ANIMAL BITES

Persons bitten or scratched by wild or domesticated animals should get medical treatment immediately and report the bite to the City Department of Neighborhood Services at 286-2268. Medical care is necessary because of the threat of rabies (an incurable disease), tetanus, other infections and complications. The Department of Neighborhood Services investigates all domestic animal bite reports to locate the animal and observe it for rabies.

Identification and capture of a biting animal is vital. Don't kill the animal unless absolutely necessary to stop the attack. If killed, the head should not be damaged and should be refrigerated (but not frozen) until it can be examined. If possible, confine the animal to a garage or yard and call the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission 649-8640. Other alternatives are to follow the animal to its home and/or write down an accurate description of the animal including size, breed, colors, and markings.

MISSING ANIMALS

Lost and stray animals from the Milwaukee area are sent to the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission, (phone 649-8640). Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lost or stray dogs and cats are kept for seven days. Animals can be reclaimed by their owners when they pay applicable fees, which include an ordinance fee (fine); an impounding fee, a daily boarding fee; and the appropriate fee if not licensed.

LICENSES AND FEES FOR ANIMALS

For more information on fees go to

www.city.milwaukee.gov/animalfees

For more information about animals contact:

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Department of
Neighborhood Services
Nuisance Control Section
4001 S. 6th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53221
(414) 286-5771

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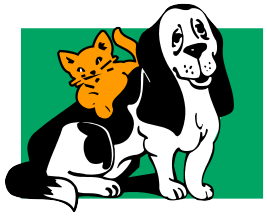

A wise pet owner cares for his animals by providing food, water, shelter, and protection from disease. The responsible person also realizes that he has to protect other people from bites, attacks, and diseases caused by his pets.

Because of the increase in stray and unwanted animals, and some irresponsible pet owners, the City of Milwaukee has passed various laws to control the resulting animal problems. Several laws are enforced through the "Milwaukee Uniform Code Violation" citation system. Tickets, similar to traffic citations (which include fines), may be issued by Department of Neighborhood Services employees such as Nuisance Control Officers, or Police Officers when they observe violations.

The following digest will aid owners in complying with the animal control laws and assist other citizens in obtaining relief from various animal nuisances.

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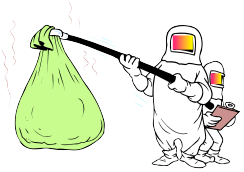


No matter what you call animal litter — feces, droppings, poop — it must be cleaned up by the owner and/or person walking the animal. Litter must be removed immediately from all areas, whether private or public property, including median strips, parks, schools, or playgrounds. Commercial or home-made "pooper scoopers" may be used. For disposal, droppings should be double wrapped and put into the owner's garbage cart.

- Owners (and/or those walking the animals) may be ticketed when animal litter offenses are observed by Police or Department of Neighborhood Services employees.
- Citizens observing litter incidents can report them with the address of the animal to the Department of Neighborhood Services at 286-2268. Be sure to provide the address of the animal owner.

LEASHING

When not on owner's property or in a vehicle, animals must be on a leash not more than 6 feet in length, and the leash held by a person able to control the animal.

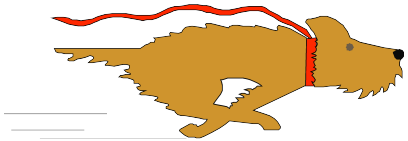
- Owners of unleashed (at large) animals may be ticketed by Police or Department of Neighborhood Services employees when they observe offenses.
- Citizens can report at-large animals by calling 286-2268, and giving the address of the owner and the date and time of the violation. The owner will be notified by the Department of Neighborhood Services of the violation and the ordinance. If further violations are noted, the citizen can ask that a citation be issued. The complainant must supply their name and address.
- Citizens should report stray animals to the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission at 649-8640. Units will be dispatched to problem locations on a priority basis.

LICENSES

All dogs and cats over five months of age are required to be licensed each calendar year. Proof of current rabies immunization must be shown when applying for a license. Applications and licenses are available from the **Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission** at 649-8640**.** Visit them at 3839 W. Burnham St., West Allis, WI 53215 or go to their website at www.madacc.com. License fees are cheaper for neutered than un-neutered dogs and cats. All licenses expire December 31st. Late fees apply after March 31st. For current City of Milwaukee license fees visit:

www.city.milwaukee.gov/AnimalLicenseFees22606.htm

- Owners of unlicensed dogs and cats may be ticketed when the violation is noted by Police or Department of Neighborhood Services employees.



RELEASING ANIMALS

It is illegal to release penned or leashed animals.

- Persons doing so can be ticketed when offenses are observed by Police or Department of Neighborhood Services employees.
- Citizens can report such incidents to the Department of Neighborhood Services at 286-2268.

NOISY ANIMALS

It is illegal to keep animals that habitually disturb the peace. Persons disturbed by such noise must make a signed written report to the Department of Neighborhood Services, 4001 S. 6th St. 2nd Flr., Milwaukee, WI 53221 and be willing to testify in court if the owner ignores an order to stop the noise. Additional information is available by calling 286-2268.

DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Dangerous animals are those that without provocation attack or bite any person or domestic pet, or threaten to do so. Report these animals immediately to the Police Department by calling 933-4444.

ANIMAL FANCIER PERMIT

Persons having more than three cats and/or dogs over five months of age must have an Animal Fancier Permit. Request a permit by calling the Department of Neighborhood Services at 286-3280 to schedule an inspection. See the DNS website for a listing of related fees.