

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO MAINTAIN A VICIOUS DOG

OWNER _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

NAME OF DOG _____

BREED _____

COLOR(s) _____

GENDER _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

RABIES TAG # _____

OWNER _____

MICROCHIP # _____

I hereby submit an application for or renewal to maintain a dog that has been classified as dangerous, at the above address. I certify that I have read and fully understand the restrictions and expectations of me listed on the reverse of this application and agree to comply with these restrictions. *Failure to do so shall result in confiscation of the dog and issuance of a citation and be charged with a misdemeanor.* I further understand that if a permit is issued, it must be renewed annually.

Signature _____

DATE _____

***ANIMAL CONTROL
OFFICE USE ONLY:***

Non-Refundable Fee \$100.00

Permit Approved _____ Permit Disapproved _____ Date _____

Reason for Disapproval _____

Permit Number Issued _____

Receipt # _____

Animal Control Officer _____

DATE _____

The owner of a vicious dog must:

1. Have or possess within this state a vicious dog without a certificate of registration,
 - a. Which can only be issued to a person 18 or older.
 - b. Certificates are NOT transferable.
 - c. No more than one certificate per domicile.
 - d. No registration is allowed for any person convicted of two or more violations of this law.
 - e. Certifications are renewed annually and failure to renew within ten days of renewal date constitutes a violation of this law and shall result in confiscation of classified dog.
 - f. Each owner of a vicious dog shall be charged an annual registration fee of \$100.00.
 - g. Officer must verify compliance at the time of renewal.
 - h. Certificates for “vicious dogs” will not be issued to persons convicted of felonies involving drugs, dogfighting or aggravated cruelty to animals or to a person who resides which such felons (can be allowed after two years of completing sentence).
2. MUST ensure the dog is inoculated against rabies and must keep the dog current on rabies inoculations.
3. A vicious dog **CANNOT** be left unattended with minors (even if minor is inside owner’s home). Violation of this is **High and Aggravated Misdemeanor.**
4. Have classified dog micro chipped, capable of being scanned.
5. Post at *ALL* entrances to the premises where the vicious dog is located with a clearly visible sign warning that these is a vicious dog on the property. (*must be purchased from HCAC*)
6. NOT permit the dog to be outside a proper enclosure or leave the property unless
 - a. the dog is muzzled and on a leash not to exceed 6 foot and
 - b. under the immediate physical control of a person capable of preventing the dog from engaging any other human or animal when necessary, or
 - c. in a locked cage or crate.
 - d. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but will prevent it from biting any person. Violation of this is **High and Aggravated Misdemeanor.**
7. Present to HCAC office and maintain a policy of insurance in the amount of at least \$50,000.00.
8. Notify the HCAC office within 24 hours if the dog is on the loose, is unconfined, has attacked a human, or has died.
9. NOT sell, transfer, or donate a vicious dog to any other person.
10. Notify the Animal Control Office if the owner is moving from the Houston County's jurisdiction.

In the event that any violations occur, I realize that:

Any violations of the above restrictions shall result in confiscation of the dog and the registered owner of the animal shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

- a. Except when a vicious dog that is unleashed, unmuzzled, not under control, not in a locked cage or crate when off property or left unattended with minor, constitutes a **High and Aggravated Misdemeanor.**
- b. Any dog that has been confiscated under these provisions shall be returned to its owner upon the owner's compliance with the provisions of this article and upon the payment of reasonable confiscation costs. In the event the owner has not complied with the provisions of this article within 20 days of the date the dog was confiscated, said dog shall be destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner.

The Houston County Animal Control is authorized to make whatever inquiry, as often as deemed necessary, to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article.