

County License Information

Albemarle County requires dogs over the age of four months to have a county license. There are several reasons why dogs are licensed:

- *A form of identification, in case your dog is lost.
- *Secondary proof of rabies vaccination
- *County ordinance requires a dog to have a license and display it on its collar when it is off its property. Otherwise, the dog is considered a stray.

*Tax revenue.

Licenses can be obtained at the following locations by showing proof of rabies vaccination:

- *County Office Building (McIntire Road location),
 - *S.P.C.A. on Berkmar Dr.
- *Scottsville Municipal Building

Fees:

Spayed or Neutered: \$5.00
Male or Female: \$10.00
Kennel (up to 10 dogs): \$50.00

** 2 year and 3 year licenses only available at the county finance department**



ALBEMARLE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

Mission Statement

It shall be the policy and mission of the Animal Control Unit to support responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of animals, equipping pets with identification at all times, compliance with statutes and ordinances for the control and protection of animals.

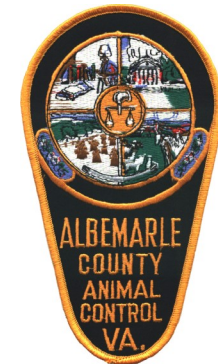


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Charlottesville, VA 22902

Emergency 911
Non-Emergency 434-977-9041
Headquarters 434-296-5807
Crime Stoppers Line 434-977-4000
www.albemarle.org

Albemarle County

Pet Awareness



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The Albemarle Animal Control Unit renders services and assistance to citizens upon request regarding domestic animals, livestock and on occasion, wildlife. Animal Control Officers are charged with protecting the public and the animals of the County of Albemarle.

4-200 Running at large prohibited.

◆ What does this code mean?

This means that dogs, if off their own property, must be under the immediate control of the owner or custodian.

◆ Does this mean that there is now a leash law in Albemarle County?

No. A leash law typically is defined as requiring dogs to always be on a leash.

◆ Does my dog need to be on a leash when walking off of my property?

Not as long as your dog is in your presence and under immediate control by voice command. If your dog fails to respond to voice commands you may be charged with a violation of this ordinance.

◆ How does this pertain to hunting dogs?

A dog shall not be considered at large if during the hunting season it is on a bona fide hunt in the company of a licensed hunter or during field trials or training periods when accompanied by its owner.

◆ What are the consequences of violating this code?

You could be charged with a class 4 misdemeanor which fines range up to \$250 per incident.

◆ How will this be enforced?

Complaints will be investigated on a case by case basis, depending on staffing, workload and availability.

◆ What about county parks and county schools?

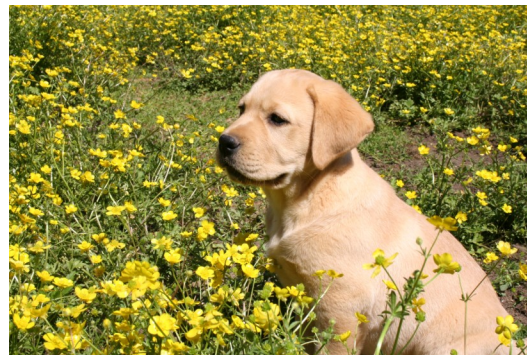
All dogs must be on a leash on school grounds and all county parks, unless in a designated area. Both Darden Towe Park and Chris Greene Lake Park offer a fenced in area where your dog can be removed from its leash and free to run and play.

Darden Towe Park provides an enclosed dog park near the soccer fields and Chris Greene Lake Park offers an enclosed area with lake access for the dog to swim. This park's access is in the parking lot, near the beach house and has a lovely walking trail that winds back to the designated area.

Did you know...

Every dog and cat over the age of four months must be vaccinated for rabies?

Rabies virus does exist in wildlife in Albemarle County. One way to protect companion animals from contracting the disease is through vaccination. The rabies vaccination must be given by a licensed veterinarian.



Wildlife

Unless there is a threat to public safety, Animal Control Officers do not routinely investigate complaints involving wild animals. These types of complaints are normally referred to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. (804-367-1258)

Barking Dogs

Albemarle County has an ordinance that makes it unlawful for an owner or custodian of an animal to harbor or keep an animal which frequently or for a continued duration howls, barks or makes other excessive, continuous or untimely sound which are audible on the property of a complainant in the county for thirty consecutive minutes. The barking dog ordinance is not applicable to property zoned Rural Areas District of five acres or more, sounds caused by livestock or poultry, or animals in a pound or animal shelter or commercial kennel as defined in the County code.

Pets Left In Vehicles

During hot weather, animals inside vehicles can rapidly become over heated and die. On an 85 degree day, for example, the temperature inside the vehicle -with the windows slightly opened-will reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes. In 30 minutes it will go up to 120 degrees. A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107-108 degrees Fahrenheit for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage-or even death.