

## *Coeur d'Alene Police Department*

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### **Plan Ahead for Your Pets**

The Coeur d'Alene Police Animal Control Division is requesting citizens make plans for their pets on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Animal control deals with a large volume of dogs that become frightened by the noise of fireworks and run from their residence. This results in many more calls for service of dogs "running at large". The dogs are put at risk of being hit by a car, fighting with other dogs, or possibly biting someone out of fear. Police Chief Wayne Longo asks citizens to "please use caution over the holiday weekend and be aware that due to the increase in calls for service our response will be prioritized but we will try and respond as we are available"

Dogs running at large within the City of Coeur d'Alene are picked up and taken to the Kootenai County Humane Society. If they are not located by animal control, they could never be found. According to Animal Control officers dogs are scared and usually lost. Sometimes dogs are recovered by other citizens and detained in their yards until Animal Control arrives. Without proper identification through dog tags, Animal Control is not able to reunite the dogs with their owners.

Animal control officers suggest citizens make plans to medicate their dogs if warranted and be sure to have a collar on with identifying tags. If citizens do not have tags for their dogs then they should write a name and phone number on their collar.

Dogs are required to be licensed and have tags within the City of Coeur d'Alene. Animal Control is available for calls for service seven days a week from 8am to 5 pm. Dog licensing and impound fees are handled at the Humane Society. License rates are \$7.00 a year for a neutered dog and \$15.00 for an intact dog. Dog owners are encouraged to get their dogs a rabies vaccination prior to licensing as the license will be synonymous with the date of the vaccination and will expire on the same date as the vaccination.

Dogs are not able to be licensed without a rabies vaccination and a vaccination is required for all dogs living within the City limits per City Ordinance. The impound fee for a dog is \$30.00. The housing fee is \$20.00 per day.

Citizens are asked to be mindful of their pets at all times and pay extra attention during the holiday activities.

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