

La Crosse County Animal Regulations

Key terms:

La Crosse County: We all live in La Crosse county (city and farms) and need to follow their rules.

Public: Anyone can use the space (parks, playgrounds, streets, sidewalks)

Private: There is an owner of the space and it belongs to them (farm, field, driveway, house and yard). You are trespassing and should not be on the property without permission.

Rabies: A deadly disease that can be given to animals and humans

1. List 4 ways that you and your pet can be a good neighbor.
 - a. Make sure animal is spayed or neutered
 - b. Keep the animal safely confined
 - c. Keep the animal up to date on rabies and other vaccines
 - d. License your animal as required.
2. At what age must a dog be licensed in La Crosse County?
 - a. 5 months old
3. Where do you license your animal?
 - a. At city or town hall with the Treasurer or County Clerk
4. What do you need to do to license your pet?
 - a. Name and address of owner
 - b. Description of animal (dog, cat, etc)
 - c. Info whether animal is neutered or not
 - d. Rabies certificate from the vet
 - e. Pay the fee of about \$25
5. Once your pet is licensed, what will you get as proof?
 - a. A tag that is stamped with the date and an identification number.
6. What should you do with the licensing identification tag?
 - a. Your pet should wear it at all times except during a show or training session.
7. You can buy one license and use it for all of your animals. True or False?
 - a. False. One license & ID tag per animal
8. Who keeps a record of all of the identification numbers from the tags?
 - a. The County Clerk. If someone finds a lost pet with an ID tag, they can call the clerk to get the name and phone number of the owner.
9. How often do you have to license your animal?
 - a. You must renew the license by April 1st every year that your animal is alive.

10. No dog shall be a public nuisance and the owner must prevent their dog from:
 - a. Attacking people passing by the property
 - b. Chasing vehicles
 - c. Attacking other people's pets
 - d. Trespassing on other's properties (school grounds, parks, cemeteries, lawns)
 - e. Excessive barking and whining

11. When a female dog or cat is in heat, what should the owner do?
 - a. Keep the animal inside a building so that it cannot come into contact with another animal
 - b. Keep the animal on a leash under the supervision of a responsible person

12. What are the rules if you tie your pet up when outside?
 - a. The rope/tie cannot allow the pet to reach the street, sidewalk, alley, any public place or someone else's private property.

13. What are the county's rules for keeping a licensed dog on your property?
 - a. The animal should not be mean or vicious
 - b. The animal must not be a wild animal
 - c. The dog's pen, yard, or house must be clean and sanitary. Must not smell!
 - d. The dog (loose or tied up) must stay on the owner's property and not be able to wander off
 - e. The dog must be under the owner's control and not be a public nuisance
 - f. Females must be confined when in heat to prevent unplanned breeding
 - g. Tied up dogs cannot move farther than the owner's property

14. What vaccination (shot) is necessary for all dogs in La Crosse County?
 - a. Rabies – Needed after a dog is 5 months old

15. What does it mean to have your pet **impounded**?
 - a. Your pet has been taken to an animal shelter and is being held there.
 - b. The Humane Society, Animal Control or Police can impound your pet.

16. Why might a pet be impounded?
 - a. Your pet was running loose and was being a nuisance.

17. What happens to a pet that is impounded?
 - a. They are held at an animal shelter.
 - b. If your pet is wearing their identification tag, the shelter will call you to pick up your pet.
 - c. If you do not pick up your pet, they can be euthanized (humanely put to death)
 - d. If you do not pick up your pet, they may be adopted by another family

18. Is there a penalty if you pick up your pet that has been impounded?
 - a. Yes. You will have to pay a fee to get your pet back.
 - b. You may lose your license to have the pet live with you.

19. List 6 ways that the county would consider the owner as being cruel to animals.
 - a. Leaving the animal outside during extreme weather without any shelter
 - b. Not providing proper food, water, shelter, and veterinary care
 - c. Abuse, beat, torment, or overwork their animal.
 - d. Set up animal fights (dog fights, cock fights, beta fish fights, etc)
 - e. Abandon the animal and leave them behind to fend for themselves
 - f. Forcing an animal to perform through the use of chemical, electrical or mechanical devices.

20. List 7 requirements if you have an animal that must live outside.
 - a. A rain/snow proof structure
 - b. Made from durable material that insulates against hot and cold temperatures
 - c. A good size for the animal and allows it to stay warm
 - d. A solid floor that is 2 inches off the ground
 - e. An entrance that keeps the wind from blowing into the house
 - f. Proper bedding material that protects against the weather
 - g. A 3 or more sided shelter for horses and similar animals

21. What is the rule for pet littering (pooping)?
 - a. The owner must pick up and dispose of any feces left on public or private property.

22. Name one thing that must be provided during the warmer months of June through September.
 - a. Shade from the sun for any animal kept outside whether in a pen or tied up longer than a ½ hour.

23. What is meant by “animals running at large”?
 - a. These are animals that are loose and are off of the owner’s property

24. Can you take your dog for a run by tying the leash to your car, truck, motorcycle, etc?
What if you hold onto the least with the window down?
 - a. No. You cannot use a motorized vehicle to lead your dog.

25. What is the safe and lawful way for your dog to ride in the bed of a pickup truck?
 - a. The dog must be confined inside a carrier that is secured to the vehicle. You don’t want either the dog or the carrier to fly out of the truck bed.

26. What must you do if your dog bites someone or you are bitten by a dog?
 - a. All animal bites must be reported to the police

27. What will happen if your dog bites a person or another animal on 2 separate occasions?
 - a. The dog will be said to be vicious and can be ordered to be destroyed (killed) or ordered to be taken out of the county.

28. Does it cost more to license a neutered/altered dog or an unaltered dog?
 - a. It costs about \$11 more to license an unaltered dog (a dog that is able to breed/make puppies).