




About Animal Control

protecting you, your pets, and our community

Animal Control enforces county regulations on fowl, poultry, livestock, and dangerous animals. This also includes checking for animal licenses and dog tags and controlling stray animals.

 Animal Control does not handle non-domesticated animals, such as deer, raccoons, skunks, rodents, or reptiles. A qualified pest control business or the Virginia Conservation Police—in cases of big game animals—should be contacted.

Officers in Action

Two Animal Control Officers (ACOs) are on duty from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday and 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday. For emergencies, they are also on-call nights, weekends, and holidays.



ACO training typically includes courses in communications, law, animals, and safety. Officers investigate animal cruelty, abuse and bite/rabies cases. They also investigate complaints of threatening/aggressive animals.

Their specialized knowledge helps find and rescue lost or trapped animals. ACOs are also able to transport injured animals to the appropriate health-care facility.

Contact Information

Montgomery County Animal Control
(540) 382-5795, ext. 2
www.montva.com/animalcontrol

Health Department
(540) 585-3300
www.vdh.virginia.gov/new-river

Sheriff's Office
(540) 382-4343

Blacksburg Police (Non-emergency)
(540) 961-1150

Christiansburg Police (Non-emergency)
(540) 382-3131

Virginia Tech Police (Non-emergency)
(540) 231-6411

Virginia Conservation Police
(276) 783-4860
<http://dwr.virginia.gov/conservation-police>

Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke
(540) 798-9836
<http://swvawildlifecenter.org>

Wildlife Conflict Helpline
1-855-571-9003

Montgomery County Animal Control
480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg, VA 24073



PET OWNERSHIP

in Montgomery County





Adopting a Pet

The adoption fee is \$80 for all dogs, \$60 for cats, and \$25 for animals (cats or dogs) previously spayed or neutered. Prospective owners must live in Montgomery County or an adjacent county to adopt from the Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC).

All animals adopted from the ACAC are spayed or neutered before leaving for their new home. Adoption fees cover this cost. All cats and dogs must be properly vaccinated for rabies.



A dog tag/license must be obtained every year, starting at four months old.

The Animal Care and Adoption Center, located at 480 Cinnabar Rd. in Christiansburg, is open Monday-Friday 11-6 p.m. and weekends 11-4 p.m.

Spaying/Neutering Your Pet

Montgomery County supports Mountain View Humane, which offers low cost/high quality sterilization services for dogs and cats.

For more information, call (540) 382-0222 or visit www.mvhclinic.org.

Reclaiming Your Pet

Animals are held five days, not including the day of pickup, at the Animal Care and Adoption Center. Pets with identification (tag, tattoo, collar) are held for a minimum of 10 days.

Fees to reclaim a pet may apply and are contingent on the length of stay at the ACAC and recurrence of holding a pet.



County Animal Laws and Requirements

RUNNING AT LARGE

- Dogs are prohibited from running at large.
- Any animal running at large and not under direct control of its owner may be impounded.
- Misdemeanor summons may be issued for any violation witnessed.

HUMANE TREATMENT

- Owners must provide proper food, water, and shelter.
- Not doing so is a misdemeanor and may result in confiscation of your pet.

BARKING

- It is unlawful for a dog to disturb the peace by barking continuously or in an untimely manner.
- Contact local law enforcement for assistance

EXPOSURE (bites and scratches)

- An animal that exposes a person to the possibility of rabies must be observed in quarantine for 10 days.
- Report rabies exposures immediately! Not reporting it is a criminal offense.
- The Health Department and Animal Control handle these cases.

LICENSES and VACCINATIONS

- Dogs four months or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination and county animal license.
- Effective Nov. 1, 2020, the county issued a lifetime animal license for individual dogs.

Licenses are available at these locations:



Montgomery County Treasurer's Office
755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg
(540) 382-5723



Animal Care and Adoption Center
480 Cinnabar Rd., Christiansburg
(540) 382-5795



Blacksburg Municipal Building
300 S. Main St., Blacksburg
(540) 961-1100

