



## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

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### **DOG FANCIER INFORMATION & APPLICATION**

Please read the following information completely prior to completing the applications.  
Please Print Neatly!

"Dog fancier" means an individual who on residential property owns or keeps five or more dogs primarily as pets, but the keeping of the dogs primarily as pets may include noncommercial hunting or practice tracking, the breeding and sale of not more than two litters in a 12-month period, and the exhibiting of a dog in dog shows in field or obedience trials.

Applicants must show proof that that the property meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance at 18-4-104(a) that requires a minimum property size of the following:

1 to 4 Dogs	No Requirement
5 to 6 Dogs	25,000 sq. ft.
7 Dogs	40,000 sq. ft.
More than 7	5,000 sq. ft. per dog

Applicant may contact Zoning Enforcement at 410-222-7446 to request a letter of zoning approval.

Applicants must obtain an Anne Arundel County Animal License for all dogs and cats on the property as well in accordance with Article 12 Section 4-702 of the Anne Arundel County Code.

#### **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

#### **Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-803 Animal Fancier Kennel**

##### **12-4-803. 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 Article 12 Section 4-601 Rabies Control**

##### **12-4-601. 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)

#### **Anne Arundel County Code Article 12 Section 4-702 Dog & Cat Licenses**

**12-4-702(a) Licenses generally.** A County resident who is not a dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel owner shall have and maintain a license under this subsection for each dog or cat owned.

- (1) An owner of a dog or cat shall apply for a license for each animal within 10 days after the dog or cat becomes six months old or within 30 days after bringing a dog or cat into the County.
- (2) An owner of a dog or cat shall submit a current rabies certificate for each dog or cat owned and submit updated rabies information for each licensed dog or cat when renewing a license under this subsection. An owner shall maintain at all times a current rabies certificate for each licensed dog or cat.
- (3) A license for a dog or cat shall be renewed annually on a schedule determined by the Department, except that an owner may obtain a three year license if it coincides with the expiration of a three year rabies vaccination for the animal.

**12-4-702(b) Dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel licenses.** A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel shall have and maintain a license under this subsection for each dog or cat owned, in addition to the requirements and fees set forth in §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-704, and 12-4-705.

- (1) An owner of a dog or cat shall apply for a license for each animal within 10 days after the dog or cat becomes six months old or within 30 days after bringing a dog or cat into the County.
- (2) An owner of a dog or cat shall submit a current rabies certificate for each dog or cat owned and submit updated rabies information for each licensed dog or cat when renewing a license under this subsection. An owner shall maintain at all times a current rabies certificate for each licensed dog or cat.



(3) The fee for each license, in addition to the fees required under §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-705, and 12-4-706, is set forth in the following chart.

(b) **Dog fancier, cat fancier or commercial kennel licenses.** A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel shall have and maintain a license under this subsection for each dog or cat owned, in addition to the requirements and fees set forth in §§ 12-4-703, 12-4-704, and 12-4-705.

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**Dog or cat license fees Dog fancier, cat fancier, or a commercial kennel**  
(1-year license)

	A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel owner under the age of 60 years	A dog fancier, cat fancier, or commercial kennel owner, at least 60 years old, or receiving disability benefits as a result of a finding of permanent and total disability
For each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat	\$5	\$4
For each spayed or neutered dog or cat or for a dog or cat for which spaying or neutering would pose a threat to the animal's health	\$2	\$2
For a service animal as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title III, CFR § 36.104 or a dog trained and registered in the K-9 corps	\$0	\$0

(4) All licenses issued under this subsection shall expire one year from the last day of the month in which the license was issued.

(5) All licenses shall be renewed annually for as long as the owner owns the dog or cat. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the required license fee. Failure to make application within one month of the due date shall result in a late fee of \$10.

**12-4-711 Expiration, renewal, and revocation of certain licenses.**

(a) **Expiration and renewal.** A dog fancier, cat fancier, commercial kennel, pet shop or pet care business 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 for renewal shall result in a late fee of \$25. 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 or any of the provisions listed in §§ 18-10-119 or 18-10-120 of this Code.



(b) **Revocation.** The Agency, Health Officer, or the authorized and trained representative of the Health Officer may revoke or suspend a license issued under this title on finding that the licensee has failed to comply with this article, Article 18, or any other applicable local, State, or federal law governing the protection and keeping of animals. When a license is revoked or suspended pursuant to this section, the licensee shall immediately cease all operations and activities authorized by the license.

#### **12-4-717 Burden of proof with respect to licensing**

The burden of proof of the fact that an animal or establishment has been licensed or is otherwise not required to be licensed shall be on the owner or custodian of the animal or the owner of the establishment.

#### **12-4-718 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.

#### **9-2-101f(5) Civil Offense and Fines.**

For a Class E civil offense: \$50 for the first violation; \$100 for the second violation; and \$500 for the third or any subsequent violation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 410-222-8900.



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### DOG FANCIER LICENSE APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Property to be licensed (if different than home address)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Size (Please provide proof): \_\_\_\_\_

Desired number of dogs housed on property: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION CHART

Name of Dog	Breed	Color(s)	Sex	Age	Spayed or Neutered (Y/N)	A.A. Co License #



Please read carefully all items listed below and initial next to each that you have read and understand:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant must provide proof of property size and/or exceptions from Zoning.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant must obtain Anne Arundel County License(s) and provide proof of current rabies vaccination for all cats and dogs on the property prior to applying for the Dog Fancier License.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ License will be issued once application is processed and an Animal Control Officer has completed an inspection at the property.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Anne Arundel County Animal Control, a Health Officer or designee may revoke a kennel/fancier license for any violation of Anne Arundel County Code Article 12 Section 4 (Animal Control) or any state or federal laws regarding the keeping of animals.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The burden of proof of the fact that an animal or establishment has been licensed or is otherwise not required to be licensed shall be on the owner or custodian of the animal or the owner of the establishment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ NTC: Y / N Ofc. \_\_\_\_\_

Property Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Proof Provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Variance Required: Y / N Variance Obtained: Y / N

Number of Dogs Allowed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dogs Currently on Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Licensed Y / N

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: Cash Credit Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted Returned Reason for Return: \_\_\_\_\_