the Town of Castle Rock to consider allowing residents of Castle Rock the opportunity to own and keep dwarf goats breeds within the town boundaries. These animals provide many wonderful benefits to homeowners and would set a positive image for the town in keeping with that rural, country-like atmosphere. Many folks moved here to experience that way of life, while also enjoying some of the conveniences of a larger municipality. 4-H is big in Douglas County. Providing this avenue opens up wonderful opportunities for children to learn responsibility, gain confidence in themselves and learn respect for others. This is an opportunity for the town to demonstrate their willingness to embrace such a positive action towards the community. Thank you. Gail Stere



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This seems like a great 4H opportunity for kids within the Town of Castle Rock. Changing the current law to allow dwarf and miniature goats to be raised within the town limits will allow children to take part in this rewarding experience.

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Goats are great weed eaters and are good for the environment.  
They are gentle and make good pets.

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Please consider allowing Pet Pigs/mini Pigs to be an acceptable pet within city limits. For those of us who have allergies to common animal dander from dogs, cats, and rodents with fur, a pet pig or mini pig is a happy and healthier alternative. Pigs have skin and hair. They are also extremely intelligent animals and are easily trained. In city licensing requirements could pertain to pet pigs the same as any dog. Thank you for your consideration.

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## Animal Ordinance Form

Give us your feedback!

*As a home rule municipality, the Town of Castle Rock has its own set of local laws and codes. From time to time, those local laws need to be reviewed. A topic currently being discussed relates to animals, and the Town wants resident feedback. Tell us about dogs, cats, chickens, bees, or other animals. The Town is also looking for feedback related to licensing requirements; the number and kinds of animals allowed; breed-specific bans; regulations related to pet shops, kennels or doggie daycares; as well as handling activities such as fostering, rescues and feral cats. Resident feedback will be provided to Town Council and will be taken into consideration regarding changes that may be made to Town Code related to animals. An update to Council is anticipated as early as May. Please note that these codes are separate from HOA rules and regulations.*

Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

In consideration of the proposed ordinance revision relating to chickens, I believe a limit of six chickens is problematic as it doesn't take into account the average lifespan of a chicken and the manner in which chickens are sold and purchased. The ordinance for chickens should complement these factors or it may prove unworkable. Key points to consider:

- Chickens are sold as chicks—not full grown chickens—in sets of six or more.
- Owners will want to replace chickens that have died or stopped laying eggs.
- Chickens have a relatively short life span—it's common to lose chicks in the first week of life, and chickens die from disease, natural causes, accidents, predators, etc. regularly.
- Chickens lay the most eggs in the first year of life and egg production goes down steadily from there.
- A limit of six birds would require a chicken owner to wait for all his/her birds to die, before adding more to the flock due to the minimum number of chicks that can be purchased at one time. I would like to recommend that the maximum number of chickens allowed be 10-12. This would allow for the replacement of older, non-laying birds and deceased birds in a



manner that works with the current market place (six birds at a time or more), the safety of the birds themselves, and respects the ordinance at the same time. As for any concerns that 10-12 are too many birds: • Chickens stay together in a run. There is no discernible difference between five or ten chickens in a proper run. Hens make very little noise, usually none at all. • Even if allowed to free range, chickens typically all stick together in a group for protection—whether four, eight, or ten, chickens move as a flock, as one. Again, the difference is negligible. Lastly, I would like to suggest that ducks to be considered under the same ordinance as chickens. Their sizes are similar and ducks are raised for eggs also. Additionally, ducks are often raised in the same coop and run as chickens. Perhaps the number of ducks allowed would be less than the number of chickens, and the total number of birds—ducks and chickens—wouldn't exceed 12. Let's set up the ordinance to succeed from the start. Thank you. Kind regards, Peter Gould  
208 Lewis Street Castle Rock, CO 80104

Are you a resident of  
Castle Rock?

Yes

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