

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT RENEWAL TO MAINTAIN A VICIOUS DOG

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER \_\_\_\_\_

RABIES TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MICROCHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

IS DOG SPAYED or NEUTERED? \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit an application for or renewal to maintain a dog that has been classified as dangerous, at the above address. I certify that I have read and fully understand the restrictions and expectations of me listed on the reverse of this application and agree to comply with these restrictions. Failure to do so shall result in confiscation of the dog and issuance of a citation and be charged with a misdemeanor. I further understand that if a permit is issued, it must be renewed annually.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## ***ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE USE ONLY:***

**Non-Refundable Fee \$300.00**

Permit Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Disapproval \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Control Officer \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### **The owner of a vicious dog must:**

1. Have or possess within this state a vicious dog without a certificate of registration,
  - a. Which can only be issued to a person 18 or older.
  - b. Certificates are NOT transferable.
  - c. No more than one certificate per domicile.
  - d. No registration is allowed for any person convicted of two or more violations of this law.
  - e. Each owner of a vicious dog shall be charged an annual registration fee of \$300.00.
  - f. Certifications are renewed annually and failure to renew within ten days of renewal date constitutes a violation of this law and shall result in confiscation of classified dog.
  - g. Officer must verify compliance at the time of renewal.
  - h. Certificates for "vicious dogs" will not be issued to persons convicted of felonies involving drugs, dogfighting or aggravated cruelty to animals or to a person who resides which such felons (can be allowed after two years of completing sentence).
2. MUST ensure the dog is inoculated against rabies and must keep the dog current on rabies inoculations.
3. A vicious dog **CANNOT** be left unattended with minors (even if minor is inside owner's home). Violation of this is **High and Aggravated Misdemeanor** nor with pets.
4. Have classified dog micro chipped, capable of being scanned.
5. Post at *ALL* entrances to the premises where the vicious dog is located with a clearly visible sign warning that there is a vicious dog on the property. (Purchased from Houston County Animal Control)
6. NOT permit the dog to be outside a proper enclosure or leave the property unless
  - a. the dog is muzzled and, on a leash, not to exceed 4 foot and (flexi-leash not allowed)
  - b. under the immediate physical control of a person capable of preventing the dog from engaging any other human or animal when necessary, or
  - c. in a locked cage or crate, OUTSIDE.
  - d. The BASKET muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but will prevent it from biting any person. Violation of this is **High and Aggravated Misdemeanor**.
7. Present and maintain a policy of insurance in the amount of at least \$100,000.00.
8. Notify the Animal Control Officer within 24 hours if the dog is on the loose, is unconfined, has attacked a human, or has died.
9. NOT sell, transfer, or donate a vicious dog to any other person.
10. Notify the Animal Control Officer if the owner is moving from the Animal Control Officer's jurisdiction.
11. No owner can keep/house a classified animal within 200 yards of any structure or manmade improvement that is an aquatic center, church, convenience store, daycare, grocery store, hospital, humane society, library, nursing home, park, playground, restaurant, school, skilled nursing unit, or walking trail, due in part to these areas being frequented by children and senior citizens, and in some cases having food present;

### **In the event that any violations occur, I realize that**

**ANY VIOLATIONS** of the above restrictions shall result in confiscation of the dog and the registered owner of the animal shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

- a. Except when a vicious dog that is unleashed, unmuzzled, not under control, not in a locked cage or crate when off property or left unattended with minor, constitutes a **High and Aggravated Misdemeanor**.
- b. Any dog that has been confiscated under these provisions shall be returned to its owner upon the owner's compliance with the provisions of this article and upon the payment of reasonable confiscation costs. In the event the owner has not complied with the provisions of this article within 20 days of the date the dog was confiscated, said dog shall be destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner.

**The Houston County Animal Control is authorized to make whatever inquiry, as often as deemed necessary, to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article.**