

DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Foster City regulates dangerous* animals (6.04.120):

- A. When the animal is off its owner's property, it must be muzzled and restrained with a maximum 4-foot leash with a minimum 300-pound tensile strength and be under the direct control of a person who can easily control it.
- B. The animal must be maintained so that it is not a threat to any person who has the lawful right to enter the property.
- C. The animal may not be on any unenclosed premise unless it is leashed, muzzled and controlled by a person capable of controlling it. It may not be tethered, tied or staked at any unenclosed premise and may not be kept in a house or structure when the windows or doors are open or screen doors are the only obstacle preventing the animal from exiting.
- D. The animal must be kept in an approved fenced yard, kennel, run or enclosure. All structures to confine the animals shall be locked when the animals are within. The owner shall regularly inspect to ensure that it is secure to maintain the animal.
- E. The owner shall post the entrances to the property where the animal is kept with a conspicuous legible sign warning persons of the presence of a dangerous animal.
- F. The owner must advise all members who reside in the household of the permit conditions for keeping or maintaining said dangerous animal.
- G. The owner shall strictly comply with all local and state laws regarding the care, use, control and maintenance of animals.
- H. In addition to a license, the animal shall also wear a separate tag issued by Animal Control which designates it as a dangerous animal. The animal shall also be microchipped and registered.
- I. No more than two dangerous animals may be kept at any one household.
- J. Any animal designated "dangerous" because of aggression against humans may not be kept where a person under the age of 18 resides.

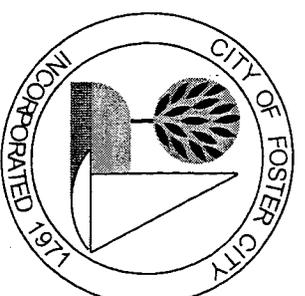
*Animals receive the designation of "dangerous" through an official hearing process. (6.04.100)

For complete information regarding Foster City's animal regulations, ask for a copy of the Foster City Municipal Code Title 6 - Animal Control or find it online at www.fostercity.org

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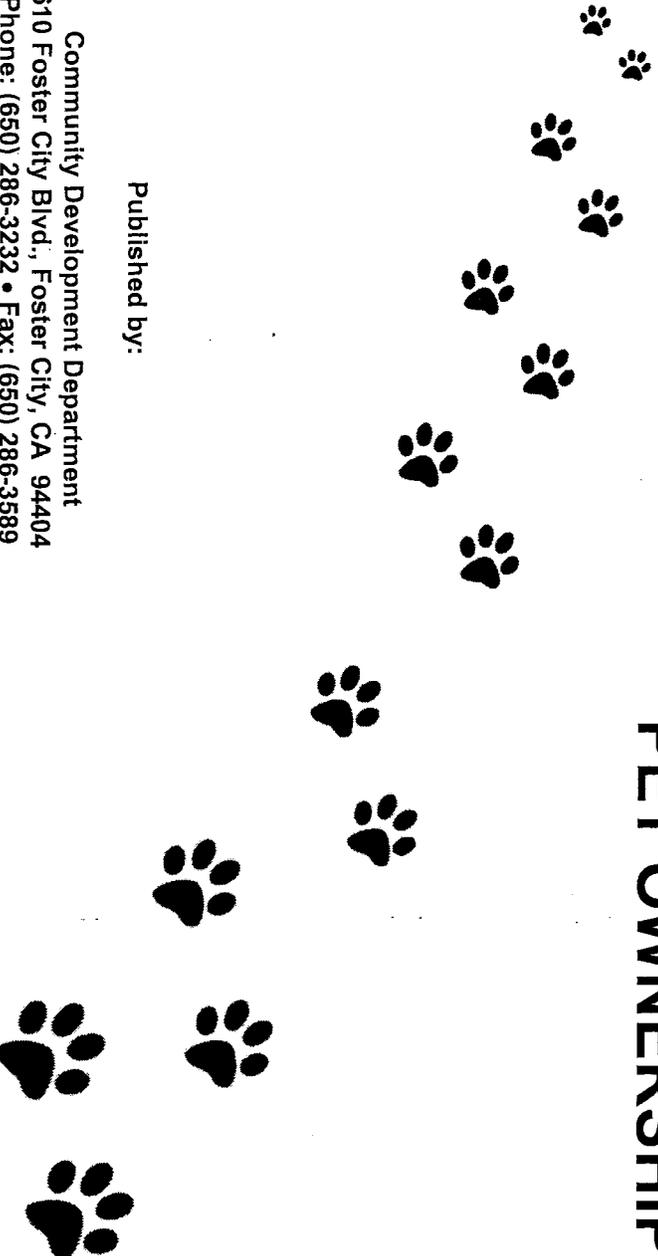


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GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

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Foster City attempts to provide a clean, safe and friendly environment for our citizens as well as animals. To help promote responsible pet ownership, this publication contains useful information on Foster City's Animal Control policies and enforcement guidelines.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pets Allowed/Prohibited

- The number of animals allowed in a residential dwelling is a maximum of two dogs and/or two cats. Puppies and kittens under the age of 6 months are not counted in this limit. (6.04.330)
- It is unlawful to keep domestic fowl, bees, reptiles, or any animal which normally lives in a wild habitat and is a curiosity to the local community, whether wild or domesticated. (6.04.320)



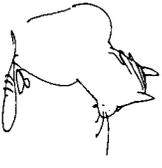
Public Safety and Conduct

- Owners must prevent their pets from biting or physically harassing any person engaged in a lawful act and from interfering with the lawful use of public or private property. (6.04.060A)
- Owners must prevent pets from causing substantial injury to another domestic animal while such domestic animal is lawfully upon public or private property. (6.04.060B)
- Owners are prohibited from allowing their animal to trespass upon any private property without the consent of the owner (6.04.070B)

- Owners must exercise proper care and control of an animal to prevent it from becoming a public nuisance. Violations include excessive barking, habitually attacking other domestic animals, trespassing upon school grounds or trespassing on private property and causing damage. (6.04.070G)

Lost Animals

The Peninsula Humane Society (PHS) contracts with San Mateo County to provide animal control services for Foster City. If you find a lost animal, you may run a free "found" advertisement for 3 days in local newspapers. PHS holds stray animals for 4 working days before offering them for adoption.



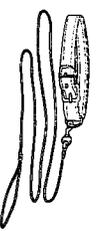
CATS

While Foster City does not have a leash law for cats, free-roaming cats can sometimes be a nuisance. Households are limited to two cats that should be vaccinated annually against rabies. Cats are not required to display the rabies tag on a collar.

IMPORTANT

LEASH LAW

Except in designated off-leash areas, the City requires that dogs be restrained by a leash that is held by a person reasonably competent to control the dog. Care shall be taken by the owner to ensure that the leash is sufficient to control the animal in a manner which will not endanger other persons or animals (6.04.070A)



DOGS



Dog License

All dogs over the age of four months must be licensed annually. (6.04.040A)

Owners over the age of 60 receive a discounted license fee. No license fee shall be payable for the licensing of any dog being raised, trained, or used to assist handicapped persons. (6.04.040A) Detailed fee information can be obtained by contacting the Peninsula Humane Society.

A current license tag must be attached to a collar which the animal wears at all times. (6.04.040E)

Rabies Vaccinations

Proof of anti-rabies vaccinations from a licensed veterinarian is required. (6.04.030)

Approved Dog Run Areas

The City of Foster City provides a dog run at Boat Park, near the corner of Foster City Boulevard and Bounty Drive. The run is open to the public and provides a large area for owners to exercise their dogs. It is also equipped with plastic bag dispensers for owners to clean up after their dogs as necessary. Designated off-leash areas are also provided at Catamaran, Edgewater, Boothbay and Sea Cloud parks from 5 AM to 8 AM daily. (6.04.070I)

Clean Up After Your Pet

Owners are required to immediately remove their pets' excreta from any property other than that of the owner. The City provides plastic bag dispensers along the levee and at many parks that owners can use to clean up after their pets. Violations of this ordinance could result in fines of up to \$500 to pet owners. (6.04.070H)

