



City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



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The Leash Law

Leashing your dog is not only the law – it is a necessary safety precaution for your dog and everyone around you.

Los Angeles, March 27, 2019 – Today we join our City in mourning the death of a young boy who was hit by a car last night, as the well-meaning driver dodged a loose dog in the streets and ended up striking the boy. LA Animal Services reminds our community that dogs must be on a leash or confined to your yard or home at all times.

Los Angeles City Municipal Code (LAMC 53.06 Animals at Large) states:

No person owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any animal, except cats which are not in heat or season, shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray, run, or in any manner to be at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park, except as otherwise expressly provided in section 63.44 of this Code, or in the bed of the Los Angeles River or upon any unenclosed lot or land.

Simply stated, dogs must be on leash unless they are in your fenced yard or at a dog park that allows off leash exercise.

If your dog is found roaming the streets unattended they may be picked up, impounded, and you may be fined and charged impound fees to retrieve your dog.

If you see a stray dog roaming the street please call 888-452-7381 and PRESS 1 to report them to us. If the dog is friendly and already in your care please bring them to your nearest animal shelter so that they may be scanned for a microchip.

For more information on LA Animal Services visit: <http://www.laanimalservices.com>

Los Angeles Department of Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six services centers serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.

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