

DANGEROUS DOG COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Dog Owner, Keeper or Harboring

If your dog has been designated a DANGEROUS dog pursuant to Ohio Revised Codes Sections 955.11(1)(a)(i),(ii), (iii), you must comply with the following:

Except when a DANGEROUS dog is lawfully engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting and is accompanied by the owner, keeper, harboring, or handler of the dog, no owner, keeper, harboring of a DANGEROUS dog shall fail to do either of the following:

1. While the dog is ON the premises of the owner, keeper, or harboring, securely confine it at all times in a locked pen that has a top, locked fenced yard or other locked enclosure that has a top.
2. While the dog is OFF of the premises of the owner, keeper, or harboring, keep the dog on a chain link leash that is no more than six feet long and additionally do one of the following:
 - a. Keep the dog in a locked pen that has a top, locked fenced yard, or other locked enclosure that has a top.
 - b. Have the leash or tether controlled by a person who is of suitable age and discretion OR securely attach, tie, or affix the leash or tether to the ground or a stationary object or fixture so that the dog is adequately restrained AND station such a person in close enough proximity to that dog as to prevent it from causing injury to any person.
 - c. Muzzle that dog.
3. Notify the Allen County Dog Warden immediately if any of the following occur:
 - a. The dog is loose or unconfined.
 - b. The dog bites a person, unless the dog is on the property of the owner of the dog, and the person who is bitten is unlawfully trespassing or committing a criminal act within the boundaries of that property.
 - c. The dog attacks another animal while the dog is off the property of the dog owner
4. Notify the Allen County Auditor within 10 days of the sale, transfer, or death if the dog is sold, given to another person, or dies.

If your dog has been designated a DANGEROUS or a VICIOUS dog pursuant to Ohio Revised Codes Sections 955.11(1)(a)(i),(ii), (iii), OR 955.11(6)(a) you must comply with the following

In addition to the regular dog license and fee, you are required to obtain a Dangerous Dog Tag and Dangerous Dog Certificate from the County Auditor's Office, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 955.22(I)(1). The County Auditor is located on the 1st floor of the Allen County Courthouse, 301 North Main Street, Lima, Ohio. To obtain the Dangerous Dog Tag and Certificate you must provide the County Auditor with the following:

1. Proof of ownership of the dog
2. Proof of being 18 years of age or older
3. A Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) fee
4. Name, Address, Phone Number, and other appropriate means for the Dog Warden and the County Auditor to contact you
5. Satisfactory evidence of the dog's current rabies vaccination OR a statement from a licensed vet that a rabies vaccination is medically contraindicated for the dog
6. Satisfactory evidence of the fact that the dog has been spayed or neutered OR a statement from a licensed vet that neutering or spaying of the dog is medically contraindicated
7. Satisfactory evidence of the fact that the person has posted and will continue to post clearly visible signs at the person's residence warning both minors and adults of the presence of a dangerous dog on the property
8. Satisfactory evidence that the dog has been permanently identified by means of a microchip and the microchip number

NOTE: THE DANGEROUS DOG CERTIFICATE MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR IN THE SAME MANNER AND FOR THE SAME FEE, ALONG WITH THE DOG LICENSE FEE

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955.54 Possession of certain dogs by convicted felons prohibited.

- (A) No person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence committed on or after the effective date of this section or a felony violation of any provision of Chapter 959, 2923, or 2925 of the Revised Code committed on or after the effective date of this section shall knowingly own, possess, have custody of, or reside in a residence with either of the following for a period of three years commencing either upon the date of release of the person from any period of incarceration imposed for the offense or violation or, if the person is not incarcerated for the offense or violation, upon the date of the person's final release from the other sanctions imposed for the offense or violation;
- (1) An unsprayed or un-neutered dog older than twelve weeks of age;
 - (2) Any dog that has been determined to be a dangerous dog under Chapter 955. of the Revised Code.
- (B) A person described in division (A) of this section shall microchip for permanent identification any dog owned, possessed by, or in the custody of the person.
- (C)(1) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any person who is confined in a correctional institution of the department of rehabilitation and correction.
- (2) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to any dog that the person owned, possessed, had custody of or resided in a residence with prior to the effective date of this section.

VICIOUS DOG COMPLIANCE REQUIEMENTS

955.222 (E) If a dog is finally determined under this section, or on appeal as described in this section, to be a VICIOUS dog, division (D) of section 955.11 and divisions (D) to (I) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code apply with respect to the dog and the owner, keeper, or harbinger of the dog as if the dog were dangerous dog, and section 955.54 of the Revised Code applies with respect to the dog as if it were dangerous dog, and the court shall issue an order that specifies that those provisions apply with respect to the dog and the owner, keeper, or harbinger in that manner. As part of the order, the court shall require the owner, keeper, or harbinger to obtain the liability insurance required under division (E)(1) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code in an amount described in division (H)(2) of section 955.99 of the Revised Code.

955.99 (H)(2) If the court does not order the vicious dog to be destroyed under division (H)(1)(b) of this section, the court shall issue an order that specifies that division (D) of section 955.11 and divisions (D) to (I) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code apply with respect to the dog and the owner, keeper, or harbinger of the dog as if the dog were a dangerous dog and that section 955.54 of the Revised Code applies with respect to the dog as if it were a dangerous dog. As part of the order, the court shall order the offender to obtain the liability insurance required under division (E)(1) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code in an amount, exclusive of interest and costs, that equal or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars. Until the court makes a final determination and during the pendency of any appeal of a violation of division (C) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code and at the discretion of the dog warden the dog shall be confined or restrained in accordance with the provisions described in division (D) of section 955.22 of the Revised Code or at the county dog pound at the owner's expense.