



Animal Control Commission

The Animal Control Commission consists of seven members - a representative of the police and health departments, a veterinarian and four appointed citizens. The Commission members are all volunteers who meet the first Monday of the month at 1:00 P.M. to hear appeals to citations issued through the affidavit process.

Appeal Process

A citizen receiving an Animal Control Citation may elect one the following courses of action:

1. to pay the fine amount noted on the citation to the Animal Control Agency within 10 days after receiving the citation;
2. to submit a request to appeal the citation to the Animal Commission Board within 10 days after receiving the citation. Hearings are scheduled the first Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M.; or
3. to pay the fine, if after the hearing, the Commission does not dismiss the citation.

If the citizen does not contact Animal Control to file an appeal, the citation will be sent to the District Court of Maryland for continued action.

Affidavit of Complaint

A citizen that has observed the violation of an animal related law under Article 12 may file an affidavit of complaint obtained from Animal Control. The affidavit must be completed according to the instructions, notarized and returned to Animal Control within 30 days from the date of the alleged violation.

Adoption Fees

ADOPTION FEE INCLUDES:

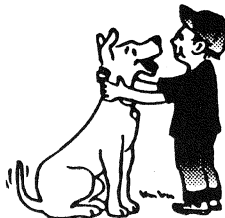
- Preliminary Exam • Spay/Neuter Surgery • Distemper/Rabies Vaccinations
- Worming • License (if applicable)

DOGS		CATS	
Female	\$ 56.00	Female	\$ 36.00
Male	\$ 41.00	Male	\$ 26.00

Redemption Fees

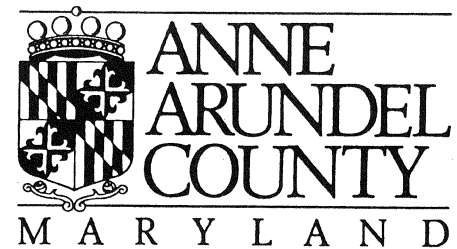
Impoundment Fee	-	\$ 25.00
Board	-	\$ 5.00 per day
Rabies Vaccination	-	\$ 20.00
License (including penalty)	-	No charge - \$ 25.00
Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous	\$100.00 - 250.00	

Redemptions payable by cash only



Donations, other than monetary are always appreciated. Thank You!

Please be a considerate and responsible pet owner



Anne Arundel County
Animal Control
Laws and Services

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John R. Leopold
County Executive



Summary of Animal Control Laws

- **Article 12 Section 4-402 Public Safety Threat**
An animal poses a public safety threat if the animal:
 - Inflicts severe injury to a person;
 - Bites a person;
 - Kills or inflicts severe injury to a domestic animal;
 - Attacks a person;
 - Without provocation, chases or approaches a person in an attitude of attack; or
 - Engages in encouraged dogfighting activity or shows evidence of having been engaged in encouraged dogfighting activity.
- **Article 12 Section 4-601 Rabies Vaccination**
Anyone who owns or harbors a cat or dog 4 months of age or older must have the animal vaccinated for rabies and be able to provide proof of vaccination.
- **Article 12 Section 4-702 Licensing**
The owner of any dog or cat 4 months of age or older must obtain a license for the animal.
- **Article 12 Section 4-801 Dog Outdoors**
For each dog confined or tied outdoors, an owner shall provide:
 - A shelter to protect the dog from the wind, snow, rain, cold, and sunlight
 - A chain, rope, or line used to tie a dog which must be at least 10 feet in length
 - All animals with food and water daily
- **Article 12 Section 4-903 Public Nuisance**
The owner of an animal may not permit the animal to be a public nuisance or to cause a public nuisance condition. Public nuisance includes the following acts by an animal:
 - Molesting pedestrians
 - Chasing vehicles
 - Damaging property of someone other than the owner of the animal
- **Article 12 Section 4-904 Animal Disturbance Prohibited**
It is unlawful for a person who owns, keeps, or has possession of an animal to permit the animal to disturb the quiet of a person or neighborhood.
- **Article 12 Section 4-905 Running at Large**
"At Large" means off the property of an animal's owner and not leashed and not under the control of a responsible person.
- **Article 12 Section 4-909 Removal of Animal Excreta**
The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other than his own.

Title 10 Penalty

Anyone violating sections of Article 12 may be subject to a fine not less than \$50.00 and up to \$500.00.

Summary of Animal Control Services

- Enforces all Animal Control laws, responds to animal related complaints, conducts investigations of cruelty and problem situations.
- Provides an avenue for animal problem resolution through the Animal Control Commission.
- Investigates animal bite cases in conjunction with the Health Department ensuring that biting animals are properly vaccinated and quarantined. Arranges for rabies tests when appropriate.
- Provides "weekly" low cost Rabies Clinics to public.
- Licenses animals to help identify and return lost pets to their owner.
- Maintains lost and found log to help owners locate lost pets.
- Inspects and licenses kennel operations including dog fanciers, cat fanciers, pet shops, grooming parlors and commercial boarding kennels.
- Provides and services humane traps for bite cases, aggressive animals and wildlife in homes.
- Patrols county for stray animals.
- Provides 24 hour per day animal related "Emergency Service" throughout Anne Arundel County.
- Provides an "Adoption Program" to place stray, abandoned and unwanted animals in suitable new homes.
- To encourage adoptions - a Spay/Neuter Clinic has been established to allow adopted animals to be spayed/neutered, vaccinated against rabies as well as given initial vaccinations and worming at a minimum cost.
- Provides rescue response to animals in danger.
- Provides a "Humane Education Program" where humane educators speak to school classes, community associations, civic organizations, etc.
- Provides citizens who observe animal-related violations affidavit filing and service.
- Coordinates rehabilitation efforts for sick/injured wildlife.
- Encourages adoption of pets through reputable rescue leagues and law enforcement agencies.
- Provides "Foster Care" program for underaged and newborn animals.
- Performs humane euthanasia by certified euthanasia technicians.
- Provides facility tours and participates in community fairs as part of overall educational program.
- Provides shelter, and care to all stray animals.
- Provides medical care to sick/injured stray animals.
- Domestic Violence Animal/Victim Protection Service.



Hours of Operations

KENNELS:
Closed on Mondays for animal viewing, adoptions and redemptions
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

OFFICE:
Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FIELD SERVICE:
Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 10:30 P.M.
Saturday - Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY FIELD SERVICE 24 HOURS DAILY - (410) 222-8900