

Severe Weather Animal Alert

A Severe Weather Animal Alert is declared by the County Executive when the weather conditions prompt the Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management to activate the Warming or Cooling Center Plan.



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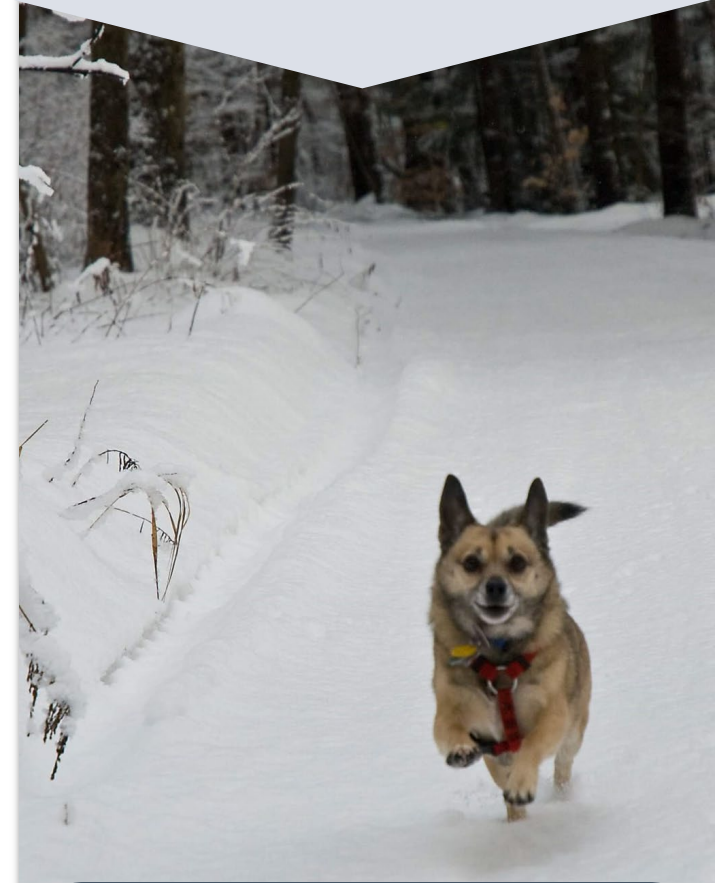
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Animal Laws During Severe Weather



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Any dogs left unattended outside during a Severe Weather Animal Alert **MUST HAVE*:**

- ▶ Fresh, clean, non-frozen, drinkable water at **all times** in a non-tip bowl
- ▶ A dog house, with no interior metal surfaces, that is raised **at least** two (2) inches off of the ground, that protects the animal against wind, snow, rain, and cold
- ▶ From December 1st-March 15th, the dog house must have an accessible covered entry or an off-set door to act as a windbreaker
- ▶ Dry bedding or a resting board must be inside the dog house
- ▶ Separate shade other than the dog house
- ▶ If the dog is in an enclosure, it must meet County minimum sizes:
 - 100 square feet for dogs under 80 pounds
 - 150 square feet for dogs over 80 pounds
 - An additional 50 square feet for each dog under 80 pounds in the same enclosure
 - An additional 75 square feet for each dog over 80 pounds in the same enclosure

*These items are required independent of the weather. Fines for non-compliance are increased during Severe Weather Animal Alerts.

Further Recommendations

- ▶ Entrances of dogs houses should be oriented away from prevailing winds
- ▶ Abundant dry bedding should be placed inside the dog house
- ▶ A heated or insulated water bowl (please read/ follow instructions carefully to avoid fires)



DOGS CANNOT BE TETHERED OUTDOORS IF THE TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 33°F OR ABOVE 89° F, EVEN UNDER SUPERVISION

It is recommended that if the temperature or wind chills are expected to be at or below 32° F, all dogs should be brought indoors

Failure to comply with these laws during a Severe Weather Animal Alert is a Class D Civil Offense

Fines for a First Violation: \$125
Second Violation: \$500
Third and Subsequent Violations: \$1,000