

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Animal Services Division..... (301) 780-7200
 Commission for Animal Control..... (301) 883-5875
 Health Department – Animal Bites.....(301) 583-3750
 Poison Center..... 1-800-492-2414

For more information on any of our programs, please visit the Department of the Environment at www.princegeorgespets4us.com and checkout the Animal Services Division.

OBTAINING A LICENSE

License Fee for Animals	DOGS	CATS
Spayed or Neutered	\$5	\$5
Not Spayed or Neutered	\$25	\$25

Dog, cat and ferret licenses may be obtained from:

Animal Management Division

3750 Brown Station Road
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
 Phone: (301) 780-7251

(Note: Walk-ins must pay by cash or Discover Card — there is a \$3.00 fee for Discover Card.)

College Park Municipal Center

4500 Knox Road
 College Park, MD 20740
 Phone: (240) 487-3520

Bowie City Hall

15901 Excalibur Road
 Bowie, MD 20716
 Phone: (301) 809-3002

City of Laurel

8103 Sandy Spring Road
 Laurel, MD 20707
 Phone: (301) 725-5300 ext.2238



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide for the health and welfare of the County's animal population through enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance, resolution of animal-related disputes, and the promotion of adoptions, licensing, spay/neuter and humane education.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Animal Services Division (ASD) provides free educational programs on request to schools and civic groups throughout the County. Program topics include Basic Pet Care, Your Animal Shelter, Safety Around Animals, Wildlife in the City, Animal Overpopulation, Careers with Animals, Responsible Pet Ownership, and Making a Difference with Kindness. To schedule a presentation, call the Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 780-7220.



TOURS

Tours of the Animal Services Facility last approximately 40 minutes and include a presentation on the services provided by the Facility. To schedule a tour, please call the Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 780-7220 at least two weeks in advance.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost animals are kept at the Facility for three to five days to give owners a chance to locate and redeem their pets. If you have lost your pet, please file a report with the Animal Services Facility by calling (301) 780-7250. If you have a photo of your pet, submit it with your report. If you find a lost pet, call the Animal Services Facility to make arrangements for the animal to be taken to the Facility.



PET ADOPTION

Our expert staff will assist you in selecting the perfect pet for your household. We strongly encourage all members of your family to "get acquainted" with the pet before making your final selection.

You can visit the animals at the Facility on the following days and hours:

Visitors Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Friday.....12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 Wednesday.....11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday.....10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Residents may also come to the Facility to purchase licenses during the following days and hours:

Administrative Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Friday.....11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Wednesday.....11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Closed on Thursday and Sunday

ADOPTION PROCESS AND FEES

The adoption process is completed after the Adoption Application Form has been approved and all adoption fees have been paid.

All adopted pets receive a microchip before leaving the Facility that contains a personal one-of-a-kind identification number that helps us to identify your pet in case it should get lost.

Note: An additional fee of \$25 will be charged for all animals being altered to cover the cost of pain medication and e-collar.

DOGS

Adoption Fee \$25
 County License \$5
 Microchip Fee \$15
 Heartworm Test \$15
 Rabies Shot \$20
 Distemper Shot \$10
 Bordetella Shot \$10
 Spay/Neuter \$100

CATS

Adoption Fee \$25
 County License \$5
 Microchip Fee \$15
 Leukemia/Aids Test \$20
 Rabies Shot \$20
 Distemper Shot \$20
 Spay/Neuter \$45

Total	\$200	Total	\$150
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LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

Prince George's County Spay Spot
3750 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301) 254-8151

Prince George's County SPCA
(301) 262-5625, ext. 6

Paw Prints Animal Hospital
(301) 885-0263

The Humane Society of Charles County
(301) 645-8181

Humane Rescue Alliance
(202) 726-2273

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES

LEASH LAW

It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A Violation Notice may be issued to the owner of an animal found at-large by a County Police Officer or Animal Control Officer.



SCOOP THE POOP!

The owner or custodian of any dog or cat must remove their pet's excrement from public or private property.

STRAY DOGS AND CATS

Stray animals must be turned over to the Animal Services Facility.

DOG OR CAT IN HEAT

Any female dog or cat in heat must be confined in a building or a secure enclosure.

CRUELTY

Cruelty to animals is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.

LICENSING

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog, cat or ferret over the age of four months unless the animal is licensed.

A valid certificate of rabies inoculation issued by a licensed veterinarian must accompany your license application.

Dogs must wear a license tag on their collars at all times.

KENNELS, PET SHOPS, ETC.

A valid license is required to operate all kennels, catteries, guard or sentry dog facilities, pet shops, riding schools or stables, petting zoos or grooming establishments.

ABANDONMENT

It is unlawful to abandon any dog, cat or other domestic animal.

PIT BULLS

Effective February 3, 1997, in compliance with the Prince George's County Code, Section 3-185.01, it is illegal to own or harbor a non-registered Pit Bull in Prince George's County.

Violations to this provision will result in fines up to \$1,000 or a sentence of not more than six months imprisonment. Pit Bulls include any and all of the following breed of dogs: Staffordshire Bull Terrier; American Staffordshire Terrier; American Pit Bull Terrier; or dogs that exhibit the characteristics of a Pit Bull more than any other breed of dog.

STANDARDS FOR GUARD DOGS

The fee for a guard dog license shall be \$50 per year. Dogs trained or used as guard dogs must be able to demonstrate obedience training.

MANNER OF KEEPING ANIMALS

No person shall keep or maintain any animal in such a manner as to cause the animal to become a public nuisance.

UNNECESSARY NOISES BY ANIMALS

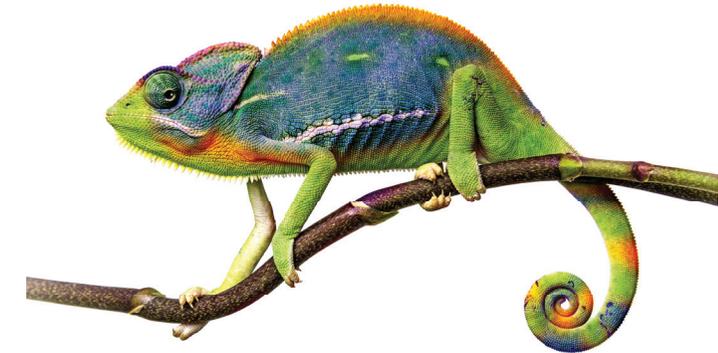
Any person disturbed by a noisy animal must advise the owner. If the nuisance is not abated, the person may then notify the Commission for Animal Control to file a complaint.

RABIES CONTROL

No person shall own a dog, cat or ferret over the age of four months without a current, valid rabies inoculation. Any animal that has bitten any human is required to be confined in quarantine for a ten-day clinical observation period. This does not apply to wildlife or species not authorized for quarantine by the Health Department. The confinement may be on the owner's premises.

REPTILES AND WILD ANIMALS

No person shall keep or maintain any poisonous reptile or wild animal without first obtaining a permit from the Director of the Department of the Environment.



INJURING OR POISONING ANIMALS

Any person who accidentally or otherwise strikes an animal with an automobile must notify the police or the Animal Services Facility of the accident. No person shall willfully or negligently poison any animal.

ANIMAL HOBBY PERMIT

Anyone who keeps or harbors five or more animals larger than a guinea pig or over the age of four months must first obtain an animal hobby permit. This section does not apply to licensed animal holding facilities, licensed veterinary hospitals, circus or traveling animal exhibitions, or the keeping of farm animals, fish or birds.

COMMISSION FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

The Commission for Animal Control is an administrative board that convenes twice a month to hear and settle alleged violations of the County's Animal Control Ordinance. If you receive a violation notice and would like to file an appeal, mail a request for a hearing to the Commission within 10 days of receipt of the citation and a copy of the appeal request to:

Commission for Animal Control
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 500
Largo, MD 20774