

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



BEFORE **BRINGING AN ANIMAL INTO YOUR HOME!**

No one should have a companion animal unless that person understands the commitment involved and is willing to accept that responsibility.

The well cared for dog or cat may live for 15 to 20 years, or more. That represents a major commitment of time and money. It's a large, long-term responsibility that must not be undertaken lightly.

Your companions will always be completely dependent on you, they will never be able to do anything for themselves. But, remember to be patient because it's nearly impossible to "train" a dog or cat overnight; we all make mistakes. It's up to you to provide food and water, to clean the litterbox or clean up after your dog, and to exercise, groom and provide veterinary care on a regular basis.

**YOU WILL
HAVE TO DO
ALL THIS,
NOT YOUR
CHILDREN!**



HELP PREVENT ANIMAL SUFFERING!



Clear identification,

such as the your city license, can save a dog or cat's life. Accidents happen, and when they do, lost animals depend on that highly visible tag bearing your name, street address and two phone numbers. Every few months, slip three fingers under the collar to make sure it isn't too tight. Tattooing and microchip implants provide added protection against theft.

Look out for "hot dogs"...

Dogs don't perspire, so in hot weather they should never be left in a car - even with car windows cracked. A dog can quickly suffer brain damage or death. Beat summer fleas by giving dogs flaxseed oil, calcium ascorbate (buffered vitamin C powder), vitamin B-complex and garlic and by using a flea comb to remove fleas and their eggs, Also, vacuum frequently and spray carpets and floors with a flea growth regulator.

If you must give up an animal,

it is vital to screen prospective homes carefully. Never say "free to a good home," the five favorite words of "bunchers" who sell animals to laboratory dealers. If you are unable to find a suitable home, take him or her to a shelter with strict adoption rules. Screen "no-kill" shelters to make sure animals don't wind up spending their entire lives in cages.



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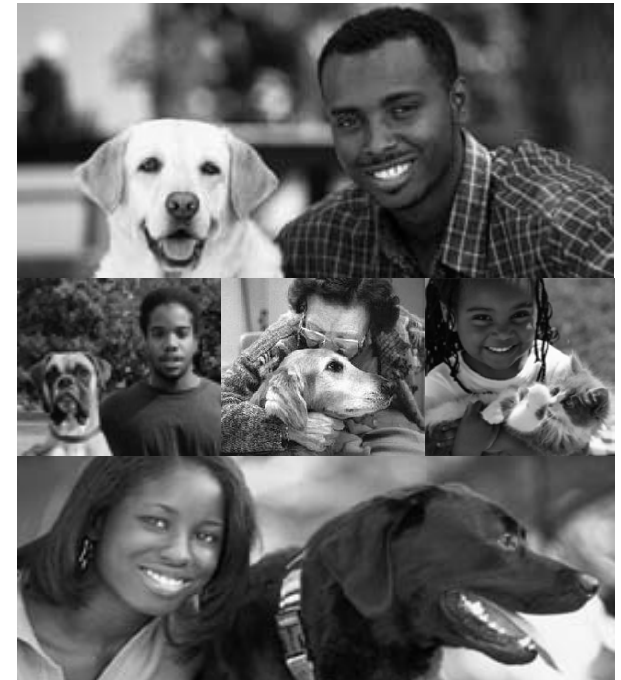
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Animal Welfare Regulations



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Chapter 210 - Ordinances Governing Animal Welfare

Various ordinances governing animal welfare have been put into place in Camden over many years. These ordinances are regularly updated and new ones added to promote the health, safety and general welfare of Camden residents and their companion animals. The ordinances below are some of the most important animal welfare ordinances:

- 🐾 **210-06: DOG LICENSE REQUIRED** - for all dogs over 6 months of age; obtain licenses annually at City Hall, or request an application by mail at 856-757-7223.
- 🐾 **210-16: DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED** - dogs are required to be leashed, to be held by persons over the age of 16 - see also 210-44.
- 🐾 **210-18: ENTRY BY AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER LAWFUL** - unless the owner of the property is present and forbids the same.
- 🐾 **210-29: PERMITTED ANIMALS** - include **ONLY** dogs, cats, rabbits, and certain tropical birds ; no other animals may be kept.
- 🐾 **210-35: ATTACK DOGS PROHIBITED** - prohibited dogs include any dog that has been, or shall be intentionally trained to attack, injure or kill persons or other animals, voluntarily or upon command.
- 🐾 **210-39: SPAYING AND NEUTERING REQUIRED** - it is unlawful to own, possess, or keep any dog or cat over the age of 6 months that is not spayed or neutered.
- 🐾 **210-41: INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL BREEDING; SEIZURE OF LITTER** - if an intentional or accidental breeding occurs, the **ENTIRE** litter must be turned over to animal control after weaning; the mother animal must be spayed within 10 weeks after birth of the litter.
- 🐾 **210-41.1: BREEDING FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION NOT PERMITTED** - unless a license has been obtained and a mercantile business fee has been paid.
- 🐾 **210-44: PROPER RESTRAINT AND CONFINEMENT TO PROPERTY** - animals must be enclosed and properly provided for (NJ 4:22-17) within a house or building, a properly maintained fence, pen, or other enclosure; pens or other enclosures must measure at least 150 sq. ft.; a soundly constructed, adequately sized, properly positioned and maintained dwelling (i.e., dog house) must be made available; clean water must be available at all times and not be allowed to freeze over; food must be available every 24 hours, or every 12 hours in the case of juvenile animals; all food and water dishes and housing areas must be regularly and properly sanitized.
- 🐾 **210-45: CONTINUOUS CHAINING OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED** - animals must not be chained or otherwise tethered to dog houses, trees, or any other stationary objects, indoors or outdoors, for more than two consecutive hours in any 24 hour period.

Penalties: Up to \$ 1,000 fine; Imprisonment up to 90 days; Community Service

For all Chapter 210 Ordinances, contact the City Clerk's Office at 856-757-7223 or www.ci.camden.nj.us



The City of Camden is counting on YOU to properly provide for your dogs and cats!

The City Department of Animal Welfare & Control and Humane Law Enforcement is committed to correcting community problems resulting from irresponsible or violent animal guardians by focusing on neglect and abuse, the enforcement of ordinances and state laws, and the prosecution of violations. We shall also continue to seek legislation for better statutes that will solve these problems.

If you suspect animal neglect or abuse, please call us at 856-757-7053, or call the Police Department at 856-757-7400

To report a lost companion animal, please contact the Camden County Animal Shelter at 856-401-1300



The link between animal abuse, child abuse and domestic violence is real...*and often deadly*

People who abuse animals are likely to also abuse people.

Please, always report signs of domestic violence and/or animal abuse whenever you see it!

