

## “THE BIG THREE”

### 1. SCOOP YOUR POOP

For the health and safety of other park visitors, please bring a bag with you to the park and clean up and dispose of any waste created by you dog. ***IT’S THE LAW!***

### 2. KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH

For the health and safety of other park visitors, you must keep your dog under control AND on a leash at all times while you are in the park. ***IT’S THE LAW!***

The only exception to this law is when you and your dog are in one of our off-leash dog parks or dog beaches. The County understands the need to exercise your dog and that is why the dog parks and dog beaches were created.

### 3. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG UNATTENDED IN YOUR VEHICLE DURING HOT WEATHER

For the health and safety of your dog, do not leave your dog unattended in your vehicle, especially during hot weather, while you go off to enjoy some other aspect of the park. Besides being cruel, ***IT’S THE LAW!***



## Off-Leash Dog Parks & Dog Beaches

### Quiet Waters Park

600 Quiet Waters Park Road  
Annapolis, MD 21403  
~~Dog Park & Dog Beach~~  
Park is closed on Tuesdays  
Contact: (410) 222-1777

### Broadneck Park

618 Broadneck Road  
Arnold, Maryland 21401  
Use College Parkway park entrance  
Park hours – dawn to dusk  
Contact: (410) 222-7317

### Bell Branch Park

2400 Davidsonville Road  
Gambrills, Maryland 21054  
Park hours – dawn to dusk  
Contact: (410) 222-7317

### Downs Park

8311 John Downs Loop  
Pasadena, Maryland 21122  
Dog Beach only  
Park is closed on Tuesdays  
Contact: (410) 222-6230

### Maryland City Park

565 Brock Bridge Road  
Laurel, Maryland 20724  
Park hours – dawn to dusk  
Contact: (410) 222-7317

## Bark Ranger Volunteer Program

Bark Rangers help protect the rights of dog owners and non-dog owners mutually enjoy our parks. If you would like to support the Recreation and Parks Department in overseeing the dog parks and dog beaches by educating dog park users, enforcing rules and assisting in the maintenance of the grounds please call (410) 222-7317.

Anne Arundel County  
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Website: [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org)  
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## Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks



## DOGS IN THE PARK

## OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

A Guide to Anne Arundel County Laws  
governing the use and responsibilities  
associated with the public visiting  
County parks with their dogs

## DOGS IN THE PARKS

Assumptions and misunderstanding of County Laws surrounding dogs in County parks has prompted the creation of this guide.

The Recreation and Parks Department would like to make it perfectly clear that we encourage and welcome dog owners and their dogs in our parks as long as they abide by the laws set forth governing their behavior.



To help in understanding what is expected of dog owners when they visit a park, we have included in this guide a summary of the Animal Control Laws, some common sense reasons for keeping your dog on a leash as well as a listing of the County's dog parks and dog beaches.

The County will take appropriate actions, including fines and park suspensions if necessary, against individuals who do not heed the laws associated with this activity.

**Please be a considerate and responsible pet owner**

## Summary of Animal Control Laws

- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 Subtitle 402 Public Safety Threat**  
An animal poses a public safety threat 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; or
  - ◆ Engages in encouraged dogfighting activity or shows evidence of having been engaged in encouraged dogfighting activity.
  
- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 Subtitle 602 Vaccination of Dogs and Cats Required**  
A person may not own or keep a dog or cat over the age of four months unless the dog or cat has been vaccinated so as to provide the animal with continuous protection against rabies.
  
- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 Subtitle 702 Dog and Cat Licenses**  
A County resident who owns a dog or cat shall apply for a license for each animal within 10 days after the dog or cat becomes four months, or within 30 days after bringing a dog or cat into the County.
  
- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 Subtitle 903 Creating Public Nuisance or Public Nuisance Condition Prohibited**  
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 the following act by an animal:
  - ◆ Molesting pedestrians
  - ◆ Chasing vehicles
  - ◆ Damaging property of someone other than the owner of the animal
  
- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 8-101, 8-102 Dog and Other Animal Outdoors**  
For each dog confined or tied outdoors, an owner shall provide:
  - ◆ A shelter to protect the dog from the wind, snow, rain cold and sunlight
  - ◆ A chain, rope or line used to tie a dog which must be at least 10 feet in length (not allowed in parks) and affixed so that the dog will not be endangered
  
- ◆ All animals with food and water daily free of visible contamination
  
- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 904 Animal Disturbances Prohibited**  
A person who owns, keeps, or has possession of an animal may not permit the animal to disturb the quiet of a person or neighborhood

- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 Subtitle 905 Animal 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.
  
- ◆ **Article 12 Title 4 Subtitle 909 Removal of Animal Excreta**  
A person shall remove excreta deposited by an animal by that person on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other than the owner’s.

**Anne Arundel County Animal Control  
(410) 222-8900**

**Website:**

[www.aacopd.org/anne\\_arundel\\_county\\_animal\\_contr.htm](http://www.aacopd.org/anne_arundel_county_animal_contr.htm)

## THIS IS A LEASH



**IT IS THE BEST BIRTH CONTROL DEVICE**, preventing random matings and unwanted puppies. **IT IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP YOUR DOG UNINJURED**, restraining your pet from darting into traffic, eliminating pain and veterinary bills. **IT IS THE BEST GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICYMAKER**, keeping your pet from any sort of trespassing, destructive or otherwise, on your neighbor’s lands or on the city’s sidewalks. It will also keep your pet from jumping up on children or adults and possibility inflicting an injury on them, as well as the discomfort or fright it might cause. **IT IS THE BEST WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**, keeping your pet from harassing deer and other wild animals, either by itself or as part of a wild dog pack. **IT IS THE BEST WAY TO DEVELOP AN AFFECTIONATE PET**, as the touch of it gives your dog definite assurance that it is protected, loved, and wanted. **IT IS ALSO THE BEST CRIME PREVENTION DEVICE**, because, when this leash is not in use, then your pet will be at home, overseeing matters and protecting its “family.” **USE IT, KEEP YOUR DOG LEASHED, AS A HABIT AND AS A MATTER OF CIVIL CIVIC PRACTICE.**