

# KNOX COUNTY CODE

## Chapter 6

### ANIMALS\*

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\* **Cross reference** – Health and sanitation, ch. 38.

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

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**ARTICLE II. ANIMAL CONTROL\***

**DIVISION 1. GENERALLY**

**Sec. 6-31. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Animal* means every living dumb creature, including but not limited to dogs, cats , warm blooded mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish.

*Animal control division* means the animal control division of the county health department.

*Animal control officer* shall mean any person employed by the county health department animal control division who is authorized to implement and enforce this article and applicable state statutes.

*Animal shelter* means any animal shelter owned by, controlled by or under contract with the county.

*Direct control* means immediate and continuous physical control of an animal (excluding herding dogs, dogs in the process of hunting, police dogs, and dogs participating in organized field competition) at all times such as by means of a fence, leash, cord, or chain of sufficient strength to restrain the animal.

*Livestock* means all animals of the equine, bovine or swine class and includes goats, sheep, mules, horses, hogs, or cattle and domesticated poultry.

*Owner* means any person possessing, keeping, having charge of, sheltering, feeding, harboring or taking care of any animal or livestock covered by this article.

*Person* means any natural person, individual, firm, society, corporation, partnership, association, trust, estate or other legal entity. If the person is a minor as defined by statute, said minor's parent(s) or legal guardian shall be the owner for the purposes of this article.

*Quarantine* is the strict confinement, isolation and observation of an animal suspected of rabies.

*Running at Large* shall mean any animal which is not confined to its owner's property or under direct control of the owner.

*Vaccination*, means a rabies vaccine administered by a licensed veterinarian and approved by the county health department or the state department of health and administered to such animal on an annual basis.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(2), 6-24-96)

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

\* Cross reference – Animal control in mobile home parks § 48-41.

**Sec. 6-32. Animals at large.**

(a) No person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park or upon the property of another.

(b) Every person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall keep such animal exclusively upon his own premises; provided, however, that such animal may be off such premises if it is under the direct control of a competent person.

(c) This section shall not apply to a dog on a hunt or chase, nor to a dog guarding or driving stock. This section shall not apply to any animal participating in an organized animal show.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(3), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-33. Animals creating a nuisance**

(a) The owner having control or custody of any animal or livestock which:

(1) Habitually barks, whines, meows, squawks or causes other objectionable noise resulting in a nuisance to a neighboring resident, shall be deemed to be committing an act in violation of this article. For purposes of this article, "habitually" shall mean continuously for a periods of ten minutes, or intermittently for one-half hour or more.

(2) Disturbs the peace by destroying, desecrating or soiling public or private property, chasing of persons, livestock, cars, or other vehicles, running at large, or other behavior that interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of said property, shall be deemed to be committing an act in violation of this Ordinance.

(b) The owner having control or custody of a female dog or cat in heat (estrus) shall humanely confine such dog or cat in a building or secure enclosure so as to be inaccessible to any male dog or cat, except for controlled and intentional breeding of such animal.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(4), 6-24-96)  
§ A(1) amended 12-1-98.

**Sec. 6-34. Number of animals, acreage restrictions.**

(a) The following chart prescribes the number of dogs and cats per specified acreage restrictions:

IF YOU HAVE:*	Less than 1.0 acre	1.5 - 2.5 acres	2.5 - 5 acres	5+ acres
1-5 dogs and cats	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
6-10 dogs and cats	Prohibited	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
11-20 dogs and cats	Prohibited	Prohibited	Allowed	Allowed
21+ dogs and cats	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Allowed

\*Total number of dogs and/or cats allowed.

(b) Reference to dogs and cats only refer to adult dogs and cats older than four months. There are no restrictions on the number of dogs and cats younger than four months old that can be on the property.

(c) If it is determined that a person is in violation of this section, such person shall be allowed thirty days from the notice of violation to correct such violation.

(d) This section shall not apply to veterinarian clinics, kennels, boarding facilities, pet shops or pet dealers licensed to do business in the county.

(e) If all dogs and/or cats have been vaccinated and inoculated against disease as recommended by a veterinarian and such veterinarian will attest that such dogs and/or cats are properly cared for, the health officer for the county may exempt any restriction as specified in this section.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(5), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-35 Wild or exotic animals.**

(a) No person shall have, sell, keep or maintain any wild, exotic, dangerous, or non-domesticated animal within the county. "Wild, exotic, dangerous, or non-domesticated animal" shall be defined to include all animals classified as class I animals under T.C.A. Section 70-4-403, as amended, and shall also include any wolf hybrid.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall have no application to the following:

(1) Any veterinary establishment licensed by the state;

(2) Appropriately accredited colleges, universities, or other institutions of higher learning which own, keep or maintain any such animals for educational or scientific purposes; or

(3) Persons or entities maintaining such animals pursuant to a valid permit issued by the wildlife resources agency.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(6), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-36 Sale or giving away of animals on public property.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or to give away dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens on roads, streets, sidewalks, outdoor commercial areas, including parking lots, or public property within the county.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(7), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-37. Injured animals; action required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person injuring any animal by any means to fail to notify immediately the owner of such animal; or immediately seek medical care for the animal from a licensed veterinarian; or immediately notify the county animal control division; or immediately notify the county humane society; or immediately notify the county sheriff's department. Compliance with this section shall not constitute an admission of financial liability for veterinary care of such injured animal.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(11), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-38. Rabies vaccinations.**

(a) Every person who is the owner of any dog or cat over the age of three months within the county shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by a licensed veterinarian. The vaccination schedule shall be the following:

- Dogs:
- (1) Within 30 days after a dog reaches the age of three months, and **annually thereafter;**
  - (2) Within 30 days of acquiring the dog if there is no documented vaccination history; or
  - (3) Within 30 days after entering the jurisdiction of this article if the owner cannot provide documented vaccination history.

- Cats:
- (1) Within 30 days after a cat reaches the age of three months a primary or first vaccine dose must be given and is valid for only one year. The second and subsequent vaccine doses can be a “three year vaccine”, certified by the veterinarian and will be valid for three years. If an approved “three year vaccine” is not used, then the cat must be vaccinated annually.
  - (2) Within 30 days of acquiring the cat if there is no documented vaccination history; or
  - (3) Within 30 days after entering the jurisdiction of this article if the owner cannot provide documented vaccination history.

(b) Evidence of such vaccination shall consist of a certificate bearing the owner's name and address, number of the vaccination tag issued, date of vaccination, date the dog or cat shall be revaccinated, description and sex of the dog or cat vaccinated, type and lot number of vaccine administered and the name of the veterinarian administering the vaccine.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(12), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-39. Rabies tags.**

Every dog owner shall attach a metal tag or other evidence of vaccination to a collar which shall be worn at all times by the dog vaccinated; provided, that the collar may be removed in the case of hunting dogs while in chase or returning from the chase. But nothing herein shall be construed as permitting the use of an unvaccinated dog in either the hunt or chase.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(13), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-40. Animal bite investigations and quarantine.**

(a) Any animal which has bitten a person or shows symptoms of rabies shall be penned up immediately by its owners, or by the person having charge of the animal, or by the person sheltering, feeding, harboring or taking care of the animal, and the county health department animal control division shall be notified immediately. The animal shall be confined by the animal shelter, a veterinarian, or in a place approved by the health department representative for not less than ten (10) days.

(b) If the animal which has bitten a person is running at large and/or is not current on rabies vaccination at the time the bite occurs, it must be quarantined at a veterinary hospital within the County or at the animal shelter.

(c) If the animal which has bitten a person is not running at large and is current on its rabies vaccination at the time the bite occurs, the health department representative has the option of requiring the animal be taken to a license boarding facility or to quarantine the animal at the residence if adequate facilities are available. The animal shall be subject to observation by the health department representative at all times during the quarantined period.

(d) If rabies does not develop during the quarantine period, then the animal shall be released to the owner after current rabies vaccination and payment of all applicable fees, but if rabies does develop, the animal shall be destroyed by a veterinarian and the animal head submitted for rabies testing.

(e) The owner will be responsible for payment of all boarding costs and other fees as may be required to humanely and safely keep the animal during the quarantine period.

(f) A dog used by a law enforcement agency in the performance of functions or duties of the agency which has bitten a person, and has received vaccinations against rabies, and does not show the symptoms of rabies, may continue to be utilized by the law enforcement agency; however, the dog shall be subject to observation by the health department representative.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(14), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-41. Fencing of livestock.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any livestock to willfully allow such livestock to run at large or stray upon any street, roadway, right of way, other public area, or the private property of another without consent. Failure of the owner to maintain fencing or other containment adequate to prevent livestock from running at large as provided in this section constitutes willful conduct by the owner for this article. Electric fencing will be recognized as adequate fencing if it is adequately maintained.

(b) Every owner of livestock shall erect and /or maintain a fence to contain and confine all livestock kept or maintained on his property. Such fence shall be sufficiently strong and substantial so as to prevent egress of livestock. Failure to so erect and/or maintain the fence in reasonably good condition shall be deemed a violation of this article. The owner of livestock shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of initial warning from the animal control division, repair or erect a fence and / or make arrangements for the placement of the livestock so as to have livestock confined. If the fence is not repaired or erected or arrangements have not been made for the placement of livestock within the twenty-four (24) hour period, the owner may receive a civil citation as provided in this article.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(15), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-42. Disposal of bodies of dead animals.**

(a) Any owner of any animal, upon the death of such animal, shall immediately dispose of the carcass by burying at least two feet below the surface of the ground and at least fifty feet from any water source, or by any other authorized method of disposal; provided, however, nothing in this section shall prohibit the disposal of such carcass to rendering companies licensed to do business in the county.

(b) It is unlawful to dispose of the carcass of any animal by dumping such carcass on any public or private property.

- (c) Any owner of any animal shall be responsible for the costs of disposing of the animal carcass in instances where the animal control division disposes of the animal due to any emergency or the owner's failure to act.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(16), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-43. Poisoning or trapping of animals.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to deliberately poison or to trap any domesticated animal or aid, abet or assist in the deliberate poisoning or trapping or the putting out or placing of poison or a trap at any point or place outside of buildings where dogs, cats or other domesticated animals may encounter the poison or trap; provided, however, that in instances where any animal by reason of damage to property, danger to life or threat to public health becomes a nuisance, a live, humane trapping method provided or approved by the animal control division may be used.

**Sec. 6-44. Animal care and manner of keeping.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping an animal to fail to provide for that animal:
  - (1) Clean, sanitary, and humane conditions;
  - (2) Sufficient quantities of food and clean fresh water daily;
  - (3) Proper air ventilation and circulation;
  - (4) Sufficient shelter and protection from the elements and environment;
  - (5) Medical attention and/or necessary veterinary care when it is sick, diseased or injured;and
  - (6) Annual inoculations, as recommended by a veterinarian, against disease infectious to humans or animals.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to tease or molest any animal.
- (c) This section does not replace the criminal offense part of T.C.A. § 39-14-202, pertaining to cruelty to animals.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(18), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-45. Interference with enforcement.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly hinder, resist or oppose any officer or employee of the animal control division in the performance of his duties.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly interfere with or damage any humane animal trap owned by the animal control division or to molest or release any animal caught therein.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(19), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-46. Impoundment.**

- (a) Except as provided in this section, any animal impounded under the provisions of this article shall be transported to the animal shelter, or if the animal is in immediate danger, to a veterinary facility. The animal shall be held at the animal shelter for a waiting period of not less than three (3) days, including the day the animal is received, but exclusive of legal holidays, unless the animal is wearing identification, rabies, or license tags in which event the waiting period shall be not less than five (5) days, including the day the animal is received, but exclusive of legal holidays. During the prescribed waiting period the owner of the animal, if known, shall be notified and allowed to redeem the animal upon payment

of any applicable fees. No animal shall be destroyed until the expiration of the prescribed waiting period except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) If, in the attempt to seize an animal, it becomes impossible to do so safely by proper handling procedures, the animal control division after being convinced that seizure of the animal is necessary to public welfare by reason of its viciousness or infection with rabies may, tranquilize the animal or dispose of the animal by shooting it.

(c) If any animal so impounded is found to be sick, injured or of a vicious nature, the animal may be immediately destroyed in a humane manner; provided, however, that if the owner is known, he shall be notified, and shall have the right to obtain the advice and services of a veterinarian, and in all such cases where the owner of the animal is known, the animal shall not be destroyed without the consent of the owner. Where there has been a reasonable attempt to contact the owner and the owner has not promptly responded, then the animal shall be humanely destroyed.

(d) As soon as possible after any animal is impounded, a permanent record shall be made which includes a description of the animal and the date, time and place that the animal was picked up. If such animal is not redeemed, the date and time of adoption or euthanasia shall also be included as part of the permanent record.

(e) Whenever the animal control division finds that any animal is or will be without proper care because of injury, illness, incarceration, or other involuntary absence of the person responsible for the care of such animal, the animal control officer may impound such animal until reclaimed by its owner. Any animal which has been impounded and not reclaimed for ten (10) days after the circumstances causing the impoundment have ceased to exist may be disposed of pursuant to animal shelter policy.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(20), (21), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-47. Violations; civil infractions; civil penalties.**

(a) Any violation of this article is a civil infraction.

(b) Any person who has committed an act in violation of this article may receive a citation from the animal control division by an animal control officer or law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a civil infraction in violation of this article.

(c) The county environmental court shall have jurisdiction over all violations of this article.

(d) Any violation of this article may be punishable by a civil penalty of not less than \$50.00 nor shall be more than \$500.00. Each day that any section of this article is violated shall constitute a separate punishable offense.

(e) Any person issued an animal control ordinance citation may be deemed to be charged with a civil violation and shall comply with the directives on the citation.

(f) If a person fails to appear in court, such person shall be deemed to have waived their right to contest the citation and in such a case a default judgment may be entered and the judge shall impose a civil penalty at that time. An order to show cause may be issued. If the civil penalty is paid, the case shall be dismissed. If the civil penalty is not paid, judgment may be entered up to the maximum civil penalty.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(22), 6-24-96)

**Sec. 6-48. Animal restrictions in county parks.**

(a) *Leash requirement.* All animals must be on a leash not exceeding six feet in length and in the custody of a competent person while on Knox County Park Property.

(b) *Prohibited animals.* The following animals are not permitted in Knox County Parks:

- (1) Livestock;
- (2) Wild or exotic animals privately owned;
- (3) Where a county park sign prohibits all animals privately owned; and
- (4) Any animal behaving in a dangerous or potentially dangerous manner or any dog that has been classified as dangerous.

(c) *No animals allowed in designated county parks.* No privately owned animals will be permitted in county parks that have a designated sign posted to that effect. This restriction will be designated in certain parks that have a high volume of participants and inadequate areas for animals.

(d) *Responsibility for animal waste.* The owner or person having custody of an animal must remove from the county park all waste generated by such animal.

**Secs. 6-49—6-70. Reserved.**

**DIVISION 2. DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS DOGS**

**Sec. 6-71. Classification levels.**

(a) *Level 1 - Potentially dangerous dogs.* A dog may be classified as potentially dangerous if such dog constitutes a menace to public health and safety. In order for a dog to be classified as potentially dangerous one of the following incidents shall occur:

- (1) The dog has killed or injured an animal without provocation while such dog is off the owner's property;
- (2) Any dog's behavior, while off the dog owner's property, constitutes a substantial threat of bodily harm to a person when such person is conducting himself peacefully and lawfully; or
- (3) An attack occurs which results in injury to a person or a dog bites a person when such person is conducting himself peacefully and lawfully.

A dog will not be classified as potentially dangerous if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property with the intent to commit a crime or tort upon the property occupied by the owner of the dog, or was tormenting, abusing , or assaulting the dog.

(b) *Level 2 - Dangerous dog.* A dog may be classified as dangerous if said dog has:

- (1) Attacked, caused serious injury or otherwise endangered the safety of human beings or has a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack, to cause serious injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of a person who is conducting himself peacefully and lawfully;
- (2.) Attacked, caused serious injury or death to domestic animals while off the owner's property; or

(3) Previously been classified as potentially dangerous as set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

A dog will not be classified as dangerous if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property with the intent to commit crime or tort upon the property occupied by the owner of the dog, or was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog.

(c) *Level 3 - Vicious Dog.* A dog may be classified as vicious if said dog has:

(1) Attacked and caused severe and gross injuries or death to a human being; or

(2) Previously been classified as dangerous and an incident has occurred as set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

A dog will not be classified as vicious if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property with the intent to commit a crime or tort upon the property occupied by the owner of the dog, or was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(8), 6-24-96)

#### **Sec. 6-72. Potentially dangerous dogs.**

(a) The animal control division investigates reported incidents involving dogs that may be potentially dangerous. Upon such investigation, if the animal control division finds the dog to constitute a menace to the public's health and safety, such dog shall then be classified as potentially dangerous. The owner shall receive written notification of the animal control division's classification of the animal.

(b) The owner of a dog that has been classified as potentially dangerous shall take whatever measures are necessary to confine or restrain such animal to prevent any future incidents from occurring that constitute a menace to the public health and safety.

(c) The animal control division is responsible for investigating alleged violations of subsection (b) of this section after a dog has been classified as potentially dangerous. A citation may be issued to the owner of any potentially dangerous dog in violation of subsection (b) of this section.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(9)(A), 6-24-96)

#### **Sec. 6-73. Dangerous dogs.**

(a) The animal control division investigates reported incidents involving dogs that may be dangerous. Upon such investigation, if the animal control division finds the dog to constitute a dangerous dog as defined in this article, such dog shall be so classified. The owner shall receive written notification of the animal control's classification of the animal.

(b) A dangerous dog must be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the dog from coming into contact with either a human being other than the owner or any other animal, designed to prevent the animal from escaping. The pen or structure must have minimum dimensions of four (4) feet by ten (10) feet. Such pen shall have secure sides and a secure top to prevent the dog from escaping over, under, or through the structure. The enclosure shall provide a humane existence for the dog and protection from the elements.

(c) The owner of a dangerous dog shall immediately notify the animal control division when a dangerous dog :

- (1) Is loose or unconfined;
- (2) Has bitten a human being or attacked another animal;
- (3) Was sold, given away, or died; or
- (4) Has been moved to another address.

Prior to a dangerous dog being sold or given away, the owner shall provide the name, address, and phone number of the new owner to the animal control division. Each new owner is to be given notice of the dog's classification as dangerous and the requirements to comply with this article.

(d) The owner shall prominently display a sign on his property at all entry points warning that there is a dangerous dog on the property.

(e) A dangerous dog may be off the owner's property or out of its enclosure if it is muzzled and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the control of a competent person. The muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration, but must prevent it from biting any person or animal.

(f) The animal control division shall have the authority to make whatever inspections are deemed necessary to ensure that the provisions recited herein are complied with.

(g) An owner of a dangerous dog shall have the option to have the dog humanely euthanized at his sole expense if owner is unable to comply with the requirements of this article.

(h) The animal control division is responsible for investigating violations of subsection (b) of this section after a dog is classified as dangerous. A citation may be issued to the owner of any dangerous dog found in violation of this section.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(9)(B), 6-24-96)

#### **Sec. 6-74. Vicious dogs.**

(a) The animal control division investigates reported incidents involving dogs that may be vicious. Upon such investigation, if the animal control division finds the dog to constitute a vicious dog as defined in this article, such dog shall be so classified. The owner shall receive written notification of animal control's classification of the animal.

(b) Any dog that has been classified as vicious shall be impounded by animal control. The animal shall be kept at the animal shelter and placed in rabies quarantine if necessary for the proper length of time, or held for ten (10) days after the owner's receipt of notification, and the dog shall be euthanized unless the owner initiates an appeal procedure within this ten (10) day period.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(9)(C), 6-24-96)

#### **Sec. 6-75. Appeal process for change of classification.**

(a) The owner of a dog that has been classified as dangerous or vicious may appeal this classification by written notification to the health officer for the county or an appointed representative within ten days after receiving written notification from the owner.

(b) For a dangerous dog classification, the owner shall until final disposition of the appeal, take whatever measures are necessary to prevent any future incidents from occurring.

(c) The classification of dangerous or vicious shall be upheld or revoked by the health officer for county within five days, excluding legal holidays and weekends, after the appeal hearing.

(d) Where the classification of vicious has been upheld by the health officer, the owner of such dog shall be given ten days from the date of notification to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for any remedies which may be available.

(e) The owner will be responsible for payment of all boarding costs and other fees as may be required to humanely and safely keep the dog at the animal shelter through the appeals process.

(Ord. No. 0-96-5-101, § 1(10), 6-24-96)

**SECTION 23. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on July 11, 1996.