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Press Release

Rock Springs Police Chief Mike Lowell would like to remind all pet owners to safely and appropriately contain their pets. As the weather grows warmer and as children are let out of school for the summer, more people spend their time outside working, playing, and walking their dogs. A dog inappropriately contained may lead to serious injuries for the dog and, in certain cases, its victim. There have been fifteen dog bites to people in May alone, four of which involved dogs leaving their property to attack a leashed dog walking with its owner, and two separate incidents of dogs leaving their property to attack leashed dogs that resulted in injury to the dogs but not to their owners. The City of Rock Springs requires all dogs to be leashed when not contained on their property, as cited under the Animals at Large (RS Mun. Ord. 3-525a). All animals must be provided shelter and water whenever they are left outside. The inside of a vehicle is not considered appropriate shelter in warm weather. Even if the windows are cracked, the internal temperature of a vehicle may rise high enough to cause serious injury or death to the animal. Leaving an animal in a vehicle may result in a maximum fine of \$510.00, for Cruelty to Animals (RS Mun. Ord. 3-532). Please take the time to ensure this summer is a safe one for you, your pets, and everyone around you. Feel free to contact Rock Springs Animal Control at (307) 352-1455 with questions.

