



Severe Weather Animal Alert Information

In accordance with Anne Arundel County Code, an animal alert is made when the Anne Arundel County Executive declares a severe weather emergency (any time Cooling Centers are opened). Please note the Severe Weather Animal Alert doesn't change the requirements; it merely increases the fines for failure to comply.

ANY DOG LEFT UNATTENDED OUTSIDE AT ANY TIME MUST HAVE:

- Fresh, clean and drinkable water at all times in a non-tip bowl.
- A dog house, with no interior metal surfaces, that protects the animal from the heat and sunlight and is at least 2 inches off the ground.
- Dry bedding or resting board inside the dog house.
- A separate shaded area, in addition to a dog house, available at all times.
- If the dog is in an enclosure, the enclosure must meet County minimums:
Minimum enclosure sizes: 100 square feet for dogs under 80 pounds; 150 square feet for dogs over 80 pounds, an additional 50 square feet for each dog under 80 pounds in the same enclosure, an additional 75 square feet for each dog over 80 pounds in the same enclosure.

A DOG CANNOT BE TETHERED OUTDOORS unless temperatures are below 90 degrees. If the temperature is 89 degrees or below, tethering still is restricted to one 15-minute period a day unless a person at least 13 years old also is outside directly supervising the dog.

Failure to comply with the above requirements in violation of the County Code may result in civil citations, with fines from \$125 to \$1,000, removal of the animal and/or criminal prosecution.

Animal Care & Control also recommends: If the temperature or heat index is expected to be at or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, all dogs should be brought indoors to an area that is temperature controlled.

Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control (410) 222-3939

The logo features a brown and white dog sitting on a chain that is attached to a metal ring. The text "CHAINED DOG AWARENESS" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font to the right of the dog and chain.

CHAINED DOG AWARENESS

A dog in Anne Arundel County cannot be chained/tethered outside for more than 15 minutes a day unless a person at least 13 years old also is outside directly watching the dog.

—Anne Arundel County's law only allows a tethered/chained dog to be unsupervised for ONE 15-minute period per day.

—Tethering is prohibited if the outdoor temperature is lower than 33 degrees Fahrenheit or higher than 89 degrees Fahrenheit.

—The dog's tether/chain must be at least 10 feet long and the dog must be unable to wrap itself in the tether or chain or otherwise endanger itself while on a restraint.

—Accessible clean water, adequate shade and a separate dog house that meets minimum county standards also are required at all times.

**Contact Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control
to report a possible violation: 410-222-3939**