

## OTHER REMINDERS

### Confinement of Dogs – RCGO 91.62

Dogs may be considered to be secure on the premises of the owner if they are enclosed or tethered on the property of such owner.

Dogs may be restrained by means of a trolley system or a tether attached to a pulley on a cable run or to a fixed point, if the following conditions are met:

- Only one dog may be tethered to each cable run or stationary point.
- The tether must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog, with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two adult human fingers may fit. Choke collars, prong collars and pinch collars are prohibited for purposes of tethering a dog.
- The chair or tether must have swivels on both ends.
- The tether or chain or cable run must be of adequate size and strength to effectively restrain the dog.
- The chain or tether must be at least 15 feet in length.
- The dog shall be tethered in a way to prevent extending the chain over an object that could result in strangulation.
- The dog shall have continuous access to water and shelter.
- No dog shall be chained or tethered to a stationary point for more than two consecutive hours in a 12-hour period.
- No dog shall be chained or tethered for more than 12 consecutive hours a 24-hour period.

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### Unnecessary Noise by Animals – RCGO 91.17

No person shall keep any animal which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb one or more inhabitants of two separate residences in the vicinity. Such action is declared to be a public nuisance and detrimental to public health and welfare.

### Fecal Matter Prohibited – RCGO 91.60 & 91.61

While beyond the premises of the owner or keeper, the person in control of every dog shall not permit such dog to deposit any fecal matter on any other premises other than on the public right-of-way. (91.60)

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner, keeper, or person in control of any dog which has deposited any fecal matter on the public right-of-way or on private premises other than that of the owner or keeper of such dog, to immediately cause said fecal matter to be removed and deposited in a suitable container or receptacle under the immediate control of the said owner, keeper, or person in control of said dog. (91.61)

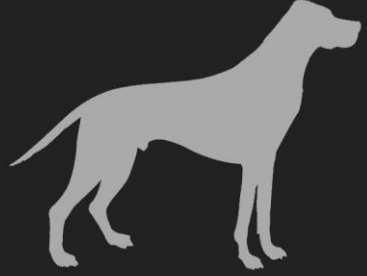
### **Procedures**

Two households, disturbed by nuisance dogs or fecal matter, should send a courteous letter to the dog owner stating the dates and times of the disturbances, recommend a solution (take dog inside owner's home, etc.), and request that the problem be rectified immediately. (Keep copy)



If the noise persists call the Dayton Mediation Center at (937) 333-2345 to help mitigate the situation.

If the noise persists still, call the Dayton Police Department at (937) 333-2677 to file a police report. (Keep copy)

If the problem continues, take the copies of your letter and police report to the City of Dayton Prosecutor's Office at 335 West Third St. (Safety Building).



**DOG  
INFORMATION  
FOR DAYTON  
RESIDENTS**



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## WHAT DAYTON CITIZENS SHOULD KNOW

If you are bitten by a dog, or any other animal, contact Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County immediately at (937) 225-4362. If it is after 5:00p.m., contact the Dayton Police Department at (937) 333-2677.

If you know who the dog or animal owner is, provide that information to Public Health so that it can arrange for the animal to be quarantined properly.

If you are bitten by a dog or other animal that is at large, and you do not know who the owner is, contact the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center immediately at (937) 898-4457. The Animal Shelter will handle the necessary quarantine measures and advise Public Health of the bite.

To officially press charges against a dog owner, you need a police report. If the dog is a stray or the owner is unknown, work closely with the Animal Resource Center to establish who the owner/harbinger/keeper of the dog is.

You may also be able to press charges if your dog or cat is attacked or if it is an attempted attack against a person or domesticated animal.

Approximately 4.5 million dog bites occur each year in the United States; your cooperation can help eliminate future attacks by dogs.

If you are a victim of a dog attack, you must take an active role in helping to prosecute violators since you are a personal witness to the actual offense.

## WHAT DOG OWNERS SHOULD KNOW

Vicious dog means any dog, other than a police dog, which without provocation kills or causes serious physical harm to a person or pet.

No person shall own, keep, possess, harbor, maintain, or have care, custody or control of a vicious animal within the city.

No person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring, maintaining, or having care, custody or control of a dog shall suffer or permit such dog to:

- Be at large within the city unless securely attached upon a leash not more than six feet in length held in the hand of a person in a manner which continuously controls the dog.
- Be unsecured while on the premises of the owner.
- Snap at or attempt to bite or attempt to cause physical harm to any other person, domestic animal or feline.
- Cause physical harm to the property of another.
- Bite or otherwise cause physical harm to any other person, domestic animal or feline (unless the person, domestic animal or feline was unlawfully on the property owned or not controlled by the owner, and that such dog was not unsecured).

According to Section 955.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, no owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog more than three months of age, nor owner of a dog kennel, shall fail to file the application for registration required by Section 955.01 of the Revised Code, nor shall he fail to pay the legal fee therefor.

## WHAT DOG OWNERS SHOULD KNOW (Cont...)

Dog Wardens and local law enforcement officers can investigate complaints regarding dogs and their actions. Below are listed some of the common Ohio Revised Codes provisions that all can enforce. The Dayton Police Department has additional city ordinances that may apply. Minor Misdemeanor violations may result in a citation while 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> degree charges must be presented to a Prosecutor.

### Miscellaneous Misdemeanors

- 955.10 ORC: Failure to display current license on dog.
- 955.11 ORC: Transfer of ownership certificate
- 955.12 ORC: Any person may file an affidavit for seizure of unregistered dog at large.
- 955.21 ORC: Failure to license a dog of three months of age or older for the current year.
- 955.22 ORC: Confining, restraining, debarking dogs; dangerous registration certificate
- 955.25 ORC: Unlawful tag
- 955.261 ORC Duties after dog bites person

### CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Dayton Police Department  
(937) 333-2677

Montgomery County Animal Resource Center  
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Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County  
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