

Grosse Ile Animal Control FAQ's

Q: I found a dog/cat and can't keep it. What do I do?

A: If it has a collar with tags, write down that information. Call dispatch non-emergency at 734-676-7100. The Animal Control Officer is on duty Monday through Friday from 7am to 3pm. If the ACO is not on duty, dispatch will take your information on the found animal in case an owner calls to report a lost pet. Dispatch will take your contact information and either the owner of the pet or the ACO will call you back.

Q: Can Animal Control help me with a problem skunk, raccoon, squirrel or other wild animal?

A: A nuisance animal is one that is doing "financial damage to a structure". Animal Control will help you assess your particular wildlife concern. Please call dispatch non-emergency at 734-676-7100 with your concern and animal control will contact you to address it. Please don't trap without first consulting animal control. There are informational links on the site that may answer your question.

Q: I have a stray cat that comes to my back doorwall almost daily, upsetting my indoor pets. Can animal control help?

A: The "stray" might be owned by a neighbor who isn't aware it is creating a problem. It could also be homeless and may need medical attention. Call dispatch non-emergency at 734-676-7100 with your concern and animal control will respond. Animal control may determine that trapping this animal is necessary to determine ownership. Your cooperation will be required. If it is determined after a 4 day hold at the animal shelter, that it is not owned, it will be made available for adoption as long as it is medically and socially viable. Grosse Ile Animal Shelter strives to be a "no-kill" shelter but if an animal is aggressive or very sick and cannot be reasonably rehabilitated, euthanasia may result.

Q: My dog is friendly, but bit someone, breaking the skin. Do I have to do anything?

A: All dog bites on humans must be reported. The ACO will prepare a bite report and determine the appropriate action based on certain factors as prescribed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Rabies Protocol. Your healthy dog will be required at minimum, to be quarantined for a 10 day observation. The ACO will determine if that may be done in your home or at the animal shelter. Call dispatch non-emergency at 734-676-7100 to report dog bites.

Q: Why do I have to license my dog?

A: The licensing of dogs is part of being a responsible pet owner. You are required to provide current rabies vaccination proof and pay a fee of \$12 annually. The tag must be attached to the dog collar. If your dog gets loose and animal control picks it up, the license number can be used to reconcile dog to owner, but it is mainly to ensure that the vaccination for rabies is current. Rabies is deadly to animals and humans.

Q: I found a nest of baby bunnies in my yard. Are they abandoned?

A: Most times when "orphan" wildlife is found, mom is nearby. Do call dispatch non-emergency and ask for the ACO. You may also refer to the wildlife tab found on this website for more helpful information and additional resources.