

## MAKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ANIMAL FRIENDLY

Owning a dog should be a pleasant experience for you and the community in which it lives.

Provided here is a brief overview of some State and Local animal laws which are designed to ensure the well being of your dog and provide a basic level of protection for the community from nuisance dogs or dogs at large.

Violations of any of these laws could result in you, as the owner or keeper of a dog, being summonsed to court.

As a responsible dog owner you need to be aware of the laws governing dog ownership and do your part in complying with these requirements. Augusta's Animal Control Officer will help you with any questions you have regarding animal laws.

## STATE LAWS

### Title 7, Section:

**3921: License Necessary.** All dogs upon reaching the age of 6 months must be licensed in the town where it resides.

**3911: Dogs Not to Run At Large.** It is unlawful for any dog to run at large except when used for hunting.

At large means; off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person.



**3961: Damage by Dogs.** When a dog does damage to a person or his property, the owner or keeper of the dog is liable in a Civil action to the person injured for the amount of the damage done.

**4011: Cruelty to Animals.** It is unlawful to injure, torture, torment, abandon, poison cruelly beat or give alcohol to any animal. It is unlawful to deprive any animal of necessary sustenance necessary medical attention, proper shelter or protection from the weather.

## AUGUSTA ORDINANCES

### Section (§) 119-4. Impounding of Unlicensed dogs.

Any dog not licensed in accordance with Title 7, M.R.S.A. § 3923-A and found within the City may be impounded.

**§ 119-6. Noise disturbances prohibited.** A dog cannot cause a disturbance by continuous or repeated barking or howling.

**§119-9. Leashing of dogs on public property.** All dogs on a public way must be on a leash, at heel beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands.

**§ 119-13. Dog Waste.** If a dog defecates on public walks, recreation areas or private property other than the owners it must be immediately cleaned up and properly disposed of.

**Impound Schedule.** Any dog found at large may be impounded. Prior to release the owner will first have to license the dog and pay all impound and shelter fees. Impound fee will be paid at the Augusta Police Department.

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| First Impound.....          | \$35.00 |
| Second Impound.....         | \$50.00 |
| Third Impound .....         | \$75.00 |
| All Continuing Impounds.... | \$75.00 |

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Barking may be a result of boredom. How often do you interact with you dog?

All dogs will bite. Use caution when approaching an unfamiliar dog.

A new law prohibits transporting dogs in the back of pick-up trucks unless its properly secured.

If you have a dog spayed or neutered the cost for its license is only \$6.00

Short hair dogs are not native to cold climates. If you keep your dog outside in the winter, is its housing adequate?



**VISIT THE CITY OF AUGUSTA'S  
DOG PARK LOCATED ON CANAL  
STREET OFF NORTHERN  
AVENUE, THE NORTH END OF  
THE MILL PARK**

**REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR  
PETS**

**VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES**



**PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS**

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ANIMALS IN A  
HOT CAR. LEAVE THEM AT HOME  
WHERE THEY WILL BE COMFORTABLE**

**DOG OWNERS  
GUIDE**



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**ANIMAL CONTROL**

**207-626-2370**