

Dead/Abandoned Animals

The city is responsible for removal of animal carcasses from city right-of-way. It shall be the duty of the owner or person responsible for any dead animal to place the carcass in a plastic bag and notify the city within 24 hours of learning of such dead animal. This includes picking up animals from banks, businesses that serve food, Doctor offices, main streets, parking lots, and various public locations within the city.



Birds, Wildlife, & Breeders

Within the city limits, Douglas is a bird and wildlife sanctuary. However, if the birds are considered a “nuisance” then the birds will be destroyed as humanely as possible as deemed advisable.

There are guidelines for the trainers of protection or guard dogs and back yard breeders (kennels).

For more information about City of Douglas Animal Ordinances, go to www.cityofdouglasga.gov, Code of Ordinance, Section 6—Animals.



Help Us Protect Animals

Pet owners need to be responsible for not only properly feeding, sheltering, and caring for a pet, but for knowing the ordinances created by officials to protect the animal, pet owner, and other community members.



The Animal Control Division enforces all city ordinances that pertain to animals.

If you suspect animal cruelty or abuse, please contact the Animal Control Office as soon as possible or if it is life threatening dial, 9-1-1.



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Animal Control Responsibilities

- ⇒ Animal control is responsible for the removal of domesticated animals.
- ⇒ Animal Control will respond in an emergency to calls relating to dog bites, dangerous dogs. Removal of the animal will occur if necessary.
- ⇒ Animal Control will pick up animals that are stray or surrendered by owners. If needed, traps can be set for stray or unwanted animals.
- ⇒ Animal control does not remove wildlife, snakes, or bats.
- ⇒ All complaints and matters concerning wild animals not of a domestic nature and complaints involving game animals or protected species and/or hunting, shall be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division or the U.S. Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement Division for proper disposition.



Animal Control Ordinance

Code of Ordinances—Chapter 6, Animals

City of Douglas Animal Control officers have the power to enforce penalties on owners and confiscate animals of owners who are in violation of the Animal Control Ordinances.

The Animal Control Ordinance defines what is:

- **Abandoned Animals**—An animal is considered abandoned when it has been unattended without adequate food, water, ventilation or shelter, for a period in excess of 36 hours.



- **Proper Shelter and Enclosure**—Adequate shelter shall consist of a completely enclosed structure with four sides with a door opening, a constructed floor, and a roof. It should also be clean, dry, and compatible with current weather conditions



- **Dangerous dogs, potential dangerous dogs, and vicious dogs** are defined as a dog that inflicts serious injury on a person or causes serious injury to a person resulting from reasonable attempts to escape from the dog's attack.
- **Fighting dogs** are illegal in the City of Douglas.



Violations

It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor, guardian, or custodian of any dog to fail to keep a dog under restraint or control as provided for in the Code of Ordinance.

- A dog is considered not under restraint or control when it is running at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not.
- It is unlawful for an owner to restrain an animal by means of tether, chain, cable, rope or cord, unless the tether or other restraint is being held by a competent person.
- An exception shall be made for the limited purpose of allowing the owner to temporarily restrain the animal by such means to allow the animal's needs to be met, such as the time necessary to clean the animal's living quarters, feed, and water.

Dog Bites

If your dog bites someone, act quickly and take these steps:

- Confine your dog and see medical help.
- Contact Animal Control and cooperate with the officer.
- Provide the victim with important information such as rabies vaccination dates.
- Seek professional help to stop your dog from biting again.

If you are bitten or attacked by a dog, try not to panic.

- Seek medical attention or immediately wash the infected area. Contact your physician for additional medical care and advice.
- Report the bite to Animal Control. Tell Animal Control all that you know about the dog such as the owners name, the address where the dog lives, etc.