



## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL**

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### **PET CARE BUSINESS INFORMATION & APPLICATION**

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

A Pet Care Business Operator is an individual operating an in home pet care business. All applicants must have a minimum property size of 20,000 square feet in accordance with § [18-10-128](#). Applicant may contact Zoning Enforcement at 410-222-7446 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 § [18-10-128](#) 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 10-128 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:

<b>Number of Dogs</b>	<b>Minimum Lot Size</b>
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)

**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.



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Application for Pet Care Business

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION CHART**  
**(Please list all cats & dogs currently living on the Property)**

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 Pet Care Business 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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DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE  
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: \_\_\_\_\_