



Frequently Asked Questions About the Westchester County Dangerous Dog Registry

What is the Westchester County Dangerous Dog Registry?

A newly created registry of all dogs in Westchester County that have been classified as “dangerous” under New York State Law.

Why is this Registry being created?

New York State Law now requires all dangerous dogs be reported to the municipality where the dog resides or is harbored.

How does a dog get put into the Registry?

Only dogs that have been deemed “dangerous” by a judge as defined in section 209-cc of the General Municipal Law, following a hearing, will be included in this registry. Owners of such a dog are required to report the dog to their local municipal clerk’s office.

How can a person find out which dogs in the community are considered dangerous?

The Westchester County Dangerous Dog Registry is available for public information and includes the dog’s residence, description, and the date on which the dog was deemed dangerous by a judge.

Residents can access this registry by visiting the Westchester County Department of Health website at www.westchestergov.com/health.

How does the public report a dangerous dog?

The public cannot add a dog to the Westchester County Dangerous Dog Registry. However, if you feel a dog (or any other animal) in your neighborhood is dangerous, please contact your local city or town hall or your local police department.

Where do I get additional information?

Residents may contact the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000 for information on the registry. For questions on reporting and enforcement, residents should call their local police department.

