

Sec. 2.01.002 General regulations as to care, keeping and using of animals

Every owner, caretaker or user of any animal shall observe the following rules in connection with the care, keeping and using of the animal, and any person violating any provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offense:

- (1) The owner, caretaker or user shall feed all animals in their care with a quantity of good, wholesome food sufficient to keep the animals in a good, well-nourished condition, and shall serve the food in a clean, sanitary manner.
- (2) The owner, caretaker or user shall provide each animal with pure, clean water in sufficient quantities at all times.
- (3) The caretaker, owner or user shall ensure that each animal receives adequate grooming, treatment, transportation, and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission.
- (4) The caretaker, owner, or user shall provide each animal sufficient and appropriate exercise for the requirements of the species.
- (5) **No person may restrain a dog by a tether that:**
 - (A) Is less than ten feet in length or five times the length of the dog measured from nose to the base of the tail, whichever is longer; or**
 - (B) Due to the weight of the tether itself, causes injury or visible discomfort to the dog.**
- (6) It is unlawful for any person to dye, stain or otherwise alter the natural color of any chicken, duckling, gosling or rabbit.
 - (A) It shall be a defense to prosecution under subsection (1) of this section that the animal was dyed or stained for commercial use or breeding purposes, for scientific, educational or governmental purposes or any other purpose not related to its being furnished or kept as a pet.
- (7) No person shall work or use an animal where there are any sores upon the animal's body, legs, head or shoulders.
- (8) The owner, caretaker or user shall ensure that all harness used on any work animal is properly fitted to the animal and is free from any wire, rivets, break, tear or anything else that will irritate or make sores on the animal.
- (9) No person shall hitch an animal to any wagon that is not well-greased or where the pole or the singletree is in such condition as may cause injury to the animal.
- (10) No person shall drive an animal drawing a wagon or other loaded vehicle faster than at a walk.
- (11) No person shall work or use a sick or crippled animal or lead or drive it on any street of the city.
- (12) No person shall run, or participate in the running, of any horse race in, along or across any public road, public square or public street in the city.
- (13) Cats that are allowed outdoors must be spayed or neutered.

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