



MPD Safety Tips for Pet Owners

- Avoid leaving your dog unattended in your yard (even if it's fenced) or in public.
- Get a "Dog In Yard" sign and make sure gates and fences are in good repair, closed, and locked to prevent an escape.
- If you know the police are on the way to your home, crate or confine your dog or cat to a room in the house and close the door if safe and practical.
- If the police arrive at your home, alert them to the presence of a dog or cat and ask for a moment or two to crate/confine the dog or cat.
- Keep your doors fully closed and locked so that if someone comes to your front door (either a police officer or someone else), a dog or cat cannot slip out and approach them on their own.
- Have all of your pet's paperwork together and easily accessible should the police or animal control officers need to see it.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times when in an unconfined area.
- If you know your dog is reactive for any reason, use an approved and safe muzzle (i.e. one purchased from a pet supply store) when taking them out in public.

Thank you for working with MPD to keep animals safe!