

## **CCHTL Pet Responsibilities**

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**Pets are wonderful companions, particularly during challenging times. It is great to take your dog for a walk; it's good for you and your dog. With this blessing come responsibilities which include controlling your pet and cleaning up after them. Be a good neighbor and be a Pooper Scooper! It is only fair that you take care of the deposit and properly dispose of it. Also, it is important to control your pet so it doesn't threaten your neighbor. Allen County regulations require your dog be licensed and not allowed to run at large.**

**It is best if neighbors can mutually resolve any dog issues. However, the Dog Warden will respond to situations when a dog is running at large or a person has been bitten.**

**If an incident occurs, call the Dog Control Facility at Phone: 419-223-8528 during office hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is only one officer and two part-time officers available. There is always a backlog of cases pending.**

**To request immediate service and report vicious or dangerous dogs running at large, call the Allen County Sheriff's Office at Phone: 419-227-3535.**

**When the Dog Warden catches a licensed dog running at large, it is returned to its owner with a warning. Repeated incidents can lead to tickets and fines. An unlicensed dog is taken to the Dog Control Facility at 1165 Sheriff Road. It is possible for a person to take pictures of a dog clearly running at large and file a formal complaint with the Municipal Court. The Dog Warden's Office will assist, but the responsibility to pursue the case would be on the person filing the complaint.**

**When someone is bitten by a dog, the Dog Warden will determine if the dog was provoked or not. If it is an unprovoked bite the dog is declared dangerous and the dog owner has 10 days to appeal the decision in Municipal Court. Additional legal actions may occur.**

**The Dog Warden has no authority over barking dogs. The only recourse is to call the Sheriff's Office and make a noise ordinance complaint.**