

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY
411 MAXWELL FRYE ROAD
MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108
410 222-8900
PET CARE BUSINESS APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Maximum Number of dogs allowed to be kept on property: _____ (must be in accordance with Zoning Code 18-4-104)

Type of Business to be operated at the premises: _____

(Note a different application is required for Dog fancier license, Commercial kennel license, Pet shop license, Grooming parlor license, Petting zoo license, Chicken and duck license).

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

A Pet Care Business Operator is an individual operating an in home pet care business. . Applicants must show proof that that the property meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance at 18-4-104 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). Applicant may contact Zoning Enforcement at 410-22-7447 to request a letter of zoning approval. Any dogs/cats residing at the residence must maintain a pet license in accordance with 12-4-702.

Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-710

Pet care business license

In addition to the requirements of § [12-4-702](#), an individual operating a pet care business as a home occupation under § [18-10-120](#) of this Code shall obtain a pet care license. The application for a pet care license shall state the name and home address of the individual operating the pet care business and the maximum number of dogs or cats to be maintained.

(Bill No. 44-14)

Anne Arundel County Code – Article 18, Section 10-120

Home Occupations

A home occupation shall comply with all of the following requirements.

(xvi) pet care business, on a lot of 20,000 square feet or greater, provided the total number of dogs and cats at the residence at any time does not exceed the number of dogs and cats permitted to be kept on the property under § [18-4-104\(a\)](#) of this Code, the homeowner does not board animals in outside kennels,

dogs are kept in a fenced area with a secure locking gate when outdoors, and the use is not noxious or offensive to surrounding uses.

Anne Arundel County Code – Article 18, Section 4-104

Pets; livestock or fowl

(a) **Pets.** The keeping of pets for other than commercial purposes is allowed. The keeping of cats is limited to no more than nine per household. The keeping of dogs shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Number of Dogs	Minimum Lot Size
1 to 4	No requirement
5 to 6	25,000 square feet
7 or more	40,000 square feet, plus 5,000 square feet for each additional dog above 7

Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-807

Pet care businesses

(a) **Generally.** Each pet care business shall provide:

(1) an exercise area of sufficient size to allow running, with sufficient fencing and a secure locking gate, kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition with adequate protection against weather extremes;

(2) for overnight pet care, 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; and

(3) fresh water that is always available and that is kept in a removable vessel secured to prevent tipping.

(b) **Cages.** A cage shall be of sufficient size to allow the occupant to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the side or top, with floors made of impervious material.

(Bill No. 44-14)

Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 6-101

Vaccinations of dogs and cats 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 4-711

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 § [18-10-120](#) 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.

(1985 Code, Art. 12, § 7-107) (Bill No. 46-92; Bill No. 83-94; Bill No. 41-01; Bill No. 12-13; Bill No. 79-13; Bill No. 44-14)

**Anne Arundel County Code – Article 12, Section 4-1001
Civil penalties**

A person who fails to comply with an order requiring 6-101 Vaccination of dogs and cats, 4-702 Dog licensing, and 4-710 Pet Care Business 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