

Weather Conditions

Please do not leave your pets outside for long periods of time. Be aware of the current weather conditions. Pets are sensitive to hot and cold temperatures. Keep dogs and cats indoors in the winter to protect them from frostbite or hypothermia and only let them outside for short periods during extreme temperatures.

Emergency Preparedness

Pets are members of the family too. Do not forget to include your pets when developing your family emergency plan. Assemble a pet emergency survival kit including food, water, bowls, ID tag, leash and pet carrier. Be ready to take your pet and their kit with you in the event of evacuation.

Choosing an Appropriate Pet for your Family

Bringing an animal into your life shouldn't be an impulsive decision. Do your research and ensure the kind of pet you're interested in fits with your home and lifestyle. Take the time to discuss the responsibilities associated with owning a pet. Purchase your pet from a reliable source such as local shelter or registered breeder.



The OSPCA provides The Town of Aurora with enforcement and shelter services.

Ontario SPCA
16586 Woodbine Avenue
Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4W1
1-888-668-7722
www.ontariospca.ca

**For more information,
please contact:**

The Town of Aurora
Building & Bylaw Services
100 John West Way
Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1
905-727-1375
www.aurora.ca

Information for Pet Owners



Getting a Licence for Your Pet

In Aurora, pet owners **must** license their cats and dogs 12 weeks of age or older annually. No more than three dogs and three cats are permitted per household. The following chart outlines the current pet licence fees:

Pet	Regular price	Micro chipped*	Senior 55+
Cat	\$20	\$15	\$10
Dog	\$30	\$22.50	\$15

Pet licences are available at the following locations:

- Aurora Town Hall 1st floor
100 John West Way, Aurora
- York Region OSPCA
16586 Woodbine Avenue, Newmarket

If you require more information, please contact Bylaw Services at 905-727-1375 or email bylawdept@aurora.ca

Failure to license your cat or dog may result in penalties including a warning notice and or fine of \$305 including surcharges.

**Town of Aurora Bylaw
Number 5642-14, Section 7**

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) provides The Town of Aurora with enforcement and shelter services.



Dogs at Large

Dogs running at large in Aurora impact the community and the safety of people and animals. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when off their owner's property with the exception of our leash free dog park. In addition, when on leash the dog must be under the owner's control.

The Town of Aurora's Canine Commons leash free park is located at Industrial Parkway North and St. John's Sideroad.

Allowing your dog to run at large or allowing your pet to trespass may result in a fine of \$305 including surcharges.

**Town of Aurora Bylaw
Number 5642-14, Section 11**

Stoop and Scoop

All pet owners are responsible for picking up all waste produced by their pets on both public and private property. Waste should be disposed of in an appropriate waste container.

Why it's important:

- Avoid unwelcoming odors from spreading through the community
- Leaving your dog's waste in areas where children play exposes kids to parasites such as roundworms, as well as bacterial infections and can transmit diseases to other people's pets
- Spring run-off or rainstorms dilute dog waste and wash it into streams and storm sewers

Failure to remove excrement left by animals may result in a fine of \$305 including surcharges.

**Town of Aurora Bylaw
Number 5642-14, Section 10**

Barking Dogs

It is common for dogs to bark. Owners should ensure barking does not become a nuisance to neighbours. Dogs that continually bark or whine and disturb neighbours is not permitted. Continuation of this offence may result in a fine.



Pet Safety

We are each responsible for ensuring that our animals are kept safe from harm. Being a responsible pet owner involves understanding and meeting the needs of your pets, and ensuring that they are not placed in situations that will leave them vulnerable to abuse or unintentional injury.

Pets in Vehicles

Do not leave your pets unattended in any vehicle. Animals are unable to maintain a safe body temperature in hot or cold conditions. Leaving your pet in a parked or locked car can cause irreparable brain damage or death. OSPCA will respond and rescue pets in vehicles if they are in distress.

