

## Chapter 4

### **ANIMALS AND FOWL**

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#### **ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

##### **Sec. 4-1. Ownership.**

All animals, legally owned by citizens of this state and by citizens of other states, that are located in the Parish of Lincoln, are declared to be personal property of such citizens. Owners of stated animals shall be liable for the actions of their animal.

##### **Sec. 4-2. Animals roaming at large.**

No person shall allow any animal in his or her possession, or kept on his or her premises, to run at large on any unenclosed land, or trespass upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands of another.

##### **Sec. 4-3. Impounding and disposition of strays.**

Any citizen, law enforcement officer, or governmental appointee may seize any animal found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and running at large on any road, street, or other public place, or trespassing on any premises other than the premises of the owner. If the animal is wearing a collar showing the name, address, phone number of its owner, or micro-chipped, it shall be impounded, and the citizen or officer seizing the animal shall notify the owner. If the animal is seized by a citizen, and the owner cannot be identified, he or she shall notify animal control immediately. The owner of the animal shall, within 7 days of notification, claim the animal and pay any fees incurred in the holding of the animal. The citizen may notify animal control to hold or surrender the animal. If the animal is unclaimed or has no owner identification, then the animal will be considered a stray and allowed for adoption or euthanized in a humane way.

##### **Sec. 4-4. Fines and penalties.**

Any owner allowing their animal to run at large shall be fined as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> offense: \$150.00

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: \$250.00

3<sup>rd</sup> offense: \$500.00 and/or 30 days in jail with mandatory surrender of the animal

#### **Sec. 4-5. Tethering.**

Any tethered animals should be in an area free of any obstruction that could inhibit freedom of movement. Tethered animals should have a separate collar with owner's name, address, and/phone number. Tethered livestock should no be further than 100 feet from paddock. For dogs, the tether should be of sufficient strength to contain the animal without being so heavy as to inhibit freedom of movement. Tether length should be a minimum of three times the length of the dog when measured from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail.

The penalty for violation of this section shall be fines as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> offense: \$150.00

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: \$250.00

3<sup>rd</sup> offense: \$500.00 and/or 30 days in jail with mandatory surrender of the animal

#### **Secs. 4-6 – 4-15. Reserved.**

## **ARTICLE II. DOGS**

### **DIVISION I. GENERALLY**

#### **Sec. 4-16. Vicious dogs**

The owner of any dog(s) that has attacked unprovoked, off the owner's property, any domesticated animal, shall be liable for any financial expenses related to the attack. The dog may be seized and held pending a determination of disposition and medical health. If the dog is seized, a bond hearing may be requested before the return of said dangerous dog to the owner. Dogs harassing livestock may be handled as per Louisiana Title 3: Sections 2651-2691. In the event of a dog(s) attacking a person, it shall be handled as per LA R.S. 14:39 and 14:102.18. Fines shall be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> offense: \$500 and/or 30 days in jail

2<sup>nd</sup> offense: \$500 and/or 30 days in jail and mandatory surrender of the dog

#### **Sec. 4-17. Exception(s)**

Specifically, nothing in this ordinance shall prevent any citizen of this state from lawfully using a hunting or working dog provided the dog is accompanied by the owner or keeper.

**Secs. 4-18 – 4-25. Reserved.**

DIVISION 2. RABIES VACCINATION

**Sec. 4-26. Required.**

Every person owning or possessing a dog shall cause each said dog to be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian licensed in the state per Louisiana Administrative Code - Title 51. (Ord. No. 171, §§ 1, 2, 4, 3-4-35)

**Sec. 4-27. Tag.**

- (a) Upon vaccinating a dog against rabies the veterinarian shall supply the person obtaining the vaccination with a numbered metal tag showing that the dog has been vaccinated.
- (b) The owner or possessor of a dog shall cause a valid dog tag issued for said dog to be attached to the dog at all times.
- (c) No person shall change or cause to be changed such metal tag from one dog to another dog. (Ord. NO. 171, §§4-6,8, 3-4-35)
- (d) The penalty for violation of this section shall be fines as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: \$25.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: \$50.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: \$100.00

**Sec. 4-28. Records of veterinarians.**

A veterinarian administering rabies vaccine to a dog shall record in a register book or electronic register the tag number assigned to each dog, the date of vaccination, a description of the dog, and the name of the owner and/or possessor thereof. (Ord 171, § 2, 3-4-35)