

**ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM  
CITY OF DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DUPONT MUNICIPAL CODE (DMC)**

**7.04.010 Animals prohibited as household pets.**

The following animals may not be kept as household pets in the City of DuPont.

(a) Livestock and other farm animals and fowl.

(b) All species of animals whose members exist in the wild state, including dangerous and poisonous reptiles and serpents, but not including feral domestic animals.

(c) Violation of this chapter is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a maximum term fixed by the court of not more than 90 days, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court of not more than \$1,000, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

(d) An animal prohibited in this chapter being kept as a household pet within the City of DuPont is subject to impoundment at the owner's expense. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.05.010 Household pets at large.**

It is not permitted for any household pet to be at large during any hour of the day or night in the City of DuPont.

(a) The owner of a household pet at large is subject to a civil fine of \$25.00.

(b) A household pet at large is subject to impoundment at the owner's expense. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.06.005 Dogs off premises to be on a leash.**

It is not permitted for the owner or caretaker of any dog to take such dog onto any public property in the City of DuPont unless controlled by a leash. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.06.010 Signs posted.**

Any off-leash area hereafter designated by the City of DuPont shall have signs posted as necessary to make noticeable such off-leash area. The signs shall designate the area as an authorized off-leash area, and shall include a set of posted rules for users to include:

(a) Dogs must be wearing a current license tag;

(b) Dog fecal matter must be immediately removed;

(c) Female dogs in heat are not allowed in this area;

(d) Wildlife and wildlife habitat shall not be disturbed;

(e) Owners are liable for the conduct of their dog. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.07.005 Household pet fecal matter removal.**

Any person accompanied by, in possession of, or in control of any household pet upon public property or the private property of another person within the City of DuPont is required to immediately remove fecal matter deposited by such pet. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.07.010 Equipment required.**

Any person accompanied by, in possession of, or in control of any household pet off the owner's or caretaker's property shall possess equipment to remove such pet's fecal matter. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.07.020 Accumulation prohibited.**

Owners and caretakers of any household pet shall not allow fecal matter deposited by such pet on the owner's or caretaker's property to accumulate so as to be offensive to other residents of the City of DuPont. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.08.005 Female household pets in heat.**

Owners and caretakers of a female household pet in heat shall keep such pet inside or otherwise securely confined in a manner that protects the pet from the elements and does not attract or allow contact with male pets of the same species. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.09.005 Confinement of a household pet in a motor vehicle.**

No person shall confine any household pet in a motor vehicle within the City of DuPont in such a manner that places the pet in a life or health threatening situation including exposure to extreme heat or cold. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.10.005 Sale or transfer of household pets in public places.**

No person shall sell, barter or otherwise transfer for the purpose of changing ownership any household pet in an area open to the public within the City of DuPont unless the activity is part of a pet adoption event sponsored or approved by the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County or part of a pet adoption event sponsored or approved by an animal rescue organization exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.11.005 Habitually barking dogs.**

No owner or caretaker shall keep a dog within the City of DuPont in such a manner that such dog by frequent or habitual barking, howling, whining or yelping shall continually disturb multiple neighbors. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.12.060 Violation--Penalty.**

Violation of this chapter is a gross misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a maximum term fixed by the court of not more than one year, or by a fine in an amount fixed by the court of not more than \$5,000, or by both such imprisonment and fine. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.13.005 Dog licenses required.**

All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed by the City of DuPont. A license tag shall be issued by the City of DuPont or the City's designated licensing authority and must be attached to the dog's collar or harness and worn at all times when off the owner's property. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.14.005 Cat licenses required.**

All cats three months of age or older must be licensed by the City of DuPont. A license tag shall be issued by the City of DuPont or the City's designated licensing authority and must be attached to the cat's collar or harness and worn at all times when off the owner's property. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.15.005 Licensing compliance.**

The City of DuPont shall conduct at least once per calendar year a random inquiry among the households of the City of DuPont to determine compliance with the licensing

requirements of Chapters 7.13 and 7.14 DMC. A minimum of 14 days' notice shall be given to the residents of DuPont prior to the inquiry. (Ord. 98-619).

**7.16.005 Prohibited as pet.**

Potbelly pigs shall be considered a farm animal as prohibited in Chapter 7.04 DMC and may not be kept as household pets within the City of DuPont except as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 98-619).