



Holmes County Dog Warden's Department
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Insurance and Notifications Requirements

Ohio Revised Code 955.24 (B) No owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dangerous or vicious dog shall fail to do any of the following:

1. Obtain Liability Insurance in an amount exclusive of interest and costs, that equals or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars. (Minor Misdemeanor)
2. Provide proof of that liability insurance upon request to any law enforcement officer, county dog warden, or public health official charged with enforcing section 955.
3. Notify the local dog warden immediately if any of the following occurs:
 - a. The dog is loose or unconfined
 - b. The dog bites a person, unless the dog is on the property of the owner of the dog, and the person who is bitten is unlawfully trespassing or committing a criminal act within the boundaries of that property.
 - c. If the dog attacks another animal while the dog is off the property of the owner of the dog.
4. If the dog is sold, given to another person, or dies, notify the county auditor and the dog warden within ten days of the sale, transfer, or death.
5. Prior to any training or veterinary care provided to the dog by a trainer or licensed veterinarian, disclose to the trainer or licensed veterinarian, as applicable, that the dog is a vicious, or dangerous dog. (Violations of 2,3,4,5 are Minor Misdemeanors)

Debarking A Dangerous Dog

Ohio Revised Code 955.24 (C) : No person shall recklessly do any of the following.

1. Debark or surgically silence a dog that the person knows or has reason to believe is a vicious or dangerous dog.
2. Possess a vicious or dangerous if the person knows or has reason to believe that the dog has been debarked or surgically sliced.
3. Falsely attest on a waiver from provided by the veterinarian that the person's dog is not a vicious or dangerous dog or otherwise provide false information on that written waiver form.
- 4.

A violation of the above offense is a Felony of the Fourth Degree.