

6-3-7: RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED:

A. Every person who owns, keeps or harbors any dog who knowingly permits such dog to run at large upon the public thoroughfare, upon school grounds, other public property or any property of another without consent is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and is therefore guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 347, 5-16-1983)

B. Every person having under his control any female dog in heat (i.e., in the oestral period) shall confine such dog in a house, garage or other building, and in such a manner as to eliminate the congregation of other dogs in the immediate vicinity of the female. Any such female dog not so confined is a public nuisance, and the owner or other person in control of such dog is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and is therefore guilty of a misdemeanor. The poundmaster or any policeman shall immediately abate every such nuisance by impounding such dog.

C. Every person who shall keep, feed, harbor or allow to stay about any premises occupied or controlled by him, any dog which by loud and continuous barking, howling or yelping constitutes an annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood or to any considerable numbers of persons is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and is therefore guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. It is declared a public nuisance for a dog or other animal to destroy property or other pets, to bite, or chase after persons not trespassing on the property of the animal's owner.

E. Any person aggrieved by a nuisance animal may file a complaint in the police court, charging the owner with the violation of this section. (Ord. 253, 3-19-1973, eff. 4-18-1973)

F. Upon a third conviction under this section, the nuisance animal may, upon order of the city judge, be seized and taken up and put to death. (Ord. 347, 5-16-1983)