120.485 Keeping of Domestic Animals.

A. Number of Domestic Animals.

All domestic animals shall be limited to maintain the animal(s) state of good health. Adequate shelter and protections shall be provided suitable for the species, age, condition, size, and type of each domestic animal. It shall be unlawful to own, possess, shelter, keep, harbor, or maintain any domestic animals under such conditions or in such a manner as to create a nuisance by way of noise, odor, menace to health, or otherwise.

B. Sanitation.

The owner of any domestic animal shall be required to follow procedures and practices to maintain healthy conditions and to ensure that no public nuisance shall be created or maintained or that no threat to the health of persons living in the dwelling or elsewhere shall be created. All domestic animal owners shall:

1. Maintain sanitary conditions in areas where domestic animals are kept for any period of time, including the prompt removal of animal waste.

2. Provide sufficient and proper ventilation in all areas where domestic animals are kept for any period of time.

3. Provide adequate nutrition for all domestic animals.

4. Take reasonable care to prevent the transmission of disease, including necessary veterinary care.

5. Follow all other applicable state or federal statutes, rules and regulations regarding the keeping of domestic animals.

C. Soiling of Public or Private Property.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having charge, care or control of any dog to allow or permit such dog to soil any public or private property other than that of the owner, keeper, custodian or person having control of such dog without promptly removing or disposing of, in a sanitary manner, any excrements deposited by a dog upon any public or private property.

D. Prohibited Acts.

It shall be unlawful for any owner to keep, harbor or have charge of, any domestic animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, when any one or more the following facts exist:

1. The domestic animal shows vicious behaviors and has molested any person or animal lawfully in or upon any public street or place. Vicious behaviors include menacing and aggressive behavior; propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack; has, without provocation or justification, caused bodily/physical injury to a person. For purposes of this section, a domestic animal who has bitten or attacked another person shall be presumed to be vicious.

2. The domestic animal, by destruction of property or trespassing upon the property of others, has become a nuisance in the vicinity where it is kept. Proof of trespass or property damage must be provided with any complaint.

3. No person shall permit any dog, when under that individual's control or when on that individual's premises or on premises under his control, to become a nuisance to others by loud barking, howling, or yelping, provided that any complaint about this fact shall be made by not less than two persons from two separate households.

4. The domestic animal appears to be suffering from rabies or are affected by hydrophobia, mange or other infectious or dangerous disease.

E. Running At Large.

1. No person shall cause or permit any domestic animal to run at large within the Township.

2. Dogs which are on any public or private street, sidewalk, right-of-way, or any other public place, without being held securely on a leash, shall be deemed to be running at large.

3. It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to run at large on the property of another without the permission of the owner of that property.

F. Wild and/or Exotic Pets.

No person shall shelter, exhibit, market, raise, harbor, breed, house or maintain any wild or exotic animal as defined in Section 120.14: Definitions.

G. Violations.

Any person who violates a provision of this Ordinance, or fail to comply with any of the requirements herein, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

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