



Excerpt from the City of West University Place Code of Ordinances.

CHAPTER 14: ANIMALS

ARTICLE I: IN GENERAL

Sec. 14-1. - Definitions.

Unless the context requires a different meaning, the following terms, when used in this chapter, have the meanings indicated below:

Cat shall mean a domestic feline of either sex, including one neutered or sterilized.

Dog shall have the same meaning given to that term by V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 822.041.

Domestic animal shall include all species of animals commonly and universally accepted as being domesticated.

Fowl means any animal that is a member of the bird family.

Harbor shall mean to keep and care for an animal or to provide premises to which the animal returns for food, shelter or care for a period of seven days or more.

Owner shall mean any person who has right of property in an animal or who harbors an animal or allows an animal to remain about the person's premises for a period of seven days.

Pet animal shall include dogs, cats, rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles, and any other species of animal which is sold or retained as a household pet but shall not include skunks, nonhuman primates and any other species of wild, exotic or carnivorous animal that may be restricted in this chapter.

(Code 2003, § 5.001)

Sec. 14-2. - Enforcement.

The police chief, other police officers, the animal control officer, and other employees of the city designated by the city manager shall have the power and authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Actions of city officers and employees under this chapter (e.g., granting or denying registrations or permits) and applications for interpretations or variances, are subject to the authority of the buildings and standards commission in the same manner as analogous building-related actions and applications under chapter 18.

(Code 2003, § 5.002; Ord. No. 1763, § 1(5.002), 2-9-2004)

Sec. 14-3. - General regulations; care, keeping etc.

Every owner, caretaker or user of any animal within the city shall observe the following provisions in connection with care, keeping and using of such animal, and any person violating any provisions hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor:

- (1) All stables or other enclosures in which an animal is kept and the ground upon which the same is situated shall be kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and all stables and fences surrounding the lot where the animal is kept and the feed troughs and water troughs, from which the animal is fed or watered, shall be free from any projection or thing that could injure the animal.
- (2) All animals shall be fed with a quantity of good, wholesome food sufficient to keep them in a good, well-nourished condition, and such food shall be served to such animals in a clean, sanitary manner.
- (3) No animal shall be used or worked where there are any sores upon the animal's body, legs, head or shoulders.
- (4) All harnesses used on any work animal shall be fitted to such animal and be free from any wire, rivets, break, tear or anything else that will irritate or make sores on such animal.
- (5) All animals shall be provided with plenty of pure, clean water in sufficient quantities at all times.

(Code 2003, § 5.003)

Sec. 14-4. - Cleanliness of enclosures.

Pens, hutches, houses or any enclosure in which any animals or fowl are kept shall be clean and disinfected daily and must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Litter and droppings from the animals must be collected daily and stored in a fly-tight container and hauled away at intervals not to exceed five days. Measures shall be taken so that no odors shall disturb the peace and tranquility of persons of ordinary sensibilities who reside in proximity to such premises.

(Code 2003, § 5.005)

Sec. 14-5. - Livestock not to be kept.

- (a) Within the city, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any livestock, barnyard animal or domestic animal, except common pets. This prohibition applies to all of the following, regardless of size:
 - (1) Bovines (examples: cattle, oxen);

(2) All equines (example: horses, mules, donkeys, apses, jacks, jennets);

(3) All opines (examples: sheep, goats);

(4) All swine (examples: hogs and pigs, including potbellied pigs);

(5) All ratites (examples: ostriches, emus, moas, kiwis);

(6) All camels (examples: dromedaries, Bactrian camels);

(7) All barnyard fowl (examples: chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, swans); and

(8) All other livestock and barnyard animals.

(b) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that:

(1) The animals in question are brought into the city for a party, carnival or theatrical production and only for a temporary period, not exceeding 72 hours; and

(2) Notice of the arrival of the animals and their departure date is given to the animal control officer at least 24 hours in advance.

(Code 2003, § 5.006)

Sec. 14-6. - Livestock not to run at large.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow and permit any cows, horses, mules, jacks, jennet, goats, sheep, swine or any other livestock of any character to run at large upon any street area, public park, public property or any vacant property within the city.

(Code 2003, § 5.007)

Sec. 14-7. - Disposal of dead animals.

The carcass of any animal dead of disease or other cause not slaughtered for food shall be removed and/or disposed of by the owner if known and, if not known, the owner of the premises where such animal is found, at his own expense within 24 hours after such death, according to such method as may be approved of by the animal control officer.

(Code 2003, § 5.008)

Sec. 14-8. - Keeping, raising fowl restricted.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or have in the person's possession at any premises where the person resides more than 12 fowl at any one time. All structures or enclosures used for the housing or keeping of fowl and all runs and fenced yards

devoted exclusively to the use of raising of fowl shall be of such size that no more than one fowl is kept per each 250 square feet of such pens, houses, runs or yards. This section is an additional restriction, not an exception, to other prohibitions in this chapter.

(Code 2003, § 5.009)

Sec. 14-9. - Keeping pigeons prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any pigeon house or place to keep pigeons, or to keep or maintain pigeons for breeding or other purposes within the city.

(Code 2003, § 5.010)

Sec. 14-10. - Keeping guinea-fowl prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any house or place to keep guinea-fowls, or to keep or maintain guinea-fowls for breeding or other purposes within the city.

(Code 2003, § 5.011)

Sec. 14-11. - Wild animals.

(a) *Keeping restricted.* It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or keep any wild animal within any building used as a residence or within 300 feet of any such building.

(b) *Definition.* In this section, "wild animal" means any mammal, amphibian, arachnid, reptile or fowl of a species which, due to size, vicious nature or other characteristic, is dangerous to human beings, including but not limited to, lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, ocelots, jaguars, bobcats, panthers, coyotes, lesser pandas, zebras, wild horses, marsupials (e.g., opossums, kangaroos, etc.), deer, (all varieties), bats (all varieties), poisonous arachnids (e.g., scorpions, spiders), bears, wolves and wolf hybrids, raccoons, skunks (whether deodorized or not), apes, gorillas, monkeys of a species whose average adult weight is twenty pounds or more, foxes, elephants, rhinoceroses, alligators, crocodiles, poisonous reptiles (all forms) and all indigenous wildlife (except as to any indigenous wildlife for which the person in possession is licensed as a wildlife rehabilitation by the state or federal government). The term "wild animal" shall not include ferrets, domestic rats, gerbils, hamsters, mice or rabbits.

(Code 2003, § 5.012)

State law reference— Dangerous wild animals, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 822.101 et seq.; subchapter of state law does not preempt municipal regulation or prohibition of dangerous wild animals, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 822.116(b).

Sec. 14-12. - Maintenance of bird houses and yards.

All bird houses and yards within the city must be kept in a clean sanitary manner. This section is an additional restriction, not an exception, to other prohibitions in this chapter.

(Code 2003, § 5.013)

Sec. 14-13. - Fowl not to run at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any geese, ducks, turkeys, chickens or other domestic fowl to permit the same to run at large in the city.

(Code 2003, § 5.014)

Sec. 14-14. - Shooting or catching wild birds.

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or kill, or attempt to shoot or kill, with any air rifle, bow and arrow, slingshot or any firearm (or by other means), or to ensnare or catch by any means, any wild bird, old or young, within the city.

(Code 2003, § 5.015)

Sec. 14-15. - Keeping noisy animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animal within the city, which causes frequent (or long-continued) excessive or unusual noise, which disturbs the comfort or repose of persons of ordinary temper, sensibility or disposition. This section does not apply to barking dogs; see section 14-82.

(Code 2003, § 5.016)

Sec. 14-16. - Prohibited on parks and playgrounds, etc.

(a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or allow any animal to enter (or to remain within) any of the following areas:

(1) The area within the perimeter fencing at Judson Park;

(2) The area within the perimeter fencing at Weir Park;

(3) The area within the perimeter fencing at Whitt Johnson Park;

(4) The area within the inside edge of the perimeter pathway at Colonial Park (such pathway being formed by the sidewalk along Byron, West Point and

Case Streets and the concrete track segments parallel to Byron, Academy and Case Streets);

- (5) The HISD Licensed Area, as defined in section 58-1
- (6) The area within the perimeter fencing at the West University Recreation Center (formerly the YMCA property);
- (7) The area within the perimeter sidewalk along Milton Street and College Avenue at Huffington Park; or
- (8) The area within the perimeter sidewalk along Rice Avenue and Auden Street at Rice Pocket Park.

This section applies to any animal the person owns, possesses, controls, directs, harbors or accompanies, and it applies to all parts of the above-described areas, including any street areas, park areas and other areas within such above-described areas.

- (b) *Certain defenses.* It shall be an affirmative defense in any proceeding to enforce this section that, at the time of the offense, the animal was a service animal (such as, for example, a seeing-eye dog), identified as such (for example, by an orange leash) and assisting a person who is disabled.

(Code 2003, § 5.017; Ord. No. 1759, § 1(5.017), 1-26-2004)

Secs. 14-17—14-35. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II: CITY POUND

Sec. 14-36. - Created; animal control officer.

There is hereby created a public pound for the city. The animal control officer shall be in charge of the pound and shall have full charge thereof.

(Code 2003, § 5.031; Ord. No. 1763, § 1(5.031), 2-9-2004)

Sec. 14-37. - Impoundment of animals running at large.

All animals which may be forbidden by state law, this Code or other ordinance of the city to run at large within the city shall, when found running at large, be impounded by the animal control officer or any police officer of the city.

(Code 2003, § 5.032)

Sec. 14-38. - Impoundment fees.

A pound fee shall be charged against each animal which may be impounded by the animal control officer, and an additional charge shall be made against each such animal for each day or part of a day after the first. The fees shall be as established by the city council from time to time.

(Code 2003, § 5.033)

Sec. 14-39. - Releasing animal to the owner.

The animal control officer or any police officer who may have custody of an impounded animal shall release the animal to its owner, after:

- (1) Proper evidence of ownership is given;
- (2) Assurance is given that the animal has received or will receive any required vaccinations;
- (3) All accrued fees, fines and taxes are paid; and
- (4) In the case of a dog or cat, the animal has been registered and permanently identified as required by this chapter.

(Code 2003, § 5.034)

Sec. 14-40. - Records to be kept.

The animal control officer shall record the following for each impounded animal:

- (1) The date the animal was impounded.
- (2) The name of the owner, if known.
- (3) A full and clear description of the animal.
- (4) The date the animal was discharged.
- (5) The name of the person to whom released.
- (6) The fees accrued.

(Code 2003, § 5.035)

Sec. 14-41. - Liability of owners of impounded animals.

The payment of pound fees shall not exempt the owner, or person in control, of any animal impounded, from prosecution under this chapter or applicable law.

(Code 2003, § 5.036)

Secs. 14-42—14-70. - Reserved.

FOOTNOTE(S):

⁽⁹⁾ State Law reference— Requirements of a quarantine facility, 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 169.28; facilities for the quarantining or impounding of animals, 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 169.26. [\(Back\)](#)

ARTICLE III: DOGS AND CATS

Sec. 14-71. - Duty of officers.

It shall be the duty of the animal control officer, the police chief, or any police officer of the city to cause to be taken up or impounded all dogs or cats loose or at large in violation of this article.

(Code 2003, § 5.056)

Sec. 14-72. - Maximum number on premises.

- (a) *In general.* It shall be unlawful for any person (or persons) to own, harbor or possess, on or about any premises in the city, more than three dogs, three cats or any combination of dogs and cats exceeding four (i.e., the maximum combined total is four animals).
- (b) *Affirmative defense.* It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that all of the following circumstances are present:
- (1) The number of dogs does not exceed three;
 - (2) The number of cats does not exceed three;
 - (3) On January 1, 2004, each individual animal was owned, harbored and possessed on premises occupied by the same person (or persons);
 - (4) No dog or cat was added after January 1, 2004; and
 - (5) All of the dogs and cats were registered with the city before May 1, 2004, and the registrations showed they were owned by the person (or persons) occupying the premises.

- (c) *Counting.* Animals under the age of six months are not counted for purposes of this section.
- (d) *Emergency permits.* It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that an emergency permit issued by the animal control officer authorized the keeping of the animals in question, at specified premises. The animal control officer is authorized to issue such permits if all of the following circumstances are present:
- (1) The animals in question (dogs or cats only) were made homeless by a storm or similar emergency, and they are kept in the city temporarily, not to exceed 60 days;
 - (2) An owner of the premises has applied for the permit and allowed the premises to be inspected; and
 - (3) The animal control officer has inspected the premises and is convinced that the animals:
 - a. Can be kept on the premises in humane and sanitary conditions; and
 - b. Will not adversely affect other persons, animals or premises nearby.

Any such permit must specify the premises and the maximum number of animals to be kept (dogs or cats only). Each permit remains subject to amendment or revocation at any time.

(Code 2003, § 5.057; Ord. No. 1759, § 1(5.057), 1-26-2004; Ord. No. 1763, § 1(5.057), 2-9-2004; Ord. No. 1813, § 1, 9-26-2005)

Sec. 14-73. - Owner's duty to redeem; humane society; adoptions.

The owner of any impounded dog or cat shall redeem it within 72 hours after its impoundment. Any dog or cat not redeemed within such time shall be delivered to the local humane society or euthanized humanely, unless it is adopted as provided in this chapter. Any dog adopted by a resident of the city must be registered and permanently identified as provided in this chapter, and any applicable fees must be paid.

(Code 2003, § 5.058)

Sec. 14-74. - Redeemed dogs or cats must be vaccinated, etc.

All dogs or cats redeemed or adopted at the pound must have current vaccinations against rabies and must be permanently identified as provided in this article.

(Code 2003, § 5.059)

Sec. 14-75. - Payment of pound fees.

Every owner of any dog or cat impounded, whether by the city or voluntarily by the owner, shall be liable for all costs and fees incurred or accrued in connection with the impoundment, including fees for any required vaccinations and registrations.

(Code 2003, § 5.060)

Sec. 14-76. - Dog kennels prohibited; defined.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to keep, establish, maintain or otherwise engage in a dog kennel or the business of a dog kennel. For the purpose of this section, a "dog kennel" is defined as any parcel of land or premises whereon or wherein four or more dogs over the age of six months are kept or maintained for any purpose whatsoever.

(Code 2003, § 5.061)

Sec. 14-77. - Disposal of dog droppings.

It shall be unlawful for any person possessing, controlling, directing or accompanying a dog to fail or refuse to pick up and dispose of any dropping left by that dog, immediately and in a sanitary manner. This section applies everywhere within the city, but it does not apply to a dog within a building, area, vehicle, case or compartment owned or controlled by a person who also owns or controls the dog.

(Code 2003, § 5.062; Ord. No. 1759, § 1(5.062), 1-26-2004)

Sec. 14-78. - "At large" defined.

For the purpose of this article, the phrase "at large" means the animal is:

- (1) Free;
- (2) Outside a secure enclosure; and
- (3) Without a securely-attached leash held by a person of competent strength to hold and control the animal or fastened in a manner to prevent the animal from leaving.

An animal is also "at large" when on a leash, if it is not sufficiently controlled to prevent disturbance of persons other than the owner or person in control.

(Code 2003, § 5.063)

Sec. 14-79. - Dogs at large; cat nuisances.

- (a) *Dogs at large.* It shall be unlawful for a person to own or harbor a dog which is at large within the city at any time.
- (b) *Cat nuisances.* It shall be unlawful for a person to own or harbor a cat which, within the city:
- (1) Destroys or damages the property of another person;
 - (2) Deposits any noxious or offensive thing or substance within or upon a building, structure or motor vehicle of another person; or
 - (3) Makes frequent or long continued noise which is disturbing to persons of normal nervous sensibilities.
- (c) *Mental state.* The culpable or mental state required for violation of this section shall be only the lowest mental state, if any, required by V.T.C.A., Penal Code § 6.02 or other controlling statute. However, if no mental state is required by state statute, it is the intent of this section to dispense with any mental element for offenses under this section.

(Code 2003, § 5.064)

Sec. 14-80. - Cat and dog registration.

- (a) *Required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor or possess in the city a dog or cat if:
- (1) There is no current registration in effect for the animal as required by this section; or
 - (2) Permanent identification is not attached to the animal as required by this section.
- (b) *Certain defenses.* It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the dog or cat was:
- (1) Under the age of four months, and kept within a sufficient enclosure;
 - (2) Owned by, or in custody or under the control of persons who are nonresidents of the city, traveling through the city, or temporarily sojourning therein for a period not exceeding 30 days; or
 - (3) Brought to the city exclusively for the purpose of entering the same in any show or exhibition, and actually entered in and kept at such show or exhibition.

(c) *Issuance, term and fees.* The animal control officer is responsible for registration and permanent identification methods. Each registration, including permanent identification, shall be in effect indefinitely, unless revoked or suspended as provided in this article. All other registrations and licenses expire after March 31, 1998. Fees are set by the city council, and they may be higher for animals not spayed or neutered.

(d) *Permanent identification methods.*

(1) Upon payment of the registration fee, the animal control officer shall furnish a permanent identification for the animal to indicate:

a. Payment of the fee; and

b. A serial number.

(2) The animal control officer shall prescribe methods for permanent identification, which may include:

a. A tag of distinctive design which must be securely attached by a collar around the neck or a harness around the neck and body;

b. An implanted microchip;

c. A tattoo in a standard location; or

d. Other permanent method for identification.

(Code 2003, § 5.065)

Sec. 14-81. - Registrations; suspension or revocation of registrations.

(a) *In general.* Registrations are subject to the same rules as permits under chapter 18 of this Code. The issuing official is the animal control officer, and appeals are heard by the building and standards commission. The owner or harbinger of an animal may appeal any action of the animal control officer relating to a registration.

(b) *Suspension or revocation.* The animal control officer may suspend or revoke the registration of any dog or cat, if:

(1) The animal's rabies immunization is not kept current and effective;

(2) Proof of vaccination is not timely given to the animal control officer as required by this article;

- (3) In the case of a conditional dog registration, one or more of the conditions is violated; or
- (4) Suspension or revocation is otherwise authorized by chapter 18.

(Code 2003, § 5.066)

Sec. 14-82. - Barking dogs prohibited.

- (a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor, keep (on or about premises under the person's control) or possess any dog which, by loud or unusual barking or howling, either:
 - (1) Disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood; or
 - (2) Would disturb a person of ordinary sensitivity residing adjacent to the place where the barking or howling occurs.
- (b) *Affirmative defense.* It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that:
 - (1) The dog was provoked by an actual intruder into a nonpublic area (e.g., a rear yard but not an open front yard) at the premises where the dog was kept; or
 - (2) The dog responded reasonably to an injury, or threat of injury, to itself or a human.
- (c) *Additional remedies.* The animal control officer may pursue one or more of the following additional remedies, in addition to—not in lieu of—filing charges in municipal court:
 - (1) Informal mediation;
 - (2) Referral for alternative enforcement under section 1-7;
 - (3) Issuance of a conditional registration, as provided in subsection (d); and
 - (4) Suspension or revocation of a previously-issued conditional registration, if any of the conditions is violated.
- (d) *Conditional registration.* The purpose of a conditional registration is to prevent future violations. A conditional registration may only be issued after an investigation and an opportunity for the owner or harbinger of the dog to meet with the animal control officer. The conditions inserted into the registration must be reasonable and must be designed to prevent future violations. Examples: keeping the dog indoors unless attended by a person who controls its behavior,

muzzling, fencing, training, etc. A conditional registration does not take effect until reduced to writing, signed by the animal control officer and delivered to the owner or harborer of the dog. A conditional registration takes the place of any previous registration for the same animal.

(Code 2003, § 5.068)

Sec. 14-83. - Dangerous dogs.

Chapter 822 of the Texas Health & Safety Code shall define and govern "dangerous dogs." The animal control officer of the city is authorized to take all actions of the "animal control authority" under chapter 822. The following regulations apply to dangerous dogs, to the extent they are more stringent than chapter 822:

- (1) There is a higher license fee.
- (2) No license may be issued unless the driver's license number or state identification number of the owner is permanently tattooed on the inner surface of one ear of the dog.
- (3) The applicant for a license must be at least 18 years old.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the owner and harborer of a dangerous dog to keep the dog restrained, at all times, by one of the following three methods:
 - a. Fenced and chained. Keeping the dog both enclosed within fences or walls at least six feet high (on property from which the general public is excluded) and tethered with a chain and well-fitted collar, each having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds. The chain must be either securely fastened to an immovable object or held by a person with sufficient strength to restrain the dog, and it may not exceed 20 feet in length.
 - b. Chained and muzzled. Keeping the dog both tethered with a chain and well-fitted collar (each having a minimum tensile strength of at least 300 pounds) and muzzled with a device which makes it impossible for the dog to bite a person or domestic animal. The chain must be held by a person with suitable strength to restrain the dog, and it may not exceed three feet in length.
 - c. Fully enclosed. Keeping the dog within a fully-enclosed cage or pen, or within a building from which the general public is excluded, which is so designed and maintained that it is virtually impossible for the dog to escape by leaping, digging or other means.

Unless restrained as required by this section, a dangerous dog shall be considered "at large" and subject to the other provisions of this chapter governing dogs at large.

- (5) It shall be the duty of each person owning or harboring a dangerous dog to display a sign on the premises where the dog is kept for any period of time exceeding 12 hours. The sign must read "WARNING: BAD DOG" and must be plainly legible from each street area adjacent to the premises.

(Code 2003, § 5.070)

State law reference— Local regulation of dangerous dogs, non-breed specific, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 822.047.

Sec. 14-84. - Anti-rabies vaccination required.

All dogs and cats by four months of age, within the city, are required to be immunized against rabies by means of an anti-rabies vaccine administered by a duly licensed veterinarian. The vaccine shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's veterinary biological division, in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer. It shall be the duty of each owner of a dog or cat within the city to have the animal immunized within the 12-month interval following the initial vaccination and re-immunized at least once every three years thereafter, for so long as the animal is kept or harbored in the city. Each owner must keep the animal's immunization current and effective at all times.

(Code 2003, § 5.081)

State law reference— Vaccination requirement, 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 169.29.

Sec. 14-85. - Issuance of certificate.

Every owner of a dog or cat within the city shall furnish veterinarian's certificates of vaccination stating:

- (1) The name and address of the owner;
- (2) Description of the dog or cat;
- (3) The date of vaccination;
- (4) The number of the rabies vaccination tag and the city registration number;
- (5) The kind of vaccine used; and
- (6) The date the immunization will expire.

The owner shall give such a certificate to the animal control officer when applying for a new registration and periodically thereafter, for so long as the dog or cat is kept harbored within the city. After registration, a new certificate shall be given to the animal control officer before the expiration of the preceding certificate.

(Code 2003, § 5.082)

Sec. 14-86. - Vaccination tag.

Upon vaccination of each dog or cat, the veterinarian shall furnish the owner thereof a durable tag on one side of which is stamped the words "rabies vaccine administered" or a similar phrase and the date of vaccination. Such tag at all times shall be securely attached to a collar around the neck of the animal or harness around the neck and body of the dog vaccinated.

(Code 2003, § 5.083)

Sec. 14-87. - Confinement of rabid dogs or cats.

(a) *Disposal or confinement.* Any dog or cat that has rabies or symptoms thereof that is suspected of having rabies, or that has been exposed to rabies, shall at once be released by its possessor for disposal or confinement in a veterinary hospital approved by the animal control officer.

(b) *In case of attack.* Every dog or cat that has rabies or symptoms thereof, or any animal that bites, scratches or otherwise attacks any person shall be immediately and securely confined by the owner, or one having custody, by tying with a chain of good quality for a period of ten days in such a place that no person or animal may be bitten by it and otherwise in accordance with 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 169.27(a), and there held subject to inspection from time to time so as to be able to determine whether said dog or cat is affected by rabies; or said dog or cat shall be quarantined and held for a like time in any veterinary hospital approved by the animal control officer, or shall be held at the city pound for ten days, after which time the dog or cat shall be delivered to the humane society.

(Code 2003, § 5.084)

State law reference— Disposition of domestic animals exposed to rabies, 25 Tex. Admin. Code § 169.30.

Sec. 14-88. - Report of rabid dogs or cats.

It shall be the duty of the owner or harbinger of any dog or cat, and all practicing veterinarians, to report to the animal control officer all cases of rabies with which the

officer comes in contact or to which the officer's attention has been directed. This report shall be made immediately upon diagnosis or suspicion of such cases of rabies.

(Code 2003, § 5.085)

FOOTNOTE(S):

⁽¹⁰⁾ State Law reference— Municipal authority to require restraint of dogs and cats, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.033(a)(1); registration of dogs and cats, V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 826.031 et seq.; vaccination of dogs and cats required, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.016. [\(Back\)](#)