

Frequently Asked Questions!

Q: I have a wild animal in my yard, what should I do?

A: Animals do not care for loud noises. By making loud noises you can drive an animal off of your property. You can also contact the Animal Control Services department for a referral to Problem Animal Control (PAC) Agents to assist you. Baby animals should be left alone and not removed from the location you find them

Q: I found a stray cat, what should I do with it?

A: There are a lot of outdoor cats in the City. If you find what you believe to be a stray cat please do not feed it or bring it into your home. If left alone, animals generally tend to return to their natural habitats. You can also contact local animal shelters for assistance.

Q: What does the Animal Control Officer do?

A: The Animal Control Officer enforces local and state laws concerning animals, provides for stray, sick and injured animals while in the City's custody, and protects the public from free roaming dogs and sick wildlife.

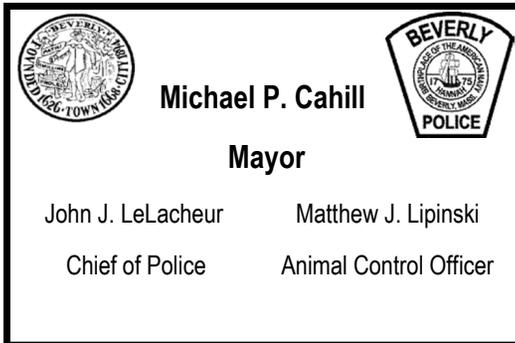
Q: Can I bring my dog to the beach?

A: Dogs are not allowed on City beaches between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Outside of these dates dogs can be on the beach but must be properly restrained on a leash at all times.



Issues with Wildlife???

If you are having an issue with wildlife on your property you need to contact either a Problem Animal Control (PAC) Agent or a wildlife removal company to assist you in solving your problem. As a land owner you can trap on your own property but can not transport any animals caught elsewhere to release and relocate them per state law. If you do catch an animal in a trap you can release it on your own land or euthanize it in a humane, approved manner.



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City of Beverly Animal Control Services



Mission Statement

The City of Beverly Animal Control Services Department is dedicated to providing prompt, courteous and professional services to the citizens of Beverly, MA. Our primary goal is the prevention and eradication of rabies by educating the public concerning local and state laws, promoting animal owner responsibility and by protecting the public from stray or dangerous animals. Our secondary goal is to provide service to the public and animals through impound of stray animals and other animal related calls, issuing warnings or citations as necessary, investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty and abuse cases and continued advanced education and training for Animal Control Officers. The Beverly Animal Control Services Department makes every effort to respond to all calls and complaints received as to address the needs of citizens of the City of Beverly.

Dog Licenses: City Ord. Ch. 10 Sec. 4B-27

All dogs six (6) months of age or older must be licensed through the City Clerk's Office. License tags must be worn on a collar at all times.

- Licensing for Beverly residents is done through the office of the City Clerk by April 1st of each year.

Licensing fees are as follows

- Neutered/Spayed Dogs = \$20
- Reproductively Intact Dogs = \$20

In order to license your dog with the City you need to present proof of an updated rabies vaccine to the Office of the City Clerk.

Leash Law:

City Ord. Ch. 10 Art. 2 Sec. 4B-26

The City of Beverly has a leash law ordinance. This means that "no person owning, harboring or having custody and control of a dog shall permit such dog to be unleashed in the City of Beverly at any time, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or keeper" or at the City of Beverly's Dog Park, Paddles Park.

Paddles Park:

Paddles Park, the City of Beverly's Dog Park, is located off of L.P. Henderson Road next to the Beverly Airport. Tags are required to use the dog park and are required to be renewed annually. Tags can be acquired from the Office of the City Clerk. At this time the park is open to Beverly residents only. Paddles Park is open year round from Dawn to Dusk.

Rules of the Off-Leash Areas

Owners, per the below rules, are defined as persons with direct care, custody, and control of a dog while using the designated off-leash area.

- Owners must maintain effective verbal control and always be able to see their dogs when off-leash.
- Owners must immediately remove a problem dog (displaying aggressive behavior, persistent mounting, excessive barking, etc.) from park without debate. Aggressive dogs may be banned from the dog park.
- Owners must carry bags, pick up after their dogs every time and dispose of the waste properly.
- Owners are personally liable for any damage or injury their dogs inflict.
- Each person using the park is limited to three dogs.
- Dogs must display current Beverly dog license and current rabies vaccination tag and be parasite free and healthy. Sick or injured dogs shall not be allowed in the park.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months old to be allowed in the park.
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered to be allowed in the park.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and leaving the park. Owners must carry a leash at all times while in the park. Leashes must be removed inside the double-gated area upon arrival and reattach in this area prior to leaving park.
- Use of off-leash area is at own risk to your dogs.
- Dogs are prohibited from digging in park areas
- No eating allowed by owners and dogs at any time while in park. No beverages to be consumed by owners while in the park. Dogs are allowed to drink water while in the park if owners bring water.
- Person in charge of dogs should quiet them if they bark. Loud dogs must be removed from the park.
- No large dogs shall be allowed in the small dog enclosures. A large dog is any dog greater than **25 pounds**.
- Nobody under 10 years of age will be allowed to enter the dog park. Children ages 10-17 must be under adult (age 18+) supervision at all times while inside the dog park. Proof of age may be requested at any time.

- For safety, owners must keep their hands free (**except for leashes**) at all times while in the park to ensure proper supervision and control of their dogs.
- Childrens' toys and sporting equipment are prohibited within the fenced area of the park. Dog owners may use a ball or dog toy with their dogs while in the park.

City Cemeteries:

City Ord. Ch. 10 Art. 2 Sec. 22-31

No dogs are allowed at any time in any of the City of Beverly Municipal Cemeteries listed below:

- Central Cemetery— Hale St.
- North Beverly Cemetery— 685 Cabot St.
- Beverly Farms Cemetery— 100 Haskell St.
- All ancient cemeteries within City limits

Disposal of Animal Waste:

City Ord. Ch. 10 Art 2 Sec. 4B-16

It is the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and properly dispose of any feces left by his/her dog from any public area or private property of another. Owners/keepers of dogs are also required to possess means of removal of any feces left by such dog. Proper disposal includes transporting such feces to the property of the owner/keeper or another place suitable to dispose of human feces.

What to do if your animal is lost?

Contact the Animal Control Services Department to report a missing animal. The Animal Control Department maintains a log of lost and found pets and will contact you if your lost animal is located.