

Dear Animal Owner,

This pamphlet describes Montgomery County's animal laws, frequently encountered problems, and sources for additional information and assistance. While not all-inclusive, this is important information for helping you care for your animal.



Adopt a homeless animal today.

Important Contact Information

All area codes are 540.

Montgomery County

- Animal Control.....382-5795
MontVA.com/animal
- Health Department.....381-7100
MontVA.com/health
- Sheriff's Office382-2951
MontVA.com/sheriff

Police (non-emergency numbers)

- Blacksburg Police961-1150
blacksburg.gov/police
- Christiansburg Police.....382-3131

Humane Society of382-1166

Montgomery County *civic.bev.net/hsmc*

VA PAWS.....382-7297

vapaws.org



*Virginia Partnership for
Animal Welfare and Support*

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Christiansburg, VA 24073
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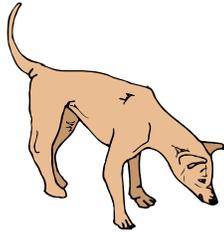
A Guide to Pet Ownership



In partnership with the VA PAWS
Shelter Outreach Program

Montgomery County Animal Control

Two Animal Control Officers are on duty from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. These officers handle many types of complaints including stray animals, injured animals, animal cruelty, vicious animals, animal licensing, and rabies vaccination checks. A duty officer is on-call nights, weekends, and holidays to handle emergency situations. Only injured or vicious animals will be picked up after hours. Stray animals are not considered an emergency. See the "Important Contact Information" section for telephone numbers and web addresses for Montgomery County Animal Control and related agencies.



Animal Control routinely picks up stray animals and impounds them at the Animal Control Shelter in Christiansburg. Impounded animals are held for five (5) days not including the day of pickup. Animals with identification (tag, tattoo, or collar) are held for a minimum of ten (10) days. Redeeming an animal costs \$10.00 for the first day and \$3.00 for each additional day. Unclaimed animals become the property of the County and can be adopted or euthanized.

The adoption fee for dogs is \$10.00. Puppies are free. Persons wishing to adopt must live in Montgomery County or an adjacent county. All adopters must appear in person to fill out an adoption contract.



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County Animal Shelter Hours

Mon - Fri noon - 1 pm
4 - 5 pm
Saturday 3 - 4 pm

Montgomery County Animal Laws

Running at Large

Dogs are prohibited from running at large by County code. Any animal roaming off of its property and not under the direct control of the owner is subject to impoundment. A misdemeanor summons may be issued for any violation witnessed by the officer.

Humane Treatment

Pet owners must provide proper food, water, and shelter for their animals at all times. Failure to do so may result in the confiscation of your pet and a misdemeanor summons for animal cruelty.

Licenses and Vaccinations

Dogs aged four (4) months or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination and a current County animal license. Animals must wear their tags when off their property. An **unaltered animal** license is **\$5.00** per year. **Spayed or neutered animals** cost **\$3.00** per year. Licenses are available at:



Montgomery County 382-5723
Treasurer's Office

Blacksburg Municipal Building.. 961-1100

Animal Exposure (bites and scratches)

Animal exposures are handled by the County Health Department and County Animal Control. Any animal who exposes any person to the possibility of rabies must remain under observation for a ten (10) day quarantine period supervised by the Health Department. Quarantine may be done at the owner's residence subject to certain conditions. Animal exposures must be reported to the Health Department immediately. Failure to report

an exposure is a criminal offense. We work with the Health Department to insure proper quarantine procedures are followed. Animals who violate quarantine are subject to confiscation. Owners are subject to fines and imprisonment.

Vicious Animals

No one is permitted to keep a vicious animal in the County. An animal found to be vicious is subject to impoundment and may be disposed of by court order.

Leash Laws and Barking

Dogs must be leashed while in public parks and on public property. It is also unlawful for a dog to bark in a continuous or untimely manner so as to disturb the peace. Citizens may contact us for assistance in dealing with nuisance animal complaints.



Animal Waste

Animals are not allowed to defecate on public or private property unless the owner or custodian removes the waste and disposes of it in a sanitary manner. Owners must clean up their own property on a daily basis.

Animal Overpopulation

We are committed to educating the public about the problem of pet overpopulation. Citizens may receive assistance with reduced cost spaying or neutering by calling VA PAWS at 382-7297 or the Humane Society of Montgomery County at 382-1166.

Thank you for taking the time to read this pamphlet. Copies are available at the County Animal Shelter. Please remember to be a responsible pet owner.



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