

Community Resources

Animal Control Officers at GFPD
406-727-7688 Option 5

» education on pet welfare and City Ordinances



petpaw-see.com 406-231-1132

» works to educate the public about responsible pet ownership

» seeks loving “furrever” homes for cats and kittens with adoption events most Saturdays from 1-4pm at Petco

» cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and are current on all shots



Humane Society
of CASCADE COUNTY

406-452-SPAY 406-231-4722

humanesocietyofcascadecounty.org

» works to reduce the number of homeless cats and dogs through spay/neuter clinics. Cat clinics are monthly and dog clinics are twice a year



ecpittiecommittee.com

» offers education, Bully Breed Training, dog bite prevention, and pack walks

Maclean Animal
Adoption Center
Enhancing compassion through education

macleananimaladoptioncenter.org

» offers education and Summer Kid’s Camps
» pet adoptions and relinquishments

Great Falls Animal Shelter

» education and adoption

Trailside Dog Park: 800 River Drive North

» separate areas for big and small dogs where they can run off leash

My Neighbor in Need: 406-750-2542

» free cat and dog food

Pets and Bites:

Not all bites are vicious, but
all bites are reportable!

All animal bites must be reported to the local Health Department even if your own dog or cat bit you. To report a bite call 454-6950 and ask for a Sanitarian. The Cascade City-County Health Department (CCHD) is responsible for investigating all animal bites in our county to ensure that the rabies virus does not become reintroduced into the human population. Even if an animal is vaccinated, there is still a chance of rabies. CCHD partners with the Great Falls Police Department Animal Control Officers and the Cascade County Sheriff’s Office on bite investigations.

Our goals are education and prevention; we do not euthanize dogs and cats for a bite incident.

If your pet bites someone, make sure to give that person your name and contact information so rabies exposure can be ruled out. If you or your pet are bitten, get the animal owner’s contact information and seek treatment from a Health Care Provider or veterinarian as needed. Some veterinarians may recommend a rabies booster after your pet has been bitten.

For more information visit:
www.cchdmt.org/
environmental-health/rabies-prevention/

Pet Ownership in Cascade County and the City of Great Falls



CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

115 4th St. South
406-454-6950 cchdmt.org



406-454-6878



406-727-7688
Option 5



Animal Welfare is a Human Responsibility

Providing for your pet's health and welfare:

Before getting a pet or adding another pet to your household, make sure you have the appropriate home where adequate food, water, shelter, and veterinarian care are provided. The City of Great Falls and Cascade County have ordinances that address these topics.

The ordinances are available to view online.

greatfallsmt.net:(City Code Title 6 Animals)

cascadecountymt.gov:(County Dog Control Ordinance)

A licensed Veterinarian is the best resource for maintaining a happy and healthy pet

Get an Early Start: If you get a new pet, make sure he/she gets checked out by a veterinarian shortly after coming home. Establishing care with a veterinarian is important for maintaining your pet's health. Pets adopted from the Maclean Animal Adoption Center are assessed by a veterinarian before they are adopted out.

Tag or microchip your pets:

Consider it an inexpensive way to get your pet back if you become separated. The City of Great Falls requires a tag or microchip for cats and dogs; Cascade County requires identification for dogs.

Socialize Them: Socialization is the process of getting pets used to different situations and teaching them acceptable behaviors. Properly socialized pets are less likely to injure other pets or people. Basic obedience training is highly recommended. These can help prevent bites or fights.



Vaccinate Them: Preventing a disease is much cheaper than treating a disease. The City of Great Falls and Cascade County require certain vaccinations.

11 Dog Diseases You Can Combat with Vaccination and Treatment

1. RABIES*/**
2. PARVOVIRUS**
3. DISTEMPER**
4. LEPTOSPIROSIS
5. ADENOVIRUS-2
6. PARAINFLUENZA ENTERIC
7. CORONAVIRUS
8. INFLUENZA
9. LYME DISEASE
10. "KENNEL COUGH"
11. PARASITE CONTROL**

7 Cat Diseases You Can Prevent with Vaccination and Treatments

1. RABIES*
2. DISTEMPER
3. HERPESVIRUS
4. CALICIVIRUS
5. LEUKEMIA
6. FELINE IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS
7. PARASITES

* REQUIRED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY
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Protect Them: Bats are the main carriers of rabies in Cascade County. Bats may find their way into your home and potentially expose your pet. Please keep your pets vaccinated and away from wildlife; even if your cat is an indoor only cat. Should your pet come in contact with a bat or other wild animal, contact your veterinarian for potential treatment guidance. In the City of Great Falls, you may also contact the Animal Control Officers.



Keep your pets contained and in your control. Letting a pet run loose is a safety issue to your pet, other pets, and people. Dogs in Cascade County must be under the owner's control when off their property. In the City of Great Falls, dogs must be on a leash and cats must be confined to the owner's property.



When you acquire a pet, you are making a promise to accept responsibility for the health and welfare of another living creature for its lifetime. You also agree to be responsible for your pet's impact on your family, friends, and community