



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Animal Management Division

Animal Management Division (AMD) 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.



Obtaining a License

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	Bowie City Hall
4500 Knox Road	15901 Excalibur Road
College Park, MD 20740	Bowie, MD 20716
Phone: (301) 864-5585	Phone: (301) 262-6200

Important Telephone Numbers

Animal Management Division.....	(301) 780-7200
Commission for Animal Control.....	(301) 883-6009
Health Department—Animal Bites	(301) 583-3750
Poison Center.....	1-800-492-2414



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3750 Brown Station Road
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Phone: (301) 780-7200
www.princegeorgespets4us.com
DERcares@co.pg.md.us

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Community Outreach

AMD 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.

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	12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Hours*

Monday, Tuesday, Friday	11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.–4:00 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.

Adoption Fees

Dogs		Cats	
Adoption Fee	\$25	Adoption Fee	\$25
County License	\$5	County License	\$5
Microchip Fee	\$15	Microchip Fee	\$15
Heartworm Test	\$15	Leukemia/Aids Test	\$20
Rabies Shot	\$20	Rabies Shot	\$20
Distemper Shot	\$10	Distemper Shot	\$20
Bordetella Shot	\$10	Spay/Neuter	\$45
Spay/Neuter	\$100		
Total	\$200	Total	\$150

License Fee for Animals

	Dogs	Cats
Spayed or Neutered	\$5	\$5
Not Spayed or Neutered	\$25	\$25

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.

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

Waldorf Well Pet Clinic
(301) 885-0263

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

**Washington Humane Society
Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic**
(202) 882-5837

Other Services

Every February (National Spay/Neuter Month), local veterinarians offer discount spay/neuter surgeries. In addition, AMD offers free pet licenses to owners taking advantage of the discounted spay/neuter surgeries.

AMD processes all applications and issues licenses for pets and for animal holding facilities, such as kennels and pet shops.

Animal Control Ordinances Summary

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.

Stray Dogs and Cats

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

Removal of Excrement

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

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.

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. To legally own a Pit Bull in the County, your pet must have been registered with the Animal Management Division prior to February 3, 1997 and maintain a current Pit Bull registration. The registration tag must be worn by the Pit Bull at all times. All Pit Bulls with expired registrations are considered illegal and will be impounded, and the owner may be fined or face criminal prosecution. If your registered Pit Bull produces a litter, the puppies are considered illegal and must leave Prince George's County. Citizens and residents are prohibited by law from selling or giving away Pit Bulls in Prince George's County.

The Code also requires that Pit Bulls be maintained within a building or secured kennel if kept outdoors

for any length of time. In addition, the Code states that Pit Bulls outside of a building or kennel must be under the control of an adult and secured by an unbreakable leash. 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.

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.

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.

Abandonment

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

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 Environmental Resources.

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 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 and a copy of the notice to:

Commission for Animal Control
9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 520
Largo, MD 20774