

Hesperia Municipal Code

Loose Animals: No person owning or having control of any animal shall permit such animal to stray or run at large upon any public street, sidewalk, school ground, public park, playground, place of public assembly, or any other public place, or any unenclosed private lot or other unenclosed private place, or upon any private place or property without the consent of the owner or person in control thereof. Any person may lawfully take their dog off their property if they restrain it on a substantial leash, not over six feet in length and controlled by a person competent to restrain such dog, or humanely enclose it in an automobile, cage, or similar enclosure.

(Section 6.08.020A,C - Control of Animals)

Repeat attempts to keep your pet confined to the yard may be frustrating, but every escape opens up the possibility of tragic consequences. If your dog is running loose, they are in danger of being hit by a car, injured in a fight, or exposed to diseases.

As the owner or caretaker, you are liable and can be sued for any damage or injury your dog may cause, such as injuring or killing people, pets or livestock, and you may be required to pay increasing fines every time they are picked up by Animal Services.



Never chain or tether your dog to a stationary object as a means of keeping them confined. Tethering is illegal, and leads to aggressive behavior in dogs.



How to make your yard more secure

- ◆ Chicken wire covered with dirt attached to the bottom of the fence.
- ◆ Cement border along the bottom of the fence.
- ◆ Repair or replace broken/flimsy fencing and secure all gates.
- ◆ Set up an electric "invisible" fence.
- ◆ Install an aerial dog run cable system so they can run freely but not outside the yard.
- ◆ Install electric wire along the top or bottom of the fence.

How it affects the community

- ◆ Higher cost to taxpayers for animal services.
- ◆ Unsafe roads for drivers and pedestrians.
- ◆ People and animals are exposed to dog attacks.
- ◆ Dead animals and feces littering the neighborhood.

Why won't my dog stay in the yard?

- ◆ They are left alone for long periods of time without opportunities for interaction with you.
- ◆ Their environment is relatively barren, without playmates or toys.
- ◆ They are not altered and will go looking for a mate.
- ◆ They are not exercised on a daily basis and don't have other outlets for their energy.
- ◆ They are a particularly energetic dog and need an active "job" in order to be happy.



Easy solutions to eliminate escaping

- ◆ Walk/run your dog daily. It's good exercise, both mentally and physically.
- ◆ Teach your dog to fetch a ball or Frisbee™ and practice with them as often as possible.
- ◆ Teach your dog new commands or tricks. Try to hold a lesson every day for five to 10 minutes.
- ◆ Have your dog spayed or neutered.
- ◆ Take an obedience class with your dog and practice what you've learned every day.
- ◆ Provide interesting toys (Kong™-type toys filled with treats or busy-box toys) to keep your dog busy when you're not home. Rotate the toys to make them seem new and interesting.
- ◆ Keep your dog inside when you're unable to supervise them.
- ◆ If you must be away from home for extended periods of time, take your dog with you, to a "doggie day care center," or ask a friend or neighbor to walk your dog.
- ◆ Only correct your dog if you can administer a correction the moment your dog is escaping, never after the fact. If you can squirt them with a hose or make a loud noise as they are escaping, it might be unpleasant enough that they won't do it again.

Wallie

Shelter Mascot



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IS YOUR DOG AN ESCAPE ARTIST?

