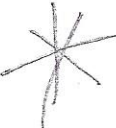



ANTRIM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE: VIOLATIONS

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 **Section 800.1** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, ferret or other animal, licensed or unlicensed to permit the dog, ferret or other animal to run at large or to enter upon the property of another without prior permission. This subsection shall not apply to an owner whose dog is running at large assisting a law enforcement agency or investigation, or a dog owned by a law enforcement agency or a certified law enforcement officer which has been trained as a K-9 to assist in a law enforcement agency, investigation, or demonstration; or a dog assisting a law enforcement agency in the search for missing persons or as otherwise permitted by State law.

 **Section 800.2** It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog, cat, ferret or other animal to permit a dog, cat, ferret or other animal to be outside, including in an enclosed fenced area used to confine a dog, cat, ferret or other animal, and allowed to whine, yelp, howl, yowl, bark or make other sounds common to its species in such a manner that said noise can be heard by any person from an adjoining property or beyond, or from the right-of-way of any adjoining public or private road or beyond between the hours of 10:00PM and 5:00AM or at any other time in a habitual manner. However, this section shall not apply to hunting dogs while engaged in the act of hunting, nor include any activity protected as a farm or farm operation as set forth in Act 93 of the Public Acts of 1981, as amended by Act 240 of the Public Acts of 1987, nor shall this section apply to a person with a current kennel license, to a this section apply to a person with a current kennel license, to a licensed veterinarian who keeps or harbors dogs, cats, or ferrets in the regular course of operating a commercial veterinary hospital or clinic, or an animal control shelter/animal protection shelter.

Section 800.3 It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog, cat, ferret or other animal to permit or to create a malodorous or unsanitary waste conditions on the owner's property or to create a malodorous or unsanitary waste condition anywhere on the property of another person, This provision shall not include any animal or activity protected within or upon any farm or farm operation as act forth in Act 93 of the Public Acts of 1981, as amended by Act 240 of the Public Acts of 1987.

Section 800.4 It shall be unlawful for a dog, cat, ferret or other animal in any manner injure or destroy any real or personal property belonging to another person, including but not limited to breaking or tearing open any garbage bag or container or otherwise spreading garbage or rubbish on another person's real property. In the event that this occurs, the owner of such dog, cat, ferret or other animal shall be responsible for such acts.

Section 800.5 It shall be unlawful for any person to have keep or harbor more than a total of seven (7) or more dogs, cats, or ferrets or any combination of the same over the age of four (4) months, at the same house, single apartment unit, or any type of structure or enclosure; yard or real property, or nay other place within the County. This section, however shall not apply to a person with a current kennel license, breeders or hobby breeders of ferrets pursuant to the provisions of Act 358 of Public Acts of 1994, as amended, or to a licensed veterinarian who keeps or harbors dogs, cats, or ferrets in the regular course of operating a commercial veterinary hospital or clinic, animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

 **Section 800.6** It shall be unlawful for any owner to have any dog over 4 months of age or any ferret over 12 weeks old without a license securely attached to a substantial collar.

Section 800.7 It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a guard dog upon any property unless the guard dog is within an enclosed building or fenced area, which has a sign posted upon the property, prominently displayed and clearly visible to the public, containing the words "WARNING-GUARD DOG".

Section 800.8 It shall be unlawful for any owner or authorized agent of an owner of any guard dog to permit such a guard dog to be outside of an enclosed building or fenced area unless such guard dog is upon a leash not longer than 6 feet in length.