

# Washoe County Animal Services News Bulletin

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## Suggestions for traveling with your pet

- Ask yourself if your dog *really* needs to accompany you on your errand. Are you are going to a store that allows dogs? If not, your dog is safer at home than left alone in your vehicle.
- Make sure your pet is properly restrained. An unrestrained dog in the back of a pickup truck is unsafe for the dog and the public. Even within your vehicle, make sure the dog is not able to jump around, or out a window, which may cause an accident.
- Never leave your dog alone in your vehicle. The safety of your dog is paramount and although the weather may seem mild, the interior can heat up rapidly which may cause serious complications with your pets health.

## DO I NEED TO LICENSE MY DOG IN WASHOE COUNTY?

Yes, if you reside in the congested areas of Washoe County. This also includes Sparks and Reno. You can find a map of the congested area on our Washoe County Website: [washoeanimals.com](http://washoeanimals.com) The requirement to license your dog is as follows:

- Dogs must be 4 months of age or older.
- The dog must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. *Chapter 55, 55.350 "Rabies vaccination required."*
- A current driver's license or identification card for the dog owner.
- Once licensed, the license is due annually.
- *Chapter 55, 55.340 "Licensing of dogs in congested areas required; annual license fees, license tags; unlawful to fail to license."*
- Cats do not need to be licensed. It is important to register your cats' micro chip with Animal Services so that you can be notified if it comes into the shelter.



*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." ~ Immanuel Kant*

You never know what a day can bring

## DISASTER PREPARATION

Planning ahead can save your pet's life in an emergency!

Emergency situations can happen at any time and although we can't always be fully prepared for every emergency, we can prepare an emergency kit to help your pet through a disaster. Some suggested items include:

- First aid kit
- Portable radio, flashlight & extra batteries
- Vaccination records
- Veterinarian's information
- Medications & dosage instructions
- Pet carriers & cages
- Leashes/non-nylon leashes/leads or rope
- 2 weeks supply of food/water
- Can opener 
- Non-spill food/water bowls
- Cat litter & box
- Newspaper/paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Duct tape
- Permanent marker
- Bleach/disinfectant solution
- Water buckets

