

Town of Crawford
PO Box 56
Crawford, CO 81415

Barking Dogs Disturb the Neighborhood

This program is to make Crawford residences aware of the Ordinances and steps that can be used to make life peaceful for all residences.

Helpful hints.

There are some simple steps you can take straight away to cut down the amount of noise your dog is making. This will help calm the situation between you and your neighbors, and give you time to work out why your dog is barking. If your dog barks at things outside your yard or garden, don't let it go outside on its own. Keep it away from windows, so it can't see people or other animals. If your dog barks at the same time every day, like when people in the house are going to work or school, try to keep it busy at that time. For example, you could take it for a walk. Try to keep your dog calm. If it barks when it's excited, don't play with it at anti-social times like very late at night. Don't leave your dog outside if it's barking to be let in. See if you can get a friend or relative to look after your dog when you go out, or take it with you. Make sure your dog gets some exercise before you go out. A tired dog barks less. Keep your dog away from the front of the house. Screen your windows. If it starts barking outside, call it in straightaway.

Ordinances

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Sec. 10-9-20 Animals. It is unlawful for any person to use, keep, have in his or her possession or harbor any domesticated animals which, by frequent or habitual howling, barking, meowing, squawking or otherwise, shall cause annoyance or disturbance to persons in the neighborhood.

Sec. 1-4-20 General penalty for violation. Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any provision of this code for which a different penalty is not specifically provided shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, except as hereinafter provided in Section 1-4-30. In addition, such person shall pay all costs and expenses in the case, including attorney fees. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

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Dogs Running At Large Disturbs the Neighborhood

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Helpful hints.

Regardless of why your dog tries to escape, the first thing to do is figure out how he's escaping. You need to make sure you're containing him properly.

Fencing should be secure and high enough to prevent your dog from jumping over it. If your dog has already mastered the art of climbing your fence, you'll need to cover the inside of the fence with a smooth surface such as plywood or flat, vertical boards so that you can eliminate "toe holds" where your dog can put his feet in order to climb over the fence.

Fill in any gaps where your dog may squeeze through the fence—pay close attention to corners where your fencing connects to a building and at gates—and fill in gaps between the bottom of your fence and the ground where your dog could dig out. If your dog attempts to dig under the fence, a reliable deterrent is to bury chicken wire under the ground at the base of your fence. Roll the sharp edges of the chicken wire inward, and place large rocks over the dirt along the edge the fence. Another option is to lay chain-link fencing on the ground.

If your dog can jump incredible heights, consider installing an electronic fence in addition to your physical fence. A relatively sure deterrent is to build a covered kennel area inside your yard. If your dog has learned to run through an electronic fence, add a physical fence as well. If your dog can open gates, keep them padlocked. If your children sometimes forget to close gates behind them, install a quick, self-closing system. A local hardware store or contractor can help with these projects. If you have a fence your dog can see through, blocking his view of the outside world may help reduce or eliminate his urge to escape.

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Sec. 7-5-10 Definitions. Animal means any living vertebrate creature, domestic or wild, including dogs. Running at large means when an animal enters the property of another person without authorization of that person or when it enters public property and is not under the control of the animals owner or a responsible person or employee or agent of the owner either by leash, cable or chain not more than ten (10) feet in length.

Sec. 7-5-20. Animals running at large. No animals shall be permitted to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town.

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(9) Sec. 13-2-30. Water rents, billing and collection. (Municipal Utilities — Water Regulations)

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