



OAK CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Community Member

Starting March 17, 2017 the Town of Oak Creek will no longer use Routt County Humane Society for animal control or welfare service. The Town will use the services of Dr. Hepworth and Bear Creek Animal Hospital in Craig, CO. Here is basic information to assist you.

Stray/At Large Dogs

OCPD will capture stray or at large dogs as we have in the past. We will use the information available from the dog's tags (TOWN of OAK CREEK license or name/number tags) to make every effort to notify the owner or to deliver the animal to its home. We will advertise the dog on Facebook (Watch the South Routt Buy Sell Trade and Town of Oak Creek pages) and hold the animal at Town Hall for a reasonable period of time.

Reasonable means that, if necessary, we can transport the dog to Bear Creek Animal Hospital in Craig in time to house them there and WILL vary from case to case.

If there is no response and a reasonable time has passed, the animal will be transported to Craig.

In order to claim your dog you must come to Town Hall and pay fees associated with impound BEFORE you go to Craig to pick your dog up.

Fees are:

\$25 first day shelter fee

\$20 vaccination fee (on a case-by-case basis but generally required if no tags are attached)

\$15 for each day/partial day of housing.

Animals will be held at the shelter in Craig for three or five days. Five days for animals with tags or collars and three days for animals without. At the end of the shelter period, the animal will be made available for adoption. You may still claim your pet after these timeframes but additional fees may be due. Your quick response to Craig to claim your animal is key.

If your animal is made ready for adoption, you'll be responsible for any and all costs associated with this process. Fees included spay/neuter, additional vaccinations, micro chipping and adoption fees as billed by the provider.

Before being able to claim your animal you must present proof of current Town of Oak Creek pet license or obtain one at the counter as you pay your shelter fees. Town licenses require proof of current vaccination against rabies.

You may also be issued a summons to municipal court for dog at large and other violations.

***The quickest and least expensive means for your pet to return home is
a Town of Oak Creek License***

Stray/At Large Cats

The Town will rarely provide services relating to cats/kittens. They are the responsibility of the property owner or animal owner. Fees for care of cats are high and are rarely recovered by the Town.

Injured Animals:

If we are unable to IMMEDIATELY contact the owner, injured animals, both dogs and cats, will be collected and transported to Craig on a case-specific basis. Minimal care and treatment will be provided by the animal hospital and all costs are to be paid directly to the clinic.

If we can contact you, you can direct the services we provide to your injured pet.

All other shelter fees and costs associated with the animal being at large (especially dogs) will be in place as well. All shelter fees must be paid before your pet will be released.

You may be issued a summons for dog at large and other violations if the case warrants it.

Found Dogs:

If you find a dog, please contact the police department through dispatch at 970-879-1090 and make a found animal report. You have the option of sheltering the dog at your home pending notification of the owner or having the police department respond to provide services. Regardless of your desire, please call dispatch so we can start the process of returning the dog to its home. We will respond to calls of injured dogs as best as possible. Do NOT transport the dog to the shelter in Steamboat Springs, you will not be able to leave them there.

Found Cats:

The Town will rarely provide services relating to cats/kittens. They are the responsibility of the property or animal owner. You have the option of sheltering the cat at your home and yard pending notification of the owner if possible. Generally, cats return to their home and are ok if left alone. You are welcome to call the police department through dispatch to make a found animal report. Do NOT transport the cat to the shelter in Steamboat Springs, you will not be able to leave them there.

Feral Cats:

Commonly referred to as wild-cats; will rarely receive any response from the Town. The cost of serving these animals is high and the Town rarely recovers the cost. Generally feral cats are the responsibility of the property owner. Please call the Town 970-736-2422 to discuss your options. Do NOT transport the cats to the shelter in Steamboat Springs; you will not be able to leave them there.

Lost Dog:

Please call the police department through dispatch at 970-879-1090 to report your dog as lost. This will help all of our service providers reunite you and your pet.

Please also call Routt County Humane Society. Though we do not utilize their shelter, it is possible your animal was recovered outside the Town limits and is housed at RCHS or they may have received a found animal report that Oak Creek has not received. RCHS 970- 879-7247

Surrendered Animals:

Should you find that you are unable to care for your animal for any reason; you are able to surrender your pet through the Animal Hospital in Craig. There is a fee for this and they ask that you make an appointment. There are some forms to fill out and those are available at Town Hall. The forms help the adoption coordinators find a suitable home for your pet. The fee to surrender a pet is \$100. The fee for surrender must be paid at Town Hall before your appointment at the shelter. As a resident of the Town of Oak Creek, You cannot take your animal to the shelter in Steamboat Springs. It will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Oak Creek Police-Dispatch 970-879-1090

Oak Creek Town Hall 970-736-2422

Routt County Humane Soc. 970-879-7247

Bear Creek Animal Hospital 970-824-5964

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