

Keeping Our Pets SAFE & HEALTHY

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Baltimore

Healthy Pets

Pet Ownership is a Responsibility

Free Tips and Information for
Keeping Your Pets Safe and Healthy



Baltimore City Health Department
Animal Control Program
301 Stockholm St.
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 396-4698



Baltimore City Animal Control Information

Animals Are Social Creatures

Animals need human attention. Spending quality play time with your pets daily helps them develop friendly demeanors and can relieve stress in the owner.

Animals Need Space

Animals need to be able to stand to full height, stretch, turn around and lie down to reduce stress and maintain good physical condition. Space and provisions for exercise must be appropriate for the type of pet.

Animal Complaints & Concerns

To obtain a customer service request for an animal concern in your neighborhood, call **311** to reach the Baltimore City call center, or visit <http://baltimore.customerservicerequest.org/>.

Wildlife

Animal Control does not pick up or trap healthy, wild animals. Please contact the Department of Natural Resources at **877-463-6497**.

Feeding Stray Cats Is Against The Law

Feral cat colonies are allowed with restrictions. Please contact Community Cats for more information at **410-753-9000 / www.communitycatsmd.org**.



Baltimore City Animal Control Laws www.baltimorehealth.org/animalcontrol

Fresh Water Make sure your pets have access to fresh water at all times when kept outdoors.

Avoid Rats Pet food and animal waste attracts rats. Clean up after your pets often and don't leave food out overnight.

Shelter The law requires pet owners to provide shelter (e.g., a dog house) for dogs kept outdoors. The shelter must be elevated 2 inches off the ground with a flap on the door to help reduce drafts. Whenever the

temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, all domestic animals should be brought indoors.

Animal Waste must be picked up immediately. It is a violation to leave animal waste on your property, and while walking your animal on public property, parks, and private property, without promptly removing it.

Proper Restraint/Dogs on Tethers Tethers must be at least three -and-a half times the dog's

body length and positioned to prevent tangling and choking. Use only with a properly fitted harness or buckle type collar. Dogs should be released from the tether and walked at least twice daily.

Exercise for your dog Dogs should be walked twice a day. Baltimore City requires dogs be leashed at all times. Violators can receive a \$100 citation. The city operates two dog parks for unleashed play. Call 311 for locations.



Tips For Keeping Pets Healthy & Safe

Annual Vet Visits

Schedule an annual checkup to catch disease or illness and keep your pet up to date on vaccinations, heartworm prevention and parasites.

Protect Your Pet

Groom your pet regularly to prevent fleas, ticks and mites. Call your veterinarian if you suspect an infestation.

Spay/Neuter Your Pet

Having your pet spayed or neutered can help with behavioral problems, like aggression, marking (urinating around the house), roaming and unwanted litters.

Rabies Vaccination

All dogs, cats and ferrets are required to be vaccinated for rabies, a serious disease that can cause death. "BARCS" has discounted rabies clinics every month.

Call for details: 410-396-4695

Dog & Cat License for Baltimore City

A pet license is required for all dogs and cats. Owner information must be updated annually.

To obtain a Baltimore City pet license or for information about rabies vaccination clinics, call BARCS at 410-396-4695 Monday through Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday or Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org