



JAMES CITY COUNTY

For information on wildlife problems or to report wildlife violations, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is located in Charles City County (listed below)

- JCC Animal Control Emergency 253-1800
- Animal Control Office 565-0370
- Wmsbg./JCC Health Dept. 253-4813
- Heritage Humane Society 221-0150
- Game Warden (804) 829-6580
 - For violations (800) 237-5712
 - Richmond Office (804) 367-1000
- Advanced Wildlife Services (804)785-4011
- Magistrate 820-3905
- Treasurers Office 253-6705
- 566-1367
- State Highway Department 253-4832
 - (For dead animals along a roadway)

For pest control problems or small wildlife (i.e. squirrels, rats, birds, etc.) please consult your telephone directory under pest control or call Wildlife Management (804)642-5408.



ANIMAL CONTROL



James City County Animal Control is a Law Enforcement Unit which works directly through the James City County Police Department.

565-0370

James City County Animal Control

MISSION:

Our mission is to serve the community concerning the welfare of animals as well as problem, neglected, and dangerous animals. We are to enforce the County and State Animal Laws.

This pamphlet contains information on animal laws, frequently encountered problems with animals, and sources for additional information and assistance.

The James City County Animal Control Unit has 3 full-time animal control officers. Office hours are 8:00a.m. –5:00p.m. Monday through Friday . Nights, holidays, and weekends are handled by an on-call officer who responds to emergency situations only. Calls concerning injured animals, animal bites and aggressive animals at large are examples of calls answered after regular working hours. Stray animals are not considered an emergency after regular working hours. During regular working hours officers handle many types of complaints concerning animals, such as dogs at large, stray animals, abandonment, animal neglect, dog licensing, rabies vaccination checks and animal cruelty.

Animal Control routinely picks up stray dogs and impounds them at the Heritage Humane Society located at 430 Waller Mill Road. Impounded animals are held for a period of 5 days if they are not wearing a collar or identification. Impounded animals wearing a collar, identification tag, or tattoo are held for 10 days. The Animal Control Office is located inside the Heritage Humane Society Building.



Animal adoptions are offered through the Heritage Humane Society. The Heritage Humane Society will also take in unwanted pets, and strays from James City County and the City of Williamsburg . All animals adopted are required by law to be spayed or neutered within a certain time period.

Animal exposures (bites and scratches) are handled jointly with the Animal Control Unit and the Williamsburg-James City County Health Department. Any domestic animal, which exposes any person to the possibility of rabies, must remain under observation for a ten-day quarantine period. This quarantine is supervised by the Health Department and may be done at the owner's residence subject to certain conditions. Quarantine periods are determined by the Health Department for domestic animals that have or have not been vaccinated for rabies and the type of exposure, as well as exposure to wild animal bites or scratches. Wild animals are not quarantined.

Dogs and cats aged four (4) months or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. Dogs are also required to have a current county/city dog license. All dogs are required to wear their tags when off their property. Dog licenses can be purchased at the James City County Treasurers office located on Mounts Bay Rd. or at the EOC building located on Forge Rd. in Toano by the Fire Station.

It is also unlawful for a dog to bark in a continuous or untimely manner so as to disturb the peace. Citizens may contact animal control for assistance in dealing with nuisance animal complaints or may speak directly to the magistrate at 820-3905 to secure a summons concerning a nuisance animal.

Pet owners must provide proper food, water and shelter for their animals at all times. Failure to do so may result in the confiscation of your pet and a misdemeanor summons for animal neglect or animal cruelty. Dogs kept on chains must have a chain that is at least three (3) times the dog's body length and they must be provided with clean surroundings.

