

## Identification

Did you know 1 out of 3 pets will find themselves lost in their lifetime? Many loved family pets end up in animal shelters. Shelters do their best to locate owners, but often cannot find the pet's owner because the pet has no form of identification.

Per Ohio Code 955.01, all dogs must have a valid and current license. For more information, or to purchase a dog license, visit <https://animalshelter.cuyahogacounty.gov/>

Keeping identification tags on your dog such as their County Dog License and/or a tag with your name and phone number help ensure your dog finds their way back to you.

## Microchipping

Microchipping is a technology that is virtually painless for your pet and creates a permanent method of identification.

A small computer microchip is embedded under your pet's skin, usually between their shoulder blades. The chip contains a unique ID number that identifies your pet and is linked to the owners information. If your pet is ever lost and enters a shelter or clinic, your pet will be scanned and your information can be easily located to contact you! As a responsible pet owner, ensure all your pets are microchipped and that you keep this information up to date!



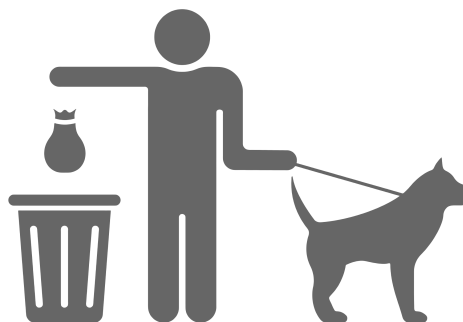
A microchip compared to a grain of rice

## Leash Laws

Keeping your dog leashed isn't just a matter of safety, it's the law. Per City Ordinance 505.01, dogs must be kept on leash when off the owner's property. Keeping your dog leashed keeps everyone safe, including your dog. While your dog may be friendly, they may still scare a person who is afraid of dogs, walk into a busy street and get hurt, or get too close to a leashed dog who is *not* so friendly.

## Cleaning Up After Your Pet

Cleaning up after your pet isn't just courteous, it's the law. Per City Ordinance 505.18, pet owners must pick up their animals' waste. This not only prevents odors, but decreases fly populations, and prevents the spread of disease.



# Responsible Pet Ownership

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[cityofsoutheuclid.com](http://cityofsoutheuclid.com)

## Spaying/Neutering

There are many health and behavioral benefits to spaying or neutering your pet. Spaying/neutering greatly reduces the chance of cancer development later in life. Many infections and reproductive illnesses can also be reduced by spaying or neutering your dog or cat. Neutering your male pet reduces their breeding instinct, making them less inclined to roam and more likely to stay safe at home.

For more information, visit <https://animalshelter.cuyahogacounty.gov/resources/spay-neuter>

## Need Assistance Getting Your Pets Spayed/Neutered?

PetFix Northeast Ohio provides low-cost spay and neuter services. For more information, visit [petfixnortheastohio.org](http://petfixnortheastohio.org)

Alter Pet offers vouchers for discounted spay/neuter services at participating veterinary clinics. For more information, visit [alterpet.org](http://alterpet.org)

## Veterinary Care

Pets benefit from regular medical care just like people. Taking your pet to see their veterinarian annually can help keep them healthy by catching signs of illness early, and ensuring they are a healthy weight.

### Vaccines

Many illnesses such as rabies, distemper, and parvovirus can be prevented by keeping your pet up to date on their vaccinations.

### Rabies

Did you know? Rabies is fully preventable through vaccination. Without vaccination, once contracted, there is no treatment for rabies in animals.

The City of South Euclid requires all dogs and cats to be kept up to date on their rabies vaccinations. (ordinance 505.105)

### Parasite Prevention

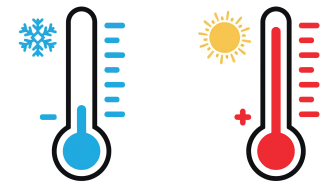
Not only are parasites such as fleas, ticks, and internal parasites uncomfortable for your pets, but they can also become a medical emergency if left untreated. Additionally, external parasites can carry diseases that may infect people in your home. Keeping your pet on a broad-spectrum preventative treatment can keep your pet safe and healthy, as well as avoid costly pest eradication services.

## Extreme Weather

Ohio's climate provides unique pet care challenges throughout the seasons. Extreme temperatures can prove fatal to pets, but you can take steps to keep them safe no matter the weather.

During warm weather, be aware of the signs of heat stress in your pets. Dogs and cats don't sweat, so they have to take other steps to regulate their body temperature. Ensure that pets have adequate access to clean, cool water, and shady spots to cool down. They may choose to roll in cool dirt, or on a shady area of concrete. Be mindful of hot concrete during the summer. If it is too hot for you to hold your hand on the concrete for a prolonged period of time, then it is too hot for your pet's paws. **NEVER** leave your dog in the car without air conditioning running. Even with the windows cracked slightly open, a car's temperature can rise dangerously high in minutes.

In the extreme cold of winter, pets are at risk of frostbite, particularly on extremities such as ears, paws, and tail. Be mindful not to leave your pet outside for too long in the cold, especially those with short, thin coats. Shivering is a clear sign that your pet is cold and should be brought indoors.



# LOW-COST SPAY, NEUTER, AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

<b>Community Vet</b>	15541 Snow Rd Brook Park, OH 44142	216-273-1044 <a href="mailto:brookpark@community.vet">brookpark@community.vet</a> community.vet	Affordable full-service vet clinic
<b>Neighborhood Pets Outreach &amp; Resource Center</b>	3711 65 <sup>th</sup> St Cleveland, OH 44105	216-505-5853 <a href="mailto:info@neighborhoodpetscle.org">info@neighborhoodpetscle.org</a> <a href="http://www.neighborhoodpetscle.org">www.neighborhoodpetscle.org</a>	Provides a variety of services to qualifying pet owners including vaccinations, spay/neuter, microchipping, and food.
<b>PetFix Northeast Ohio</b>	885 E 222 <sup>nd</sup> St Euclid, OH 44123	216-732-7040 <a href="mailto:appointments@petfixnortheastohio.org">appointments@petfixnortheastohio.org</a> petfixnortheastohio.org	Low-cost spay/neuter clinic. Also provides low-cost vaccinations and microchipping at time of surgery.
<b>Porter Pet Hospital</b>	27529 Lorain Rd. North Olmstead, OH 44070	440-777-0888 <a href="mailto:porterpethospital@gmail.com">porterpethospital@gmail.com</a> Porterpet.net	Affordable full-service vet clinic
<b>Hillcrest Animal Hospital</b>	26800 Highland Rd Richmond Heights, OH 44143	440-449-1800 Ahi-hillcrest.com	Affordable full-service vet clinic
<b>Vetco</b>	Various PetCo locations	1-800-838-7468 Vetcoclinics.com	Walk-in Vaccination Clinic
<b>VIP Pet Care</b>	Pop-up Clinics in Local Stores	1-800-427-7973 Vippetcare.com	Walk-in Vaccination Clinic
<b>Gateway Animal Clinic</b>	1819 Abbey Ave Cleveland, OH 44113	216-771-4414 Gatewayanimalohio.com	Affordable full-service vet clinic
<b>Big Creek Animal Hospital</b>	16949 Bagley Road Cleveland, OH 44130	(440) 234-5831 Bigcreekpet.com	Affordable full-service vet clinic

## RESOURCES FOR ANIMAL CARE ASSISTANCE

<b>Valley Save-a-Pet</b>	440-232-9124 VSaveAPet.org/programs	Financial assistance for veterinary care and spay/neuter services.
<b>Companion Pets of Cleveland</b>	216-307-7814 CompanionPetsOfCleveland.com	Financial assistance for veterinary care and spay/neuter services, and a pet food bank.
<b>Alter Pet</b>	330-321-6243 <a href="mailto:alterpet@aol.com">alterpet@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.AlterPet.org">www.AlterPet.org</a>	Offers spay/neuter vouchers at participating vet clinics—see website for more info.
<b>Red Rover</b>	<a href="http://Redrover.org/relief">Redrover.org/relief</a>	National organization providing grant funding for emergency vet care as well as safe housing grants for domestic violence victims and their pets.
<b>Waggle</b>	<a href="http://Waggle.org">Waggle.org</a>	Crowdfunding site for veterinary care.
<b>Scratch Pay</b>	<a href="http://Scratchpay.com">Scratchpay.com</a>	Payment Plan Financing – paid directly to your clinic, but not accepted at all clinics.
<b>Ohio Paws with Purpose</b>	440-520-4881 <a href="mailto:Ohiopawswithpurpose@gmail.com">Ohiopawswithpurpose@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://Ohiopawswithpurpose.org">Ohiopawswithpurpose.org</a>	Pet food assistance, financial assistance for veterinary care.
<b>Friends of Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter</b>	216-706-9363 <a href="http://Fccas.org/what-we-do/pet-pantry-program">Fccas.org/what-we-do/pet-pantry-program</a>	Pet food assistance.
<b>Pet Help Finder</b>	<a href="http://PetHelpFinder.org">PetHelpFinder.org</a>	Directory of low-cost pet services such as veterinary care and pet food pantries.
<b>CareCredit</b>	1-800-677-0718 <a href="http://carecredit.com/vetmed">carecredit.com/vetmed</a>	Healthcare-specific credit card that is accepted by most veterinarians. Options to apply by phone, online or at participating vet clinics.
<b>One Health</b>	216-920-3051 <a href="mailto:OHFM@OneHealth.org">OHFM@OneHealth.org</a> <a href="http://OneHealth.org">OneHealth.org</a>	Vouchers worth up to \$250 to help pay for veterinary services for dogs and cats (must meet eligibility requirements: 55+ or disabled & in financial need)—you may be placed on a waiting list since funds are limited.