

Dogs

With spring upon us, many dogs are now spending much more time outside. No dog likes to be taken off to be confined by the Dog Officer, and no owner likes to pay the accompanying fees. Be good to your dog, your neighbors and yourself by following these steps:

1. Please make sure that your dog stays in its own yard (except when on a leash or reliably under voice command); does not rip open yellow trash bags on Wednesday mornings; and does not in any way harass roadside pedestrians and bikers with barking, growling or "tagging along."
2. If your dog loves to be outside and you cannot always be there to monitor its behavior, it is time to build a fenced-in dog pen or play area. Local stores will help you find the right solution for your enclosure needs. You will be relieved knowing you can leave your dog safely unattended outside. Your dog and your neighbors will thank you very much for your effort.
3. In keeping with the town's bylaw, please maintain a collar or harness on your dog with its current license tag securely attached at all times. Without a tag, there's no way to know where a loose dog lives or if its rabies vaccination is current. Restraint efforts and subsequent recovery fees are greater for dogs without collars and tags.

If a dog in your neighborhood is not being properly monitored, you may leave a message for the Dog Officer at 259-1279. If the answering machine is full and not working, leave a message instead at 259-1214.