

Chapter 14
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14.01 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

No person shall cruelly treat any animal.

14.02 DANGEROUS ANIMALS *Amended, 2005-O-67*

All persons owning or in possession of any dangerous or vicious animal shall restrain said animal from running at large within the Village. Exhibitions or parades of untamed animals may be conducted upon securing a permit from the Police Department.

The owner of every dangerous or vicious animal shall keep it safely and securely muzzled when outside the confines of the owner's real property.

14.03 NOISY ANIMALS

No person shall harbor or keep any animal which disturbs the peace by loud noises.

14.04 ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No person shall stable, keep, or maintain any horses, donkeys, ponies, mules, bulls, cows, cattle, steers, oxen, swine, calves, sheep, goats, pigeons, chickens, or any other fowl in the Village, nor shall any person ride, walk, or lead any horses, donkeys, ponies, mules, bulls, cows, cattle, steers, oxen, swine, calves, sheep, or goats in the Village, except by special permission granted by the Village Board, provided that horses may be led through the Village on a public roadway when safe to do so without disrupting traffic. And except also that the Village may issue a permit for the use of any horse-drawn carriage for a particular event or ceremony. The permit fee is found in Appendix B.

Nor shall any person keep, harbor, care for, act as custodian of, or maintain in his possession any dangerous animal.

For purposes of this Section, "dangerous animal" means: any lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, lynx, bobcat, jaguarundi, bear, hyena, wolf or coyote, snake or life-threatening reptile.

14.05 DISEASED ANIMALS

A. All persons owning or in possession of any animal afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease shall restrain said animal from running at large within the Village or from being exposed in any public place where the public health may be affected within the Village. No diseased animal shall be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner except under the supervision of the Police Department or the state veterinarian. No diseased animal shall be brought into the Village.

B. The Police Department shall secure the disposition of any diseased animal and the treatment of affected premises so as to prevent the communication and spread of the contagion or infection, except in cases where the state veterinarian is empowered to act.

14.06 **DOG LICENSES**

No person shall permit a dog to be or remain in the Village without being registered and licensed by the county in which the person resides. The registration and licensing rules of the county shall prevail. In no case shall a dog be allowed to be or remain in the Village that has not been inoculated against rabies.

14.07 **ANIMALS AT LARGE** *Amended, 05-O-67, 05-O-45, 03-O-42*

All persons owning or in possession of any dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall not permit such animal to run at large within the Village. Dogs shall be on a leash of no longer than 10 feet or otherwise appropriately restrained when in public places, including parks, and any public pedestrian way, street, or public right of way. All persons owning or in possession of a dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall contain such animal to the confines of the owner's real property unless the animal is under restraint.

14.08 **IMPOUNDING DOGS** *Amended, 05-O-67, 03-O-42*

A. Nuisance: Any dog found in the Village either without a license or running at large is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be impounded as provided in this Chapter.

B. Duties of the Police Department: The Police Department shall impound any dog running at large in violation of the provisions of this Chapter. Village police officers may make all necessary arrests in carrying out the provision of this Chapter. The Village shall receive such fees for such arrests as are deemed reasonable. The Police Department shall have charge of all dogs impounded, shall secure shelter for all such dogs, and see that they are humanely treated and fed. The Police Department shall relinquish the animal to the Animal Control Division of either Kane County or McHenry County, as appropriate, and pursuant to any agreement between the Village and the county regarding animal control.

C. Redemption: The owner of any dog impounded may redeem it by paying all the costs, charges, and penalties that have accrued by the Village or the county.

14.09 **DOG BITES**

Whenever a dog bites a person, the owner of the dog shall immediately notify the Police Department who shall order the dog held on the owner's premises or shall have it impounded for a period of 2 weeks.

The dog shall be examined immediately after it has bitten anyone and again at the end of the 2-week period. If, at the end of the 2 weeks, a veterinarian is convinced that the dog is then free from rabies, the dog shall be released from quarantine or from the pound. If the dog dies in the meanwhile, its head shall be sent to the Illinois Department of Health for examination for rabies.

14.10 **PENALTY**

Any person, firm, or corporation found guilty of violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined pursuant to Appendix B for each offense, plus the Village's cost of prosecution and impoundment charges, if incurred. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.