Fines

No Rabies Vaccination or Tag

- 1st offense: $50
- 2nd offense: $100
- 3rd offense: $150

Dog at Large

- 1st offense: $50
- 2nd offense: $100
- 3rd offense: $150

Barking Dog

- 1st offense: $50
- 2nd offense: $100
- 3rd offense: $150

Dangerous or Vicious Dog

- Not to exceed $500 for 1st offense (fine set by judge)

Cruelty or Neglect of Animals

- Not to exceed $1000 for 1st offense (fine set by judge) 2nd offense is a Felony

Gallatin County Dog Ordinances

Gallatin County Animal Control

Tel: (406)-582-2100

Email: gcsoaco@gallatin.mt.gov

www.gallatincountysheriffsoffice.com

Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter

1549 E. Cameron Bridge Rd 59718

Tel: (406)-388-9399

Gallatin County Animal Control

Animal Control is a division of the Sherriff's Office. Its mission is to provide safe communities for people and their pets.

- Protect the community from the threat of rabies and other animal-transmitted diseases and from injury caused by roaming animals.
- Promote responsible pet ownership through education, enforcement and legislation.
- Provide a safe haven for lost and homeless pets, to return lost pets to their owners; and to place as many pets as possible in loving, responsible homes.

Gallatin Animal Control is available from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Mon-Fri.

For Wildlife questions, contact Fish, Wildlife and Parks at (406)-577-7900.

Dog Ordinances

Dog At Large

Ordinance 2003-01-4

"At Large" Shall mean any dog off the premises of the owner or temporary owner and not under immediate control by a reasonable leash, tether, lead, or other physical control devices, hand control, voice control or signal control of a capable person

Vicious and Dangerous Dog

Ordinance 2003-01-5

"Vicious Dog" Shall mean any dog which bites or attempts to bite any human being without provocation. "Dangerous Dog" shall mean any dog which harasses, chases, bites or attempts to bite any animal.

Barking Dog

Ordinance 2003-01-06

A barking dog is a dog which unreasonably annoys or disturbs any person by continuously and habitual barking, howling, yelping, crying or whining.

Cruelty to Animals

MCA 45-8-211

It is illegal to mistreat or neglect an animal by beating, tormenting, injuring, killing, or carrying an animal in a cruel manner, or failing to provide such animal with proper drink, food, and shelter or abandoning an animal where it becomes a public charge.

Rabies Vaccination and Control

Ordinance 2003-01-8

It is unlawful to be an owner of a dog over the age of 6 months that is not currently vaccinated for rabies and is not wearing a collar with a tag showing proof thereof.