



MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANIMAL CONTROL OPTIONS



FOUND ANIMAL

Current Protocols	King County Animal Control Protocols
If a dog is found wandering in our jurisdiction(s), MPD Officers are not able to take the animal to a local animal shelter because the animal shelters in King County require the police agency to have a current contract with King County Animal Control. Additionally, the Medina Police Department does not have a holding facility to keep the found pet that is under observation and provides the necessary care and shelter.	A King County Animal Control Officer would be requested to respond and take possession of the animal. The Animal Control Officer would register the animal in an online “found animal” database. This database is searchable by the public, so anyone who has lost a pet is able to search the website for their missing pet.

LOST ANIMAL

Current Protocols	King County Animal Control Protocols
The on-duty Medina Police Officer would gather the details of the lost pet and contact information for the owner. If a call of a found animal matching the description of the lost animal is received, the on-duty Police Officer would contact the owner. This is only applicable if the pet is lost <u>and</u> found in the jurisdiction of the Medina Police Department.	The owners of the lost pet are able to fill out a “lost animal request” form online in hopes of being reunited with their pet if it is found in the King County Area.

NUISANCE ANIMAL

Current Protocols	King County Animal Control Protocols
The on-duty Medina Police Officer would receive a call for service from a complainant reporting nuisance or neglect of a nearby animal. The Police Officer would attempt to contact the owner of the animal to mitigate the situation, reserving the option to cite the owner for a municipal code violation as the maximum penalty to the owner. Cases of neglect or animal abuse can be investigated by the Medina Police Officer but resources to house the animal in a safe environment are currently not existent. Medina Police Officers are not trained the same as Animal Control Officers in regards to investigations of abuse or neglect of animals.	<p>In cases of a nuisance animal, special resources are available on the King County Animal Control website to file a complaint and send in a petition for review prior to an Animal Control Officer taking more severe actions.</p> <p>In cases of animal abuse or neglect, a King County Animal Control Officer would be requested to respond to investigate the situation utilizing their specialized training and experience to mitigate the situation, provide resources and/or work with all involved parties to reach a long-term solution.</p>

DANGEROUS DOG

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In cases of emergency, the on-duty Medina Police Officer would respond to the scene to ensure immediate safety of all parties and to summon aid if needed. The Medina Police Officer would document the situation through photographs and a police case report. If the circumstances are severe enough, the owners of the dog will be instructed to quarantine their dog. If the incident meets the “dangerous dog” criteria, the owner will be responsible for completing the registration requirements stipulated for a dangerous dog. If the owner wishes to contest the designation of their dog as a “dangerous dog,” the City is responsible for facilitating the hearing for both parties (the City and the dog owner) to have their cases heard before a hearing examiner. All costs associated with providing the hearing examiner and the legal representative for the City are the responsibility of the City, including any subsequent contested hearings after the initial ruling. Since this situation is not covered under the agreement with the City’s prosecuting attorney, all legal fees are billed separately and become extremely costly very quickly.	In cases of emergency, the on-duty Medina Police Officer would respond to the scene to ensure immediate safety of all parties and to summon aid if needed. The Medina Police Officer would document the situation through photographs and a police case report. The report is then forwarded to a King County Animal Control Officer, who would use their specialized training, experience and resources to take over the investigation and see it to its conclusion. The costs associated with this process would be included in the City’s services agreement with King County Animal Control.

FEES

City of Medina Lifetime Licensing		King County Animal Control Annual Licensing	
Cat License – altered	\$20.00	Cat License – altered	\$30.00
Cat License – unaltered	\$36.00	Cat License – unaltered	\$60.00
Senior Citizen Cat License - altered	\$12.00	Senior Citizen Cat License - altered	\$15.00
Senior Citizen Cat License - unaltered	\$25.00	Senior Citizen Cat License - unaltered	N/A
Dog License – altered	\$30.00	Dog License – altered	\$30.00
Dog License – unaltered	\$60.00	Dog License – unaltered	\$60.00
Senior Citizen Dog License - altered	\$20.00	Senior Citizen Dog License - altered	\$15.00
Senior Citizen Dog License - unaltered	\$40.00	Senior Citizen Dog License - unaltered	N/A
Replacement Tag	\$5.00	Replacement Tag	\$5.00
Service Animal License	Free	Service Animal License	Free
Failure to Obtain License	\$25.00		
		Disabled Person Altered Dog/Cat License	\$15.00
		Late fee (45-90 days past expiration)	\$15.00
		Late fee (91-135 days past expiration)	\$20.00
		Late fee (136-364 days past expiration)	\$30.00
<i>Altered = spayed/neutered</i> <i>Unaltered = unspayed/unneutered</i>		Late fee (365+ days past expiration)	\$30.00
			+ prior year’s fee