

## Baltimore County Animal Licenses

*Animal licenses are sold at the following locations:*

County Office Building	410-887-3630
Baltimore County Animal Shelter	410-887-PAWS (7297)
Baltimore County Library	410-887-6100
Online at <a href="http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animallicense">www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animallicense</a>	

**NOTE:** *Proof of current rabies vaccination is required for all dog and cat licenses.*

**DISCOUNTS:** *Available for senior citizen pet owners and for spayed or neutered pets.*

## Baltimore County Animal Information and Resources

Animal Bites	410-887-2724
Animal Control Division Animal Shelter	410-887-PAWS (7297)
Animal Hearing Board	410-887-5961
Animal Licensing	410-887-3630
Code Enforcement	410-887-3352
Dog Obedience Classes (Recreation & Parks)	410-887-3871
Baltimore City Animal Control	410-396-4694
Humane Society (spay / neuter)	410-833-8848 x209
Mediation & Dispute Center	410-467-9165
Wildlife Problems / Department of Natural Resources	1-877-463-6497

Report animal cruelty or file a complaint online:  
<https://citizenaccess.baltimorecountymd.gov>

### TTY users call Maryland Relay

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**Baltimore County Department of Health**  
*Healthy people living, working, and playing in Baltimore County*

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Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and the Baltimore County Council

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# Animal Laws & Information Guide



*Serving Citizens, Protecting Pets*

**Baltimore County  
Animal Control Division**  
13800 Manor Road  
Baldwin MD 21013  
410-887-PAWS (7297)

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/pets](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/pets)

1. When off the owner's property, all dogs and cats must be on a leash. If chained outside, chains must have swivels. Chain collars may not be used, except when training.
2. All dogs and cats four months of age must be vaccinated against rabies.
3. All dogs and cats must be licensed at four months of age. New pets and those being moved into Baltimore County must be licensed within thirty days.
4. All animals must be provided shelter for protection from wind, snow, rain, cold and the sun, plus adequate daily food and water, in clean un-tippable bowls.
5. Owners of female cats and dogs "in heat" must not leave their pets outside unattended. Although spaying female or neutering male animals is not required, it is highly recommended.
6. It is a violation of the law to allow dogs to bark excessively.
7. If an animal bites someone, the owner and the bite victim must report the injury to the Police Department. You are responsible if your pet bites or injures another person or animal or behaves in a menacing way.
8. Owners are responsible for the timely removal of pet waste on public and private property.
9. It is violation of the law to abandon or neglect pets you cannot keep. If you are unable to keep your pet call Animal Control for assistance.
10. Any puppy or kitten sold or given away must be at least eight weeks old. Anyone selling or giving away a puppy, kitten, dog or cat must provide a health certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian, along with a statement indicating date of sale or transfer of animal, description of animal, and immunizations given. The name, address and phone number of buyer and seller must also be provided.
11. Inadequate provision of food or water, unsanitary conditions, animal combat, and neglect are all considered animal cruelty.

Animal Control Officers are empowered with enforcement authority for state and local laws involving animals. Persons violating these animal laws may be subject to fines.

## **Animal Shelter Adoptions**

### **Visiting hours for adoptions:**

- Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Closed Sundays and holidays

Get more information or view adoptable pets at:

**[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/pets](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/pets)**

## **Rabies Vaccination**

All dogs and cats must have rabies vaccinations and boosters. Low cost rabies vaccinations are available by appointment.

Micro-chipping is also available for reasonable fee.

## **Spaying & Neutering**

We urge pet owners to have their pets spayed and neutered.

## **If You Find A Stray Pet**

Baltimore County Law requires that all stray dogs and cats be turned over to the Baltimore County Animal Shelter within 24 hours. If the pet you found is not redeemed by its owner, you may adopt it. A rabies vaccination and an animal license are required.

## **Redeeming Your Pet**

To redeem your pet at the Animal Shelter, bring your identification and proof of current rabies vaccination and an animal license. If you cannot provide this verification, a rabies vaccination and license will be provided for a fee before your pet is released. Redemption and boarding fees may also be due.

## **If Your Pet Is Lost**

If your pet is micro-chipped or is wearing an animal license, rabies tag or an ID tag, every effort will be made to trace the ID and contact you. Visit the Baltimore County Animal Shelter promptly to look for your pet. Bring a picture of your pet. Stray pets are held for a minimum of four (4) days.