

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control



Arizona Revised Statutes Related to Dog Ownership



If you own a dog in Maricopa County, there are some laws you need to follow.

Rabies Vaccination and Dog License:

All dogs over the age of three months must have an updated rabies vaccination and a Maricopa County dog license. Rabies vaccines are \$34 and can be administered at either of MCACC's Animal Care Centers. They are \$20 Sundays from 12—4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9—11 a.m.

Dog licenses are \$16 for sterilized dogs and \$40 for unsterilized dogs. Besides it being the law, a dog license can help you be reunited with your dog if he escapes. **A.R.S. 11-1008 & 11-1010**

Leash Law:

Maricopa County has a leash law that prohibits your dog from running at large. Your dog must be confined to your home or property, either inside the house or an enclosed yard. When you take your dog outside of its confined area, it must be on a leash, no longer than 6 feet. The only public place that allows your dog to be off-leash is in a dog park.

A.R.S. 11-1012

Animal Bites:

If your dog bites a person, you must report that bite to MCACC. Your dog will be quarantined and/or destroyed. You may receive a citation, court time, and fines. Remember to keep your dog under control and properly train him.

A.R.S. 11-1014

These laws were put in place to help keep your dog and community safe. A rabies vaccination keeps your dog healthy. A license will help us get your dog back to you if he escapes. And a leash keeps your pet from getting away and from being hit by a car.

*For more information on the Arizona Revised Statutes, visit:
www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp*

Pet ownership may be subject to additional laws established by your city or town government, even your HOA. It is your responsibility to educate yourself about these laws.