

Animal Control in the City of Onalaska

Animal Control

The Onalaska Police Department would like to encourage all community members to be responsible pet owners and provide adequate care, food and shelter for their pets..

The City of Onalaska contracts with the Coulee Region Humane Society and Animal Control for the shelter, care, feeding, adoption and disposal of impounded or quarantined cats and dogs and animal control services. **The Coulee Region Humane Society and Animal Control are available to respond to calls between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.** Unless it is an emergency, citizens are encouraged to wait until normal business hours to call the Coulee Region Humane Society and Animal Control. To reach Animal Control call 608-781-4014.

City of Onalaska Police Officers will respond to emergency calls, as necessary, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Animal Complaints

Animal complaints primarily related to cats and dogs including stray dog/cat pick up, capture of dogs running at large, service box traps for feral cats, DOA dog/cat pick up, Emergency domestic animal cruelty, abuse or neglect complaints, domestic animals hit by cars and rabies specimens should be referred to the Coulee Region Humane Society and Animal Control between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. by calling Animal Control at 608-781-4014.

Complaints related to dog barking, noise violation or other similar ordinance violations should be made to the Onalaska Police Department during regular business hours by calling 608-781-9550. The City of Onalaska Police Department shall respond to animal complaints constituting emergencies such as dog bites, rabid animals and vicious animal complaints during the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Wild Animal Problems

The following resources are available to assist community members with wild animal problems:

The City of Onalaska Public Works Department will pick up of deceased wild animals as they are able. For removal of deceased wild animals call 608-781-9539.

The United States Department of Agriculture Nuisance Wildlife Hotline is 800-228-1368. This number is for problems related to wolves, bears, birds and agriculture damage from deer, bear, geese and turkeys. The hotline can also be used for reporting dead birds to help control West Nile virus.

The number for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in La Crosse, WI is 608-785-9000. This Department can provide advice regarding problems with wild animals like skunks, opossums, badgers etc.

The Coulee Region Humane Society and Animal Control do not respond to calls with respect to wild animals in the City of Onalaska. The Onalaska Police Department will respond to calls related to wild animals if the animal is believed to be rabid or the wild animal is posing a risk to human health.

Licensing and Regulation

The City of Onalaska regulations and licensing requirements are listed in Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the City of Onalaska. Licensing is required for all cats and dogs over the age of 5 months in the City of Onalaska, licenses can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office.