



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

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Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-706 Pet Shop License

A person may not operate a pet shop without obtaining a pet shop license. The annual fee to be paid to the County for a pet shop license is \$250.00

Article 12, Section 4-805

(a) The operator of a pet shop shall provide:

- (1) water at a minimum temperature of 180 degrees Fahrenheit for washing and disinfecting cages, or another approved method of disinfecting;
- (2) cages or enclosures, made of nonporous material, that are of sufficient size to allow each animal to stand up, turn around, and stretch to its full length, and maintained in a sanitary condition with sufficient clean, dry bedding for each animal.
- (3) fresh water for each animal that is always available and that is kept in a removable vessel secured to prevent tipping and cleaned and disinfected daily;
- (4) 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;
- (5) adequate perching space for each bird;
- (6) adequate ventilation and a room temperature healthful for each species of animal
- (7) an attendant for each animal while it is being groomed.

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.

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.

18-2-202 Zoning Certificate of Use

- (a) **Application.** A person may file an application for a zoning certificate of use on the form provided by the Department of Inspections and Permits.
- (b) **Acquisition of Certificate Required.** A zoning certificate of use is required for all uses except single-family dwellings and accessory dwelling units. A person may not initiate or change a use that will exist for a period exceeding 60 days without obtaining a zoning certificate of use. For a commercial telecommunication facility, “person” includes the owner and each user of the facility and “alter” includes any change in configuration, transmit frequency range, or maximum power level from that shown on the application for the zoning certificate of use.
- (d) **When Effective.** A zoning certificate of use remains effective so long as the use remains in conformity with the application granted. A change in ownership does not itself cause the need for a new zoning certificate of use.



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Pet Shop License Application

Facility Owner Information:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Business: _____

Email Address: _____

Business Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Animals held at facility (If applicable) _____

Hours of Operation _____

State License Number _____ Federal License Number _____



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

1. _____ Applicants must obtain a Certificate of Use (if applicable) from Zoning and provide a copy to Animal Control prior to receiving the license.
2. _____ License will be issued once application is processed and an Animal Control Officer has completed an inspection at the property.
3. _____ Anne Arundel County Animal Control, a Health Officer or designee may revoke a pet shop 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.
4. _____ 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

Date

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____ NTC: Y / N Ofc. _____

Certificate of Use Required: Y / N Certificate of Use Obtained: Y / N

Payment Date: _____ Type: Cash Credit Check # _____

Accepted Returned Reason for Return: _____

License sent to Field: _____