

## CHAPTER 4 – ANIMALS

### Sec. 4-1. Definitions.

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

*Animal* means any animal of a species that is susceptible to rabies, except man.

*At large* means

(i) Being neither confined by an enclosure nor physically restrained by a leash.

(ii) The presence at any place in the city of any livestock on public or private property except for public or private property that is owned, leased or otherwise lawfully controlled by the owner of the livestock, or by a person acting with the consent of the owner of the livestock. Notwithstanding the foregoing livestock that is being driven or ridden on a street or other right of way by the owner of the livestock or by another person having immediate and direct control of the livestock is not at large.

*Collar* means a band, chain, harness, or suitable device worn around the neck of an animal to which a license may be affixed.

*Department* means the state department of health services.

*Dog* means any member of the *canis familiaris* family.

*Enforcement agent* means a person designated by the city who is responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and regulations promulgated hereunder.

*Impound* means the act of taking or receiving into custody by the city or its designee any dog or other animal for the purpose of confinement in an authorized pound in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

*Kennel* means an enclosed, controlled area, inaccessible to other animals, in which a person keeps, harbors or maintains five (5) or more dogs under controlled conditions.

*Livestock* means asses, cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats and swine, except wild pigs.

*Mammal* means any animal except fowl or reptiles.

*Owner* means any person keeping an animal other than livestock for more than six (6) consecutive days.

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*Pet shop* means any establishment at which are kept for sale any animals generally considered to be household pets.

*Poultry* means chickens, turkeys, domesticated birds, game birds, fowl, waterfowl and exotic birds, including but not limited to ostriches.

*Pound* means any establishment authorized by the enforcement agent for the confinement, maintenance, safekeeping and control of animals that come into the custody of the enforcement agent in the performance of his official duties.

*Rabies quarantine area* means any area in which a state of emergency has been declared to exist due to the occurrence of rabies in animals in or adjacent to the area.

*Rabies vaccination certificate* means a method of recording and duplicating rabies information that is in compliance with the enforcement agent's licensing system or the enforcement agent's prescribed forms.

*Rodent* means a mammal of the order rodentia, such as a mouse, squirrel, rat or beaver, characterized by large incisors adapted for gnawing or nibbling.

*Stray dog* means any dog four (4) months of age or older running at large that is not wearing a valid license tag.

*Vaccination* means the administration of an anti-rabies vaccine to animals by a veterinarian, or in authorized pounds by employees trained by a veterinarian.

*Veterinarian* means any veterinarian licensed to practice in this state or any veterinarian employed in this state by a governmental agency.

*Veterinary hospital* means any establishment operated by a veterinarian licensed to practice in this state that provides clinical facilities and houses animals or birds for dental, medical or surgical treatment. A veterinary hospital may have adjacent to it or in conjunction with it or as an integral part of it, pens, stalls, cages or kennels for quarantine, observation or boarding.

*Vicious animal* means any animal of the order carnivora that has a propensity to attack, to cause injury to or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings without provocation, or that has been so declared after a hearing before a justice of the peace or the municipal court.

(Code 1977, § 7-1-1; Ord. No. 87-31, § 1, 7-14-87)

(Ord. No. 96-31, 6/4/96, Amended)

(Ord. No. 97-111, 11/18/97, Amended)

Cross reference(s) -- Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

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State law reference(s) -- Similar provisions, A.R.S. § 11-1001.

State law reference(s) -- Livestock, A.R.S. § 3-1201.