

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY
411 MAXWELL FRYE ROAD
MILLERSVILLE, MD. 21108
410 222-8900**

DOG FANCIER APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Number of dogs housed on property: _____

Give full description of kennels, runs, exercise yard or how animals are kept: _____

A dog fancier is an individual who owns or keeps in the individual's private residence, or in adjoining quarters or elsewhere on the premises, more than four dogs, four months of age or older, at any one location within Anne Arundel County. * Applicants must show proof that the property meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance at 18-4-104(a) that requires a minimum property size of 25,000 square feet to keep 5 or 6 dogs and a minimum of 40,000 square feet to keep 7 dogs (plus an additional 5,000 square feet for each dog above 7) ***, that each dog is currently vaccinated against rabies, and has a current County dog license. Applicant may contact Zoning Enforcement at 410-222-7447 to request a letter of zoning approval**

**Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-703
Dog Fancier License**

- A. A dog fancier shall obtain a dog fancier license from the County.
- B. The application for a dog fancier license shall state the name and home address of the dog fancier, the address of the establishment if it differs from the home address of the dog fancier, and the maximum number of dogs to be maintained.
- C. The annual fee to be paid to the County for a dog fancier license is \$100.00

Article 12, Section 4-803. Animal fancier kennels

(a) Each animal fancier shall provide:

- (1) an exercise area of sufficient size to allow running, with sufficient fencing and a secure locking gate;
- (2) enclosures, cages, and exercise areas are kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition, providing adequate ventilation, a healthful temperature, and protection against weather extremes;

- (3) daily food, free of visible contamination, that is palatable and of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the normal nutrient requirements for the type, condition, and size of the animal;
- (4) fresh water that is always available and that is kept in a removable vessel secured to preventing tipping.

(b) A cage shall be of sufficient size to allow the occupant to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides or top, with floors made of impervious material and, unless radiantly heated, equipped with a resting board or other bedding.

**Anne Arundel County Code
Title 6. Rabies Control**

6-101. Vaccinations of dogs required.

- a) A person may not own or keep a dog over the age of four months unless the dog has been vaccinated so as to provide the animal with continuous protection against rabies. The effective period of the various vaccines shall be established by the Health Officer or the authorized and trained representative of the Health Officer in accordance with the current "Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines" prepared and periodically revised by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.
- b) On request of the Animal Control Agency, a person owning or keeping a dog in the County shall promptly exhibit a currently valid rabies vaccination certificate indicating that the dog has been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian or approved governmental agency.
- c) A person who fails to provide satisfactory evidence of a current rabies vaccination shall be given a written citation and an order requiring the vaccination within a seven- day period.
- d) The Agency may waive the requirements for vaccination if the dog will not be exposed to rabies, and in written opinion of a veterinarian, a vaccination is not advisable due to the physical condition of the animal. (Code 1967, 6-226A)

4-709 Expiration, renewal, and revocation of certain licenses.

A dog fancier, cat fancier, commercial kennel, or pet shop license shall be valid from the date received until the following June 30 and shall be renewed within 90 days after June 30 upon payment of the annual license fee. Failure to make timely application for the initial license or renewal shall result in a late fee of \$25.00.

The Agency may refuse to issue or renew any license required by this title if the applicant or licensee has failed to comply with the provisions of this title.

The Agency, Health Officer, or the authorized and trained representative of the Health Officer may revoke a license issued under this title on finding that the licensee has failed to comply with this article or any other applicable local, State, or federal law governing the protection and keeping of animals.

4-716 Zoning Requirements.

Unless specifically exempted by law or variance, before a license is issued under this title, the applicant must meet all existing zoning requirements.

4-1001. Civil penalties.

A person who fails to comply with an order requiring 6-101 Vaccination of dogs, 4-702 Dog licensing, and 4-703 Dog Fancier License of this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense, and \$500.00 for three or more offenses.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION CHART

Name of Dog	Breed	Color(s)	Sex	Age	Rabies # Yr	Veterinarian

Signature

Date