

Dangerous Dog – New Registration Information

If you have been served a “Notice of Determination of Dangerous Dog” by the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Department, you are required to register your dog with the Aitkin County Auditor’s Office. A checklist of items and actions needed are as follows:

✓ Registration Requirements:

- Register the Dog with the Aitkin County Auditor’s Office **within 14 days** of being notified that your dog was declared dangerous.
- Complete the [Dangerous Dog Registration form](#)
- Bring a valid photo ID and proof of current address.

📁 Provide Proof of:

- ☐ Current rabies vaccination
- ☐ Microchipping (implantation must be done by a veterinarian)
- ☐ Sterilization (spay/neuter)
- ☐ Current proof of **Dangerous Dog Bite** liability insurance of at least \$300,000 to cover potential damages. **This is NOT regular homeowner’s insurance.** It is a specialized policy.
- ☐ Photos of a Proper Enclosure: see § 347.50 Subd. 4. for details. *
You will be provided signage to post in a visible area at the time of registration. **You will be required to provide photo documentation that the signage is posted.**

🏠 Ensure Proper Containment:

- ☐ The dog must be kept in a secure enclosure that prevents escape and unauthorized access.
- ☐ If outside the enclosure, the dog must be muzzled and restrained by a substantial leash (per MN § 347.52).

👛 Use Proper Identification:

- ☐ Dog must wear a tag or identifying collar indicating its dangerous status at all times. You will be provided a tag at the time of initial registration.

Pay the Registration Fee:

- ☐ Dangerous dog registration fee: **\$100.00** – Cash or Check Only
- ☐ Ongoing annual renewal is required each year the dog remains classified as dangerous.
 - You will receive a renewal letter each year. Renewal requirements include:
 - Completed renewal application.
 - Proof of current rabies vaccination.
 - Current proof of Dangerous Dog Bite liability insurance with minimum liability limits of \$300,000.
 - Current photos of the proper enclosure with clear visibility of warning signage.
 - Renewal Fee

It is important to keep your information updated with the Aitkin County Auditor's Office:

- ✓ Immediately notify our office if:
 - The dog is sold, moved, or dies.
 - There is a change of address. **You have 30 days to notify our office after a move.**
 - The dog is involved in another incident.

Minnesota Statutes for your reference:

- [MN Stat. § 347.50–347.565](#)
- [MN Stat. § 347.51 \(Dangerous dog registration\)](#)
- [MN Stat. § 347.52 \(Restraint and identification\)](#)
- [MN Stat. § 347.54 \(Secure enclosure\)](#)