



TO REPORT A VIOLATION CONTACT:
SUFFOLK POLICE NON-EMERGENCY
DISPATCH, 757-923-2350, OPTION 0

Dog Licenses

The City of Suffolk requires that all dog owners obtain a dog license/tag for dogs of at least 6 months of age. When applying, dog owners must present valid proof of a rabies vaccination for their pet. Dog licenses cost \$5.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered and \$10.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. The license must be renewed annually (by March 1st). For more information and additional details, please visit the following websites:

www.suffolkva.us/trsr/dog-licenses
www.suffolkva.us/anml_ctrl/

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are extremely important in the prevention and control of numerous diseases in dogs and cats, including distemper, parvo and rabies. Given annually, these vaccinations are an excellent investment in your pet's future.

For additional information or questions
contact:

Suffolk Animal Care
124 Forest Glen Drive
Suffolk, VA 23434
757-514-7855

Adequate shelter: Means provision of and access to shelter that is suitable for the, age, condition, size, and type of each dog; provides adequate space for each dog; is safe and protects each dog from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight, the adverse effects of heat or cold, physical suffering, and impairment of health; is properly lighted; is properly cleaned; enables each dog to be clean and dry, and, provides a solid surface, resting platform, pad, floor mat, or similar device that is large enough for the dog to lie on in a normal manner and can be maintained in a sanitary manner.

Adequate space: Means sufficient space to allow each dog to (i) easily stand, sit, lie, turn about, and make all other normal body movements in a comfortable, normal position for the dog and (ii) interact safely with other dogs in the enclosure.

Adequate water: Means provision of and access to clean, fresh, potable water of a drinkable temperature that is provided in a suitable manner, in sufficient volume, and at suitable intervals appropriate for the weather and temperature, to maintain normal hydration for the age, condition, size and type of each dog and is provided in clean, durable receptacles that are accessible to each dog and are placed so as to minimize contamination of the water.

Adequate care: Means the responsible handling, production, management, confinement, feeding, watering, protection, shelter, transportation, treatment, and, when necessary, euthanasia, appropriate for the age, condition, size and type of the dog and the provision for veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or impairment of health.

SUFFOLK CITY CODE LEASH LAW (Sec. 10-43(a)):

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, having control of, or harboring any dog within the city to permit such dog to run at large within the city, or to permit the dog to go upon any public street, sidewalk or right-of-way, unless it is kept secured by a leash or lead or other means of restraint not harmful or injurious to the dog and under the control of a responsible person capable of physically restraining the dog.

UNATTENDED TETHERING



IS AGAINST THE LAW
IN SUFFOLK
Effective September 1, 2013





THERE ARE DANGERS TO TETHERING

Improper tethering can lead to death, mistreatment, excessive barking and vicious temperament in a dog. That's why the City Council passed an ordinance in June 2013 prohibiting all unattended tethering of dogs in Suffolk.

The Council is allowing a period of several months for dog owners to become familiar with and comply with this ordinance before enforcement begins.

Effective September 1, 2013, Section 10-42 will be law. As written in the Code of the City of Suffolk, Virginia, section 10-42 reads: "Unattended tethering of dogs prohibited: It shall be unlawful to tether any unattended dog whether or not the dog has been provided adequate space." Violation of the ordinance is a class 4 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00.

Tethering is the use of something, such as a rope or chain, by which a dog is fastened so that it can range only within a set radius.

ALTERNATIVES?

Need an alternative to tethering? The Suffolk Animal Care Division offers these suggestions:

Make your dog a house dog and take it for walks. The dog can be kept in a crate in the house when you can't keep an eye on it.

Consider doggy daycare at a local vet or kennel. The average cost in Suffolk is \$12.00 to \$20.00 per day.

Consider fencing your yard. This lets your dog stay outside and gives it ample space for exercise.

Whatever choice you make, remember that under Virginia Code and City of Suffolk Ordinance, you must meet certain **BASIC REQUIREMENTS** →



BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR DOG

Each owner shall provide for each of his companion dogs:

-  **Adequate food:** Means access to and the provision of food that is of sufficient quantity and quality to maintain each dog in good health. It must be prepared so as to permit ease of consumption for the age, condition, size and type of each dog; is provided in a clean and sanitary manner; is placed so as to minimize contamination and is provided at suitable intervals for the age and condition of the dog, but at least once daily.
-  Adequate Water;
-  Adequate shelter that is properly cleaned;
-  Adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of dog depending upon its age, size, and weight;
-  Adequate exercise;
-  Adequate care, treatment, and transportation; and
-  Veterinary care when needed or to prevent suffering or disease transmission.

 **Adequate exercise:** Means there must be room for the dog to move sufficiently to maintain normal muscle tone and mass for the age, size, and condition of the dog.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR HAPPY DOGS!