

## Socialize Your Dog

All pets require some degree of social interaction in order to develop and maintain a healthy and social temperament. Outdoor dogs should never be left tethered or penned for long periods of time.

Dogs left alone for long periods become frustrated and often exhibit aggressive and/or destructive behavior such as chewing, biting, excessive barking or whining, pacing, or a combination of these potentially dangerous and undesirable behaviors.

Dogs are pack animals and need the socialization that a pack provides to its members. Individuals or families that acquire and keep dogs must understand that they are responsible for fulfilling the social needs of a dog with it becomes part of their “pack”.

Dogs should be walked and played with indoors or out and have some type of social interaction with its family on a daily basis.

If you do not have time to spend with your dog or cat and cannot provide the proper food, shelter, license, vaccinations, and veterinary care when needed, then owning an animal may not be for you.

## Safety Rules to Follow

- ⇒ Never leave children unsupervised with a dog or cat.
- ⇒ Don't play “tug-of-war” games with dogs as it encourages aggressive behavior.
- ⇒ Don't approach or touch a dog or cat without the permission of its owner. Better yet, let the animal get used to you before you touch it.
- ⇒ Recognize aggressive behavior: barking, snarling, teeth bared, muzzle tense and wrinkled, tail straight up or straight down but stiff, ears back, hackles raised, staring.
- ⇒ If walking your dog be observant. Do not let your dog pass too close to another dog (or person) if either dog is displaying fearful or aggressive behaviors upon approach.

## Dogs Kept Outdoors

It is a mistaken belief that cats and dogs can withstand cold temperatures because they have fur. How well your animal does in cold weather depends on more than just its breed. No dog or cat can withstand extreme temperatures for extended periods of time without proper shelter.

A sturdy shelter just large enough for the dog to stand up, turn around, and lie down in is of sufficient size. A shelter that is too large for the dog will not allow the dog to conserve its body heat. The shelter should be wind and rain proof. Face the shelter away from the wind. Place a heavy flap over the opening to protect the animal from the wind. The shelter should be raised several inches off the ground to prevent water and snow from entering the shelter. Provide the animal with clean, dry bedding for insulation. Provide fresh water daily and in adequate amounts. Ice and snow are not acceptable substitutes from fresh water.

## Cats

Remember, city leash laws and all other animal ordinances also pertain to cats. Do not let cats run at large off your property. Cats are predatory by nature and often kill wildlife such as songbirds. Cats that are not sterilized and run at large contribute to the over population of stray and feral cats. Cats that run free are likely to attack or be attacked and injured by other wildlife that may carry the rabies virus.

Cats are safest kept indoors. If your cat enjoys the outdoors, put him or her on a leash and supervise the cat while it is outdoors. Tethered animals, cats and dogs, are vulnerable to attack by other unleashed dogs or cats and cannot retreat from an attack when tethered and alone outdoors.

## Animals at Large

Animals found running at large where the owner cannot be immediately determined or contacted for retrieval of their animal, will be transported and held at the Fox Valley Humane Association at the owner's expense. Contact the Fox Valley Humane Association at (920) 733-1717 for information concerning their hours of operation, licensing, vaccination requirements, and fees associated with the release of an animal to its owner or caretaker.

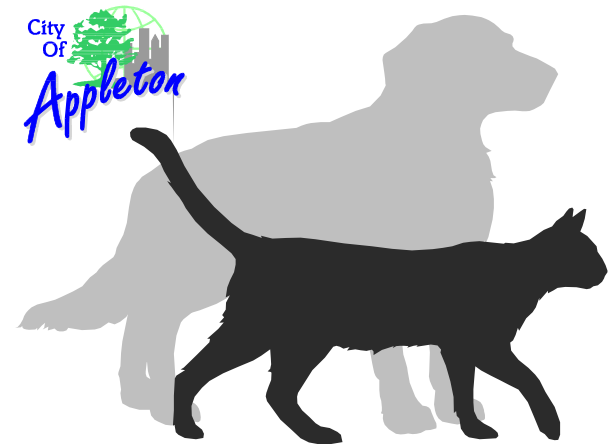
**For more information concerning animal ordinances and animal care, please contact the Appleton Police Department at (920) 832-6414.**

# City of Appleton Police Department

**FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911**

**FOR CALLS REQUIRING AN  
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE THAT IS  
NOT AN EMERGENCY, CALL THE  
NON-EMERGENCY LINE AT  
(920) 832-5500**

**ANIMAL CONTROL  
INFORMATION  
(920) 832-6414**



**Information concerning the  
keeping of pets in the city,  
licensing, and general animal  
care.**

## City of Appleton – Mail In Application For Dog/Cat License

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (City residents only!): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Cat: Longhair \_\_\_\_\_ Medium Hair \_\_\_\_\_ Shorthair \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of rabies shot \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veterinary Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

NEUTERED / SPAYED PET \$6.00      UNALTERED PET \$11.00

**Complete this application and mail with the rabies certificate, proof of sterilization, and check (do not send cash) made out to the City of Appleton.** For more than one pet, make additional copies of this form. Enclose a self-addressed envelope and your paperwork and license will be returned.

Mail To: Appleton Police Department  
 Attn: Animal Control  
 222 S Walnut St.  
 Appleton, WI 54911-5099

For more information, Stop by or Call:  
 Appleton Police Department  
 222 S Walnut St. Appleton, WI

## Our Mission

The City of Appleton has adopted state statutes and created city ordinances concerning animal ownership to protect the public health and safety of its citizens and to promote the general welfare of citizens and animals residing within the city.

Primary responsibility is placed on the animal owners to properly maintain and secure their animal so as to prevent them from causing injuries and/or creating nuisances.

**Enforcement** - Violations of state statutes and city ordinances will be addressed by written warnings and/or citations. Violations of a more serious nature may be referred to the District Attorney's office for charges.

## Municipal Ordinance, Chapter 3

**Restraint (“leash law”)** - the animal must be secured by a person or lead, and under the control of a responsible person and obedient to that persons command, or within the real property limits of its owner.

**Limit allowed** - No person or household shall keep more than six (6) animals, the maximum number of dogs being three (3), maximum number of rabbits being two (2).

**Animal Care** - No owner or caretaker of an animal shall fail to provide it with adequate food, water, heating, cooling, ventilation, sanitation, shelter, and medical treatment when necessary.

**Abuse of animal** - No person shall beat, cruelly ill treat, torment or otherwise abuse an animal.

**Removal of waste** - All pens, yards, structures or areas where animals are kept shall be maintained in a nuisance free manner. Excrement shall be removed regularly and disposed of property so not to attract insects or rodents, become unsightly or cause objectionable odors.

**Report of animal bites or scratches** - All incidents occurring in the city in which any animal bites or scratches a person or another animal, or is suspected of such, shall immediately be reported to the Police Department.

## Licensing/Vaccinations

License and Rabies Vaccinations are required for all cats and dogs by the time they reach 5 months of age. Rabies vaccinations are required for ferrets by age 5 months. Licenses must be obtained yearly. Rabies vaccinations are to be kept current and owners must be able to provide proof of valid rabies vaccinations for animals requiring rabies vaccinations.

The license period commences on January 1st and ends on the following December 31st. Dogs and cats must wear license and rabies tags at all times when off the premise of the owner.

A valid rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian and proof of neuter or spay (to obtain the half price fee) will be required at the time the license is purchased.

**Licenses are sold at the Appleton Police Department from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed on Saturday, Sunday, and all City Observed Holidays.**

## Animal License Fees

Cats/Dog	Spayed/Neutered	Non-Sterilized
January 1st - March 31st	\$6.00	\$11.00
April 1st - December 31st	\$11.00	\$16.00

Owners are charged a late penalty if they fail to purchase a license prior to April 1st for animals that are 5 months or older by April 1st, or within 30 days of acquiring a licensable (5 month or older) dog or cat.

Kitten/Puppy	Spayed/Neutered	Non-Sterilized
After July 1st	\$3.00	\$5.50

Owners are charged half the amount (after July 1st) only if the puppy or kitten to be licensed comes of licensable age after July 1st of the license year.

**Replacement Tags - \$5.00 each**