



**ORDINANCE 2015-A412
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA,
AMENDING TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 6
ANIMAL CONTROL**

**CHAPTER 6
ANIMALS**

SECTION 6-1-0 DEFINITIONS

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in Article 6 shall have the meanings ascribed to them below, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- A. "Abandon" means the act of placing an animal on public property or within a public building, unattended or uncared for, or on or within the private property of another without the express permission of the owner, custodian or tenant of the private property. An animal shall also be considered abandoned when it has been unattended and without adequate food, water, ventilation or shelter, for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours, regardless of where such animal may be found or kept.
- B. "Animal" means a mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian.
- C. "Animal Shelter" means any facility designated by the Town for the purpose of housing and caring for animals held under the authority of this chapter.
- D. "At Large" means off the premises of the owner, not under the control of the owner or other persons acting for the owner by physical restraint on a leash.
- E. "Bite" means any actual puncture, tear, or abrasion of the skin inflicted by the teeth of an animal.
- F. "Cat" means the domestic cat, *felis catus*.
- G. "Citation" means a written notice issued to a person by an officer stating that the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed an infraction of this chapter and that the court will hear the charges.
- H. "Collar" means a band, chain, harness or suitable device worn around the neck of a dog to which a license may be affixed.
- I. "Cruel Mistreatment" means to torture or otherwise inflict unnecessary serious physical injury on an animal in a manner that causes protracted suffering to the animal.
- J. "Cruel neglect" means to fail to provide an animal with necessary food, water or shelter.
- K. "Dog" means any domesticated member of the *canis familiaris* family.
- L. "Domestic" refers to a house hold pet of a tame nature.
- M. "DOMESTICATED" MEANS BRED OR TRAINED TO NEED AND ACCEPT THE CARE FROM HUMAN BEINGS, USUSALLY CREATING A DEPENDENCY, LOSING ITS ABILITY TO LIVE IN THE WILD.
- N. "FERAL" MEANS ANY ANIMAL WHETHER IT WAS BORN IN THE WILD OR REVERTED TO A WILD NATURE DUE TO ABANDONMENT OR LACK OF DOMESTICATION.
- O. "Handler" means a law enforcement officer or any other person who has successfully completed a course of training prescribed by the person's agency or the service animal owner and who used a specially trained animal under the direction of the person's agency or the service animal owner.
- P. "Impound" means any establishment used by the Town for the confinement, maintenance, safekeeping and control of dogs that come into the custody of the Town.

- Q. "KEEP OR KEEPING" MEANS TO HAVE THE ANIMAL IN ONE'S POSSESSION OR CONTROL, AND INCLUDES THE ACTIONS OF HOLDING, GUARDING, SUPPORTING, HAVING CUSTODY OF, CARING FOR, OR MAINTAINING AN ANIMAL ON ONE'S PREMISES.
- R. "Leash" means a line made of rope, chain or other suitable material, not less than one-quarter inch in diameter and that provides effective control over a dog.
- S. "Livestock" means all animals of the equine, bovine, ~~ratite~~ or swine class (including potbellied type pigs). This includes goats, sheep, mules, horses, hogs, cattle, ~~ostriches~~, and other grazing animals.
- T. "Motor vehicle" includes, without limitation, an automobile, a pickup truck, or any self-propelled vehicle or a trailer that is drawn by a self-propelled vehicle.
- U. "Nuisance" means that which causes offence, annoyance, trouble or injury.
- V. "Owner" means any person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity owning, harboring, or keeping any animal, or in the case of a person under the age of 18 years of age, that person's parent or legal guardian, FOR MORE THAN SIX (6) CONSECUTIVE DAYS. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, this definition shall apply to any veterinary clinic, boarding kennel, or rescue organization.
- W. "POULTRY" MEANS ANY DOMESTICATED BIRD, WHETHER LIVE OR DEAD, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, GUINEAS, RATITES, AND SQUABS.
- X. "RATITE" MEANS OSTRICHES, EMUS, RHEAS AND CASSOWARIES.
- Y. "Scratch" means that the skin has been penetrated by an animal's claws, horn, or other appendage.
- Z. "Spayed or neutered" means renders permanently incapable of reproduction by a licensed veterinarian.
- AA. "Vaccination" means the inoculation of an animal against rabies in accordance with state law.
- BB. "Veterinarian" means a person trained and authorized to treat animals medically who is duly licensed and registered.
- CC. "WILD ANIMAL" MEANS ANY NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMAL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WOLF-HYBRIDS.

SECTION 6-1-2 DOGS AT LARGE

G. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE, CATS ARE CLASSIFIED AS "FREE-ROAMING" ANIMALS AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF LICENSING, OR LEASH LAWS.

Section 6-1-5 Licensing of Dogs

- A. Each dog four months of age or over that is kept, harbored, or maintained within the Town limits for at least thirty consecutive days shall be licensed by the Town. Fees and penalties for licenses shall be established by resolution of the council, and the Town shall provide durable dog tags with the name of the Town, license number, and expiration date. Before a license is issued, the owner must present a rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating the owner's name and address and giving the dog's description, date of vaccinations, types, manufacturer, and serial number of the vaccine and the date the revaccination is due.
- B. Any dog over the age of four months on or off the premises of the owner and not under control of the owner or other responsible persons acting for the owner, or any dog not in a suitable enclosure which actually confines the dog, shall wear a collar or harness to which is attached a valid dog license tag. Dogs used for control of livestock or while being used or trained for hunting or dogs while being exhibited or trained at a kennel club event and such dogs while being transported to such events need not wear a collar or harness with a valid license provided that they are properly vaccinated, licensed and controlled.

- B. C. For any dog four months of age or older that is kept, harbored or maintained within the Town limits, if the license is not obtained by the owner during the month of January of each year, or within thirty (30) days of the first possession of any dog or of its becoming four (4) months old, or within thirty (30) days from the arrival of the dog in the town, whichever occurs first, the license payment shall be deemed delinquent and a penalty may be added to the license fee.
- C. D. It is unlawful for any person who fails within fifteen days after notification by the ACO, verbally or in writing to obtain a license for a dog required to be licensed under this Article or as may otherwise be required by law, or to remove a dog tag from a dog required to be licensed, or to place a dog tag on a dog other than the dog for which the license was issued.
- D. E. An exception to the licensing fees under this section shall be service animals or dogs used for search and rescue as described in ARS 9-500.32

Section 6-1-7 Stray Animals

A. Any person who keeps or causes to be kept any horse, mule, cattle, burro, goat, sheep, swine (including potbellied pigs), or other livestock or poultry shall keep such animals in a pen or similar enclosure to prevent the animal from being at large within Town limits. Any such animal found at large may be impounded, with the cost for care to be paid by the owners or responsible parties, and a citation for animal at large may be issued.

B. FEEDING OF FERAL ANIMALS

1. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY FEED OR KEEP ANY FERAL ANIMAL WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS AS FERAL ANIMALS CONSTITUTE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS TO DOMESTICATED ANIMALS, WILDLIFE, AND PERSONS.
2. EXCEPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. THE PERSON ACCEPTS LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FERAL ANIMAL AND ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER; AND
 - B. DOGS AND CATS THAT ARE SPAYED OR NEUTERED ; AND
 - C. DOGS AND CATS THAT ARE VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES.

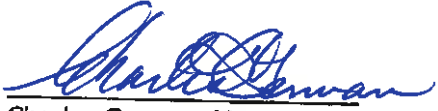
C. REMOVAL OF FERAL ANIMALS

1. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPLAINING PROPERTY OWNER, OCCUPANT, OR TENANT TO HUMANELY REMOVE A FERAL ANIMAL OBJECTED TO BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR TENANT.
2. ALL COSTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FERAL ANIMAL(S) WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPLAINING PROPERTY OWNER, OCCUPANT, OR TENANT.
3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARS 13-2910.A.1, A PERSON(S) MAY NOT:
 - A. INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY SUBJECT ANY ANIMAL UNDER THE PERSON'S CUSTODY OR CONTROL TO CRUEL NEGLECT OR ABANDONMENT (RELOCATION).
 - B. INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY KILL ANY ANIMAL UNDER THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT EITHER LEGAL PRIVILEGE OR CONSENT OF THE OWNER.

C.

Effective Date: This Ordinance is to be effective when publication and posting pursuant to ARS § 9-813 is accomplished.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority of the Town Council of the Town of Camp Verde,
Yavapai County, Arizona on the 4th day of November 2015.



Charles German, Mayor

Date: 11-04-2015

Attest:

Approved as to form:


Virginia Jones, Town Clerk


Town Attorney

Virginia Jones

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Ok... Please publish the attached ordinance on November 18, 2015 and November 25, 2015

Thanks

*Virginia Jones CMC
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Town of Camp Verde
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