

PET WASTE

Chapter 101

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Waste likely to be strewn by animals — See Ch. 111.
Animals in trailer camps — See Ch. 204, § 204-13.

Animals — See Ch. 333, Art. V.

ARTICLE I Dogs and Cats

[Adopted 12-27-1978 as part of Ord. No. 78-38]

§ 101-1. Definitions. [Amended 12-30-2002 by Ord. No. 02-32]

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANIMAL — Cat or dog.

§ 101-15. Dogs creating a nuisance.

- A. No person shall keep, harbor or own any dog which, by habitual barking, yelping or howling or by the creation of obnoxious odors or by constant threat of biting, shall cause clear annoyance to people passing to and fro upon the public streets or to people on neighboring properties.
- B. No person shall be cruel or inhumane to a dog, said cruelty and inhumanity consisting of biting, torturing, mutilating, cruelly killing or clear failure to provide food, drink or shelter for a dog or abandoning an old, sick or disabled dog.
- C. No person owning, keeping, harboring or having custody of a dog shall permit it to cause a traffic hazard or to do or cause any injury to other domestic animals which are not at fault or to do damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers or garden grounds or to commit any nuisance on any other property of others. The said person may either be liable for the injury or damage or for compensation of the absorbed cost. However, any damages which may be recoverable for any injury shall be pursued by civil remedies.
- D. Further, no person owning, harboring, keeping, walking or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer, permit or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, street, sidewalk, passageway, road bypass, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or upon any public property whatsoever or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of the private property in the last instance. If any such person shall permit such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on the areas aforesaid, he or she shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces and droppings deposited by such dog, which removal shall be in a sanitary manner by a shovel, container, disposal bag, etc. In a multidwelling complex, the tenant dog owner shall take the dog to the only designated walking area for dogs or other animals which shall be provided and maintained in a sanitary manner by the management of the complex. On the dog owner's own property, the the property shall be maintained in a sanitary manner in order to prevent any noxious odors, attraction of vermin breeding or any other public health nuisance to neighbors.

§ 101-16. Humane care of dogs. [Added 8-26-1998 by Ord. No. 98-34]

- A. No person shall abandon a dog for any reason for any period of time or fail to provide the dog with sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and humane care and treatment.
- B. When, without authorization from the Township Animal Control Officer, an injured or sick animal with no known owner is brought from within the Township boundary lines to a veterinary clinic in Pennsauken or to an adjacent municipality for emergency veterinary care, the Township will be responsible for only up to \$100 of the cost of any emergency veterinary care that animal may receive, unless the veterinary care is authorized in writing by the Township Animal Control Officer. This emergency care will be limited to veterinary first-aid-type treatment only, such as the stoppage of bleeding, relieving of pain, stabilizing of body temperature, placing of splints, etc.