

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHERE CAN I GET A DOG PARK PERMIT?

Dog park permits are for areas located in the City of Madison, Dane County, the City of Middleton, and the City of Sun Prairie. Your dog must be licensed before obtaining a permit. **The City of Fitchburg does NOT issue dog park permits.** Locations issuing the permits include City of Madison Treasurer, City of Madison Parks, Dane County Clerk, Dane County Humane Society, and Mounds Pet Food. The full list of locations that issue dog park permits can be found at www.cityofmadison.com. Maps and additional information regarding the dog parks can also be found at the City of Madison web site.

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE LOST MY PET?

You may contact the Fitchburg Police Department at (608) 270-4300 to determine if your animal has been picked up by a member of the Police Department or dropped off by a member of the community. You may also contact the Dane County Humane Society at (608) 838-0413 to determine if your pet has been delivered there. You may also contact the Fitchburg Access Community Television (FACT) Office at (608) 270-4225. FACT will post the information about your missing pet on the Fitchburg Cable Channels.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTINUED

IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OR TYPE OF PETS I CAN HAVE?

According to City Ordinance 22-56(12) Dogs & Cats; and 22-56(13) Domesticated animals, other than dogs and cats, with a maximum weight of generally less than 30 pounds; are a permitted use in a R-L Low Density Residential District. Other animals may be permitted per 22-56(14) Limited animal husbandry not exceeding 25 percent of one animal unit per acre or a pro-rated portion of an acre. (Note: Animal husbandry is limited to rabbits, poultry, beekeeping, fish farming, and only where and when the person performing the animal husbandry lives on the site. Definition of animal unit can be found within the zoning ordinance located on the City's website www.fitchburgwi.gov). In addition, please check with your neighborhood association to be sure there are no additional covenants or deed restrictions. However, according to City Ordinance 56-30 if you do have four or more dogs, you will need to have your kennel inspected by the Police Department Humane Officer or the Humane Officer's designee.



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CITY OF FITCHBURG

PET INFORMATION – LICENSING, RULES AND REGULATIONS



Please Remember:
There is no **Poop Fairy** ...



Scoop your Poop
Grab it • Bag it • Toss it.

PET LICENSING

DOGS

You may apply for a Dog License in the Clerk's Department at City Hall. Since we do not keep paper copies of rabies information on file, please bring (or mail) the document (or a copy) that you received from your veterinarian showing all rabies information. According to State Statute 95.21, we MUST see this information every year. You may also mail the application and rabies information to City Hall. We will then mail the license, tag, and your rabies information back to you. The charge for a dog that is spayed or neutered is \$20.00. The charge for a dog that is NOT spayed or neutered is \$25.00.

CATS

You may apply for a Cat License in the Clerk's Department at City Hall. Since we do not keep paper copies of rabies information on file, please bring (or mail) the document (or a copy) that you received from your veterinarian showing all rabies information. According to City Ordinance 6.03, we must see this information every year. You may also mail the application and rabies information to City Hall at 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg WI 53711. We will then mail the license, tag, and your rabies information back to you. The charge for a cat that is spayed or neutered is \$5.00. The charge for a cat that is NOT spayed or neutered is \$7.00.

LATE FEES FOR DOGS

Dogs not registered prior to April 1 will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee.

LICENSING INFORMATION

Stats. 95.21(10) Penalties. (a) Failure to obtain rabies vaccination. An owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required under sub. (2)(a) may be required to forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00

Stats. 175.04(5) The City of Fitchburg will assess a late fee of \$5.00 from every owner of a dog 5 months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age.

95.21(2) Rabies Vaccination Requirement for Dogs. (a) The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and re-vaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination... The owner of a dog shall have the dog re-vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within 3 years after the previous vaccination. **Cats: Evidence of rabies vaccination is required.**

Also see City Ordinance 56.25 and 56.26 for dog/cat license and vaccination information

CITY ORDINANCES RELATING TO ANIMALS

56-75 OWNERS'S DUTY TO REMOVE REFUSE

(1) The owner or the person in charge of an animal shall immediately remove all refuse, dirt, foods and/or excretions expelled, caused by or left by any animal on any public property or private property other than that of the owner and deposit same into proper refuse containers.

(2) See Forfeiture/Bond/Deposit Schedule for penalties for any person, firm or corporation who violates subsection (1).

56-74 PROHIBITED CONDUCT

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any animal to let such animal do any of the following:

- (1) Run at large. Run or be at large upon any street, alley or public place in the city or on property other than that of the owner or keeper except in the following areas:
 - (a) City Dog Park
 - (b) Public Hunting Grounds

(2) Attack pedestrians. To assault or attack a person while such person is peacefully walking or riding within the city.

(3) Attack other animals. To attack, assault, worry, wound or kill, any pet or domestic animal other than that of its owner.

(4) To disturb the peace. Habitually disturb the peace and quiet of any person in the vicinity of the place where such animal is kept.

(5) Damage property. To injure, damage or destroy the property of other than its owner.

(6) Chase vehicles. Habitually pursue or chase vehicular traffic.

(7) Presence in public parks. Be present in or upon the grounds of any city park or other public recreational grounds where signs are posted prohibiting such presence; and in all other park or recreational areas, unrestrained by rope, cord, leash, chain, harness, or bridle.

SCOOP'N DA POOP

It's very important to pick up after your pet all year long, especially during winter. If not picked up, pet waste can be encased in snow and ice, ready to be carried away with the melting snow. The bacteria and nutrients found in pet waste are much more likely to make their way to the nearest storm drain. Rain and melting snow does not go to the wastewater treatment plant. Rather, it goes to the nearest Fitchburg creeks which drain downstream to lakes and rivers. Be sure to continue to scoop the poop all year 'round and do your part to help keep Fitchburg's creeks clean and pet waste free.

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