

## Affidavit of Complaint

A citizen that has observed the violation of an Animal Control Law under Article 12 of the Anne Arundel County Code may file an affidavit of complaint. The form is available on the Animal Control website or at the Animal Control facility. The affidavit must be completed according to the instructions including, but not limited to, the full name of the animal owner, notarized and submitted to Animal Control within one (1) year of the alleged violation. Please contact Animal Control for more information.

## Appeal Process

A citizen receiving a citation issued through the affidavit process may elect one of the courses of action below:

- ◆ Pay the citation by the due date listed on the citation
- ◆ Appeal to the Animal Control Commission
- ◆ Appeal to District Court

A citizen receiving a citation from an Officer may elect one of the courses of action below:

- ◆ Pay the citation by the due date listed on the citation
- ◆ Appeal to District Court

A citizen receiving an Administrative Order (Dangerous, Potentially Dangerous or Retain of Custody) have 10 days from the date the Order was signed to appeal to the Animal Control Commission.

## Animal Control Commission

The Animal Control Commission consists of seven members— a representative from the Health Department, a representative from the Police Department, a veterinarian and four (4) appointed citizens of Anne Arundel County. The Commission members are all volunteers who meet the first Monday of each month to hear appeal cases for Administrative Orders and citations issued through the affidavit process.

### Adoption Fees\*

ADOPTION FEES INCLUDE:

Preliminary Exam • Spay/Neuter Surgery • Distemper Vaccination  
Rabies Vaccination • Deworming • County License (if applicable)

**DOGS: \$17.00 ~ CATS: \$14.00**

**ALL OTHER ANIMALS: FREE**

### Redemption Fees\*

Impoundment Fee:	\$25.00
Board Fee:	\$5.00 per day
Rabies Vaccination:	\$20.00
License Fee:	Up to \$25.00
Potentially Dangerous /Dangerous Order License	\$100.00—\$250.00
Additional Veterinary Care, if applicable	Varies

\*Fees are subject to change, please contact Animal Control to determine proper fees



Anne Arundel County  
Animal Control  
Laws and Services

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[www.aacounty.org/animalcontrol](http://www.aacounty.org/animalcontrol)

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# Summary of Animal Control Services

Enforces all Animal Control laws, responds to animal related complaints, conducts investigations of cruelty and public safety incidents.

Patrols the County for stray animals.

Investigates animal bite and exposure cases in conjunction with the Health Department.

Provides 24 hour a day “Emergency Services” throughout Anne Arundel County.

Provides Rescue Response for animal in danger

Provides citizens that have observed violations of the Animal Control laws the opportunity to file Affidavits of Complaint.

Provides weekly Rabies Clinics to public. (Subject to cancellation)

Inspects and licenses Professional Kennel operations including Pet Shops, Groomer Facilities, Pet Care Businesses, and Commercial Kennel Facilities. This also includes animal fanciers, dogs & cats as well as Poultry Licenses.

Maintains lost animal records to help owners locate lost pets.

Licenses animals to help identify and return lost pets to their owner.

Provides an Adoption Program to place stray, abandoned or unwanted animals in suitable new homes.

Provides Spay/Neuter Services for the animals adopted from the facility as well as rabies vaccinations and other vaccinations at a minimal cost to encourage adopting.

Encourages adoption of pets through reputable rescue groups and law enforcement agencies.

Provides Humane Education Program, including classroom education and tours of the facility.

Provides Foster Care program for underage animals.

Performs humane euthanasia by certified euthanasia technicians.

Provides shelter, and care, including medical care to all stray animals in Anne Arundel County.

Provides humane traps for capturing domestic animals outdoors as well as wildlife inside homes.

Provides a program for the victims of Domestic Violence “Pet Safe Haven”.

## Hours of Operation\*

### ADMINISTRATIVE & ANIMAL REDEMPTION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am—3:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am—6:00pm

### ANIMAL VIEWING & ADOPTIONS

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00am—3:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am—6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am—2:30pm

CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

### FIELD SERVICES

Monday— Friday 7:00am—11:00pm

Saturday 10:00am—6:00pm

### EMERGENCY FIELD SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY

For Emergency Services outside of regular business hours listed above, please call 410-222-8610

\* Hours of Operation are subject to change, please visit our website for more information.

# Summary of Animal Control Laws

See our website for all Animal Control Laws under Article 12 Section 4

## Article 12 Section 4–402 Public Safety

An animal poses a threat to public safety 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
- 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, dog or ferret four (4) months of age or older must have the animal vaccinated for rabies and be able to provide proof. In Maryland, the first rabies vaccination is good for one (1) year. Subsequent rabies vaccinations may be good for three (3) years.

## Article 12 Section 4–702 Licensing

The owner of any dog or cat six (6) months of age or older must obtain an animal license from Animal Control within thirty (30) days of bringing the animal into Anne Arundel County. The license can only be obtained from Animal Control. The tag received from the veterinarian is not an animal license.

## Article 12 Section 4–801 Dogs Outdoors

For each dog confined or tied outdoors, an owner shall provide:

- A shelter, with four enclosed walls one containing a doorway for the animal to enter, a roof and a floor. The shelter must have bedding inside for the animal.
- A chain, rope or line used to tie a dog must be at least ten (10) feet in length.
- All animals must be provided water at all times and food 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, but is not limited to chasing vehicles, molesting pedestrians or damaging the property of someone other than its owner.

## Article 12 Section 4–904 Animal Disturbance Prohibited

Anyone who owns, keeps, or has possession of an animal shall not permit the animal to disturb the quiet of a person or neighborhood.

## Article 12 Section 4–905 Animals Running at Large Prohibited

“At Large” means off the property of an animal’s owner and not leashed and not under the control of a responsible person. This includes all animals owned by a person, domestic (cats and dogs), livestock, and exotics.

## Article 12 Section 4–909 Removal of Animal Excreta

The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta (feces) deposited by his or her animal on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other than his own.

## Penalty for Violation

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