

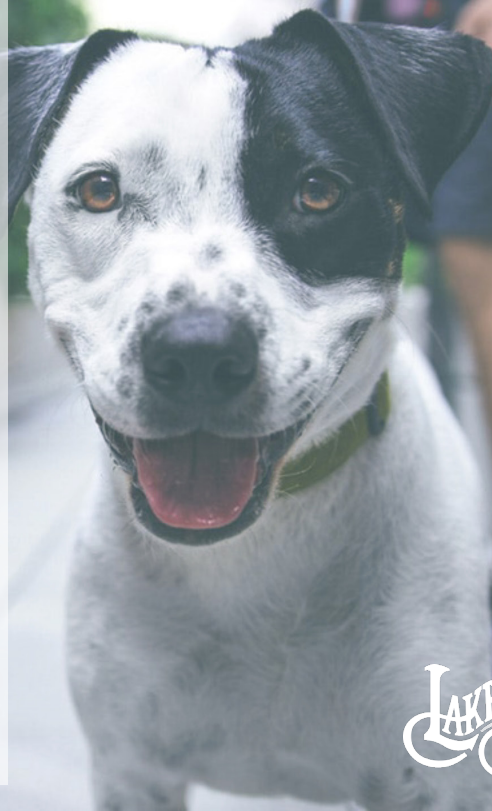
# GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Owning a pet is a privilege. The benefits of pet ownership come with responsibilities to your pets and neighbors.

## Best practices for Responsible Pet Ownership include:

- ☑ License your dog with Cuyahoga County
- ☑ Keep current on all vaccinations, including the required rabies vaccine
- ☑ Spay or neuter your dog
- ☑ Keep your dog controlled and on a non-retractable leash of 6 feet in length
- ☑ Provide proper training to assure your dog is a well-adjusted and well-behaved pet
- ☑ Be aware of the costs associated with dog ownership and the personality traits and needs of various breeds before adopting
- ☑ Provide your dog with sufficient food & water, daily exercise & attention, and adequate shelter & supervision.
- ☑ Pick up dog waste on and off your property and control excessive barking
- ☑ Maintain liability insurance
- ☑ Comply with all municipal dog laws

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# LAKEWOOD DOG ORDINANCE

Lakewood loves its dogs! The 2018 L.C.O. Chapters 505 and 506 contain the laws about animals in the City of Lakewood. Highlights in reference to dogs are:

- › All dog breeds are permitted in Lakewood. An owner's control of their dog is important. A new rigorous classification for dogs and required restrictions based on aggressive behavior or injuries caused has been added. (Ch. 506)
- › Preventing Dogs at Large continues to be a focus. Penalties have been enhanced for loose dogs or dogs not controlled by someone of suitable strength. (Sect. 505.02)
- › Every dog must be registered with Cuyahoga County every year. Visit any Discount Drug Mart or [cuyahogadogs.com](http://cuyahogadogs.com) to register. Annual registration fees are currently \$20/dog. (Sect. 505.04)
- › Dog leashes must now be no more than 6 feet in length and leashes may NOT be retractable. (Sect. 505.02(c))
- › Enhanced animal cruelty law prohibits leaving dogs outside under unsuitable conditions which can lead to dog aggression. (Sect. 505.09)
- › Beginning September 30, 2018 all persons keeping dogs in Lakewood, including those who rent, must maintain at least \$10,000 in liability insurance for injuries or damage caused by their dogs. Check with your insurance agent. (Sect. 505.24)
- › For more information, descriptions of the new dog classifications and the full language of Chapter 505 and 506 go to:

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