

# Town of Monroe

**ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT**  
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## **Connecticut State law requires:**

- (1) All animal bites/ attacks (regardless of species) are to be reported to the municipal agency where the incident occurred. Investigation is required to be made within 24 hours of such complaint. (C.G.S. sec. 22-358)
- (2) All cats and dogs over three months of age be vaccinated against rabies (**Violation: Ticket fine \$136 per animal, C.G.S. sec. 22-339b**).
- (3) All dogs over six months of age are required to be licensed annually with the Town Clerk's Office in the town where they are kept (**Violation: Ticket fine \$75 per animal, C. G. S. sec. 22-349**).  
The law requires the Unit to conduct a door-to-door license survey yearly.
- (4) All dogs are required to be kept under the owner or keeper's control at all times, not roaming freely or upon the property of another persons without permission. (**Violation: Ticket fine \$92 per animal, C. G. S. sec. 22-364(a)**).
- (5) Municipal Ordinance (Zoning regulations) allows a **maximum of four adult** (over 1 year of age) dogs per household. Zoning regulation requires **minimum of five (5) acres** of property for the keeping of any horse, cattle, sheep, goats or other livestock or poultry. Commercial boarding kennels, pet shops, grooming and training facilities require Zoning approval followed by licensing with the State Dept. of Agriculture.
- (6) No person shall own or harbor a dog, which is a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking. (**Violation: Ticket fine \$75, 1st offense, C. G. S. sec. 22-363**).
- (7) Animals are to be provided with shelter from the weather, food and water.  
(**Violation: Misdemeanor Summons/Court appearance required, fine imposed by the court of not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year or both, C. G. S. sec. 53-247**).
- (8) If a dog is struck by a motor vehicle, the operator of the vehicle is required to stop and attempt to contact the owner of the animal, if unable to stop the operator is required to immediately report the accident to the police department. (Violation: Misdemeanor Summons/Court appearance required).

**Lost animals** should be reported to our Animal Care Facility located at 447 Purdy Hill Road, telephone #203-452-3760 (Answering Machine is available for messages). There are live telephone operators available 24 hours a day seven days a week at 203-261-3622 (Police Communications Center).

Dogs are allowed to be walked (leashed) on the Rails to Trails system (running between Great Hollow Lake/ Wolf Park through to the Newtown Town Line). **No dogs are allowed in the town parks**. There are no parks in town set aside specifically for dogs.  
Dog owners are responsible for the cleanup of their dog's waste (fecal droppings), otherwise may be subject to a ticket fine of \$75 (State Statute for creating nuisance, C. G. S. sec 22-363).

**"Aggressive vicious"** dog complaints are handled by the enforcement of State law, charging the dog owner with State Statute violation, Creating Nuisance (1<sup>st</sup> offence \$75 ticket fine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense misdemeanor arrest and court appearance required). Pursuant to the State Statutes pertaining to dog bites and attacks, the

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“municipality” may issue a “Restraint” or “Disposal” Order concerning the offending dog (C. G. S. sec. 22-358/ 22-363). Violation of the Municipal order, subject to misdemeanor arrest, court appearance required.

Stray animals and dogs are housed at the dog pound, located at 447 Purdy Hill Road. The stray animal becomes available for adoption seven days after being advertised in the newspaper. Animals that are available for adoption are advertised on the worldwide web Internet site: [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). There are over eighty dog pounds in Connecticut using the site as well as private rescue groups.

Dead animals may be reported to the Animal Control Unit for collection and proper disposal of the carcass.

If you have any questions, problems or wish to visit our facility, please feel free to stop by or call my office. The facility is open to the public daily from 8:30 am through 11:00 am, otherwise by appointment.