

Questions and Answers on Pet Issues

Q. Define reasonable control (leash law).

A. -secured by a leash held by the owner or the owner's agent.
-secured by a leash which is attached to a stationary object and attended by the owner or the owner's agent.
-on the premises of the owner or confined in a vehicle.

Note:

-sidewalks and lawn extensions are public
-dogs should not be left tied outside stores and restaurants while the owners are inside
-all animal control regulations apply to parks

Q. Can we get a ticket if we don't clean up after our dog (scoop law) ?

A. Yes, if a dog (except for leader dogs for the blind) discharges it's feces on property other than that of its owner and the owner does not immediately remove such feces a ticket can be issued.

Q. What about dog licenses?

A. An owner can be issued a violation if the dog is over 6 months old and is not currently licensed or is not wearing a license tag. Licenses can be obtained from the City Clerk's office. Bring in paperwork from the rabies vaccination. Licenses expire on June 30th of the second year following the issuance of the license. For more information, contact the city Clerk's office at (734) 794-6140 or go to their website at: <http://www/CityAdministration/Clerks/index.html>

Q. What should I do if I get bitten by an animal?

A. - wounds should be washed immediately with soap and water
- the victim should contact their doctor or medical facility as soon as possible
- a report should be made with the Ann Arbor Police Department
- obtain owner information or contain the animal if possible
There is a bite inspection fee of \$30.

Other information

If the owner of a cat older than 6 months fails to have it at all times immunized against rabies – the owner would be in violation of the city ordinance and a ticket may be issued.

A patrol officer will respond to calls based on priority and availability. They will provide assistance with certain types of problems. Citizens can locate pest control services (wildlife, bees, wasps, etc.) in the yellow pages.

Local Wildlife Rescue

Bird Center of Washtenaw Co. Inc.

(734) 761-9640

Friends of Wildlife

(734) 913-9843

The Humane Society houses strays, adopts animals and operates a spay and neuter clinic. They provide rescues for sick and injured animals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 3100 Cherry Hill Road Office business hours are noon to 6:00 p.m. 734-662-5585 ext.105 or 734-662-4365 clinic.

For emergencies call 911

For non-emergencies call (734) 794-6911

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