



Franklin County Municipal Court Environmental Division

Judge Stephanie Mingo

Dog Licensing and Control Laws

How Do I Get a Dog License?

Dog license information is available on the Franklin County Auditor's Dog License website:

www.franklincountyauditor.com/dogs/dog/licensing

Locations to Purchase Dog Licenses (Online or In-Person)

Franklin County Dog Shelter

4340 Tamarack Blvd
Columbus, OH 43224
(614)-525-3647

Franklin County Auditor

373 S High Street, 21st
Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
(614)-525-3260

Locations to Purchase Dog Licenses (Online or In-Person)

Columbus Humane

3015 Scioto Darby
Executive Ct
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614)-777-7387

Pet Supplies Plus

- 4886 Morse Road
(614)-775-9944
- 1380 W Lane Ave
(614)-487-1274
- 8170 E Broad St
(614)-892-2300

Who Enforces Dog License Laws?

The primary mission of Franklin County Animal Care and Control is to enforce the dog laws in Franklin County and keep the public safe from animal-related health and safety dangers (i.e. loose/unlicensed dogs).

What are Dangerous Dog Laws?

Effective May 22, 2012, the State of Ohio no longer defines a "breed of dog commonly know as a pit bull" as a vicious dog. However, any dog may be designated as vicious, dangers, or a nuisance based on its actions. Any law enforcement officer, dog warden, or animal control officer may make this designation.

What are Dangerous Dog Laws?

There are currently three designations a dog can receive: Nuisance, Dangerous, or Vicious.

*More information on **Dog Designations** can be found at the Environmental Court's website.*

Does My Dog Need a Rabies Shot?

All dogs in Franklin County over three months of age must be currently immunized against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. This is a requirement of the Franklin County Board of Health.

General Tips for Dog Owners

- All dogs regardless of age must be kept confined on the property of the owner, keeper, or harborer at all times.
- Acceptable methods for confinement include a fence, tethering device, dog pen, inside house or garage, or under adequate supervision.
- If you are walking your dog off your property, you must maintain reasonable control over your dog on a leash so that it doesn't run away.

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