



# Yamhill County Dog Control

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- b) Allow a dog to become a PUBLIC NUISANCE. A dog is a public nuisance if it:
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