Why was my pet picked up?
Animals may be impounded when they:

- Are deemed dangerous
- Are running at large, beyond an owner’s premises, and are not secured by a leash
- Have injured or bitten a person or another animal, and continue to remain a threat to people or animals
- Have been subject to cruel treatment as defined by RCW Title 16

You can help!
You can help SCRAPS protect public safety and ensure animal welfare by:

- Abiding by all animal laws
- Spay and neuter pets (call for information on our spay/neuter voucher program)
- Enrolling your pet in obedience training. (SCRAPS has free classes!)
- Reporting animal cruelty to SCRAPS

The SCRAPS Mission Statement
Building a more humane community, protecting public safety and ensuring animal welfare through compassionate, responsive, professional enforcement of laws and public policy.

Helping People • Saving Pets • Building Community

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Know your responsibilities to your animals, your neighbors and the law
SPokane County ANimal LAWS
Spokane County Code: Chapter 5

Licensing
Pet licensing (dogs and cats) is mandatory in all areas of Spokane County within 30 days of acquisition of a pet or when the pet reaches 6 months of age. It is required that the license be attached to a substantial collar and worn by the pet at all times.

Animal At Large
Pets must be controlled as a courtesy to others and for their protection.

Dogs: The county ordinance specifies that all dogs must be kept confined to your property or be on a leash when off your property.

Cats: It is unlawful for a cat to run at large without being spayed or neutered, or to be on private property without permission of the property owner.

Disturbing Pedestrians
It is unlawful for an owner to allow their dog to disturb people on public property by snarling, barking, growling or jumping at or toward such people.

Barking
Howling, yelping, whining, barking or making other oral noises that unreasonably disturb a person or group of persons.

In Heat
Any dog or cat accessible to other animals, while in heat, for purposes other than controlled or planned breeding is in violation of the animal ordinance.

Cruelty
It is unlawful to physically mistreat any animal either by deliberate abuse or by neglect, or fail to furnish adequate care, shelter and medical attention.

Animal Bites
Any domestic animal (dog or cat) which bites or otherwise breaks the skin of any person will be isolated and quarantined for rabies observation for ten days at the owner’s expense.

Rabies
Rabies is a fatal disease to pets and humans. It is transferred through saliva in animal bites. All pets 6 months of age or older are to be currently vaccinated against rabies.

Dangerous Animal
Any animal which attacks, bites or physically threatens a person or another animal without provocation could be considered dangerous. If a dog is declared to be dangerous by SCRAPS, the owner of the dog will be subject to special restrictions.

Dangerous Wild Animals
A person may not own, possess, keep, harbor, bring into the state or have custody or control of a dangerous wild animal. For list of prohibited animals, refer to RCW 16.30.010.

SCRAPS Animal Protection Officers
Animal Protection Officers are deputized by the Spokane County Sheriff to enforce animal laws and respond to emergency situations. The majority of these laws concern dogs and cats, but officers are prepared to deal with a wide variety of animals and emergencies.

Officers are equipped with leashes, snares and other specialized equipment.

Our Officers Provide:
- Rescue of sick and injured animals
- Investigation of dog/cat bites
- Control of vicious dogs/cats
- Pick up of deceased dogs/cats
- Impoundments of stray dogs/cats
- Investigations of animal cruelty complaints
- Issuance of citations for infractions and/or misdemeanors
- Acting as expert witnesses in court cases
- Assisting other law enforcement agencies with animal related problems
- Assisting citizen initiated cases with field investigations
- Educating citizens with regard to animal laws and humane treatment of animals

SCRAPS is the progressive regional municipal animal care and protection agency for Spokane County. SCRAPS is also active in educational and community outreach as well as innovative behavioral programs that enrich the lives of shelter animals to promote adoption.