

## **CHAPTER 4. ANIMALS AT LARGE**

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### **6-4-1. Unlawful to harbor stray animals.**

It is unlawful for any person to harbor any lost or strayed animal without attempting to find the owner. It shall be the duty of the finder to notify the Shelter within 24 hours if an owner is not found. Community cats are exempt. The Shelter may impound the animal as herein provided.

(Ord. 2025-16, 05-21-2025) (Ord. 2023-32, 08-03-2023)  
(Ord. 2020-07, 03-04-2020) (Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017)  
(Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003) (Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)

### **6-4-2. Animals running at large.**

It is unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care, custody, or control of any animal to allow such animal to run at large at any time. The owner or person charged with responsibility for an animal found running at large shall be strictly liable for a violation of this Section regardless of the precautions taken to prevent the escape of the animal and regardless of whether or not such person knows the animal is running at large.

(Ord. 2023-32, 08-03-2023) (Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017)  
(Ord. 1990-16, 09-11-1990)

### **6-4-3. Animals on unenclosed premises.**

It is unlawful for any person to chain, stake out, or tether an animal on any unenclosed premises in such a manner that the animal may go beyond the property line unless such person has permission of the owners of all affected adjacent properties, and provided that the animal shall not be permitted to go beyond the property line into the public right-of-way, including onto the public sidewalks.

(Ord. 2023-32, 08-03-2023) (Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017)  
(Ord. 1981-25, 05-21-1981)

### **6-4-4. Female animals in heat.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person having charge, care, custody, or control of any female animal in heat, in addition to restraining such animal from running at large, to fail to cause such animal to be constantly confined in a building or secure enclosure, except for planned breeding purposes.

(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)

### **6-4-5. Places prohibited to animals.**

(1) It is unlawful for any person to take or permit any animal, whether loose or on a leash or in the arms, in or about any establishment or place of business where food or food products are sold or displayed, including, but not limited to, restaurants, grocery stores, meat markets, and

fruit or vegetable stores.

(2) It is unlawful for any person keeping, harboring, or having charge, care, custody, or control of any animal to allow the animal to be within Zone 1 of any designated groundwater source protection area (within a 100-foot radius of a wellhead or spring collection area).

(3) This Section shall apply to community cat colonies.

(4) This Section shall not apply to service animals, as defined.

(Ord. 2023-32, 08-03-2023) (Ord. 2020-07, 03-04-2020)  
(Ord. 2017-07, 03-15-2017) (Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003)  
(Ord. 1981-14, 05-25-1981)

### **6-4-6. Penalties.**

Every person who violates any provision of this Chapter is guilty of an Infraction.

(Ord. 2023-32, 08-03-2023) (Ord. 2020-33, 08-27-2020)  
(Ord. 2003-28, 12-17-2003)