



ANIMAL CODES

Here are some important animal-related codes to remember and follow. Click the section number to read the code in full.

[Sec. 14-4.](#) - Trapping, shooting, hunting, molesting birds.

“It shall be unlawful to trap, shoot, hunt or attempt to shoot or molest in any manner any bird or wild fowl or to rob birds' nests or wild fowl nests.”

[Sec. 14-5.](#) - Running at large.

“It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any animal he owns or that is under his care, custody or control to run at large.” Under [Section 14-33](#), “a dog shall not be deemed running at large if accompanied by a person” and on a leash.

[Sec. 14-34.](#) - Vicious dogs.

“It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a vicious dog, unless it is kept securely confined upon its own premises. A vicious dog has previously bitten a person or another animal or has fits of rage during which it may attack, bite or jump on a person or other animal and cause physical harm.”

[Sec. 14-35.](#) - Number restricted.

“It shall be unlawful for any person to keep over five canines over 12 months of age on any premises.” This code does not apply to kennels.

[ARTICLE III.](#) – Rabies Control.

Any person who has a cat or dog must inoculate the animal against rabies. The animal must wear a tag from the veterinarian stating that it's been inoculated, and the owner must keep the certificate proving it.

[ARTICLE IV.](#) – Impoundment

This article authorizes animal control officers to impound any animal found to violate any of the codes in the animal-related chapter. If the officer can obtain the owner's information from a tag, the owner may be cited to appear in court instead of impounding the animal. It's unlawful to interfere with impounding. An impounded animal will be held for several days, during which time the officer will attempt to contact the owner.
