

Be Safe Around Animals

The City of Watauga is home to several four-legged residents. It is important to be safe around all animals whether they are pets or wild animals.

Safety Tips

- Never bother a pet when it is eating or pull its food away.
- Never tease an animal or pull its tail or ears.
- Never bother a pet when it is sleeping.
- Never try to get near a pet with its babies.
- Never pet or touch a strange animal, even if it seems friendly.
- If a strange dog approaches you, try to stand very still. If the dog tries to sniff you, let it. This is its way of checking you out.
- Walk away from a strange dog very slowly. Do not wave your arms around or make a lot of noise. These actions will only excite the dog. Look straight ahead and not directly into the dog's eyes.
- Always ask the owner for permission before approaching and petting a dog.
- Never put your face close to a dog's face.
- Never attempt to handle wildlife.

Stray Animals

Stray animals are very unpredictable so it is best to leave them alone. Stray animals can be reported to Animal Control seven days a week. Animal Control has live traps that can be rented to trap cats and wildlife.

Animal Bites

In the event that an animal bites someone, it is important to report the bite to Animal Control. The animal must be correctly identified in order to reduce any risk of rabies exposure to humans. Dogs and cats will be quarantined or tested for the rabies virus. Wildlife that is high risk for carrying the rabies virus will be tested for rabies.

For More Information, Contact Us At:



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