

2018 Proposed Amendments Douglas County Resolution Control and Licensing of Household Pets



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OVERVIEW

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Proposed Changes to the Resolution
- ▶ Public Questions and Comments



Proposed Changes

- ▶ Number of Animals
- ▶ Noisy Pets
- ▶ Potentially Dangerous Animals
- ▶ Dangerous Animals



Number of Animals

- ▶ Animal Resolution will defer to Douglas County Zoning Resolution for Consistency
 - Current Animal Resolution – Allows 4 Household Pets
 - Zoning Resolution – number allowed depends on zone district and property size



Noisy Pets (Barking Dogs)

Current Resolution

- ▶ Violation is poorly defined
- ▶ Extremely ineffective at resolving the problem
- ▶ Majority of court cases are dismissed—lack of evidence
- ▶ Very frustrating for everyone involved



Noisy Pets (Barking Dogs)

Proposed Resolution

- ▶ More clear definition of a violation
- ▶ Provides multiple tools to address the problem
- ▶ ALE Officer or Deputy may take direct action
- ▶ Does NOT require the complainant to be listed on a Warning & Notice to Comply
- ▶ Requires corroboration at the citation phase



Aggressive Animals Current Resolution

- ▶ Does not adequately address domestic animal attacks
- ▶ All violations result in a fine
- ▶ Does not address root behavior/control problems
- ▶ No ongoing monitoring of situation



Aggressive Animals Proposed Resolution

▶ Potentially Dangerous Animals (PDA)

- Causes injury less than serious bodily injury to any person or domestic animal
- Without provocation approaches any person in a menacing or terrorizing manner
- Attacks any person who is lawfully on the owner's property
- Summons to Court
- Maintain a PDA license
 - Inspection by ALE, microchip, containment, training/behavior modification, signage, or other action deemed necessary and reasonable by the Court



Aggressive Animals Proposed Resolution

- ▶ Dangerous Animals (DA)
 - Causes serious bodily injury to a person or domestic animal
 - Second or subsequent conviction of PDA
 - Fails to maintain a PDA license as ordered by the Court
 - Engages in or has been trained for animal fighting
 - Summons to Court
 - Removed from County OR humanely euthanized if convicted



Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region

- ▶ Leslie Yoder, Vice President

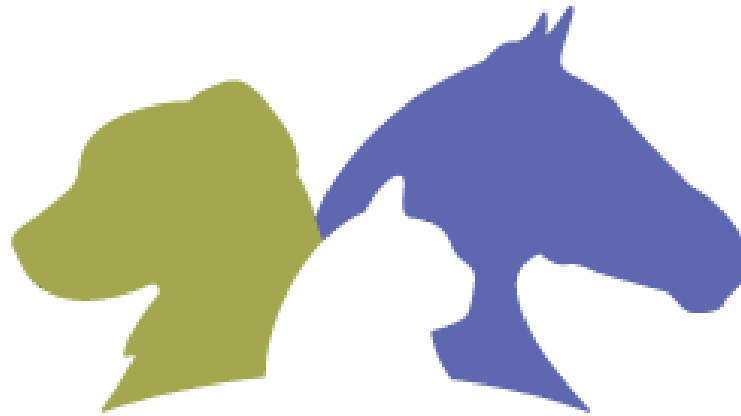


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- ▶ Duane Adams, Vice President of Community Solutions



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Douglas County Sheriff Office

- ▶ Jim Jensen, Captain of Patrol



Questions & Discussion



Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms.

George Elliot



DO ANIMALS
DREAM
JUST LIKE
HUMANS?

