



# Animal Control

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
3140 N St., Lincoln, NE 68510-1513

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- IN REGARD TO A COMPLAINT
- NO VIOLATION OBSERVED
- PLEASE CALL: Animal Control at 441-7900  
(T.D.D.) 441-7904

Animal Control Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6.04.310 Cruelty to Animals

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously kill, maim, disfigure, torture, beat with a stick, chain, club or other object; mutilate, burn, scald with any substance, or otherwise cruelly set upon any animal, except that reasonable force may be employed to drive off vicious or trespassing animals.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly cause or allow any animal to endure unreasonable or unjustifiable pain, suffering or injury.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring any animal to fail, refuse or neglect to provide such animal with proper food, drink, shade, shelter or veterinary care as may be necessary for diseased or injured animals. Any animal habitually kept outside or repeatedly left unattended outside when no adult persons are present on the property shall be provided with a structurally sound, moisture-proof and wind proof shelter large enough to accommodate and keep the animal reasonably clean, dry and comfortable. Proper food, drink, shade, shelter and care shall require:
  - 1) That each animal shall, at suitable intervals and at least once every twenty-four (24) hours, receive a quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species' physical condition and age, sufficient to maintain an adequate level of nutrition for the animal.
  - 2) That each animal shall, at suitable intervals and at least once every twenty-four (24) hours, receive an adequate supply of clean, fresh, potable water for the species' physical condition and age and such water shall be provided with free-

flowing or in a receptacle. If water pans or dishes are used, such pans or dishes shall have weighted bottoms or be mounted or secured in a manner that prevents tipping;

- 3) That each animal shall have convenient access to shelter throughout the year. Any artificial shelter shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animal from injury and from the elements, and shall be of sufficient size to permit the animal to enter, stand, turn around and lie down in a natural manner;
- 4) That each animal shall receive care and medical treatment for debilitating injuries, parasites and disease sufficient to maintain the animal in good health and to minimize suffering;
- 5) That the living area for each animal being kept confined or restrained shall have adequate drainage such that the animal shall be free to walk or lie down without coming into contact with standing water;
- 6) That if any animal is restrained by a chain, leash, wire cable, or similar restraint, such restraint shall be designed and placed to prevent choking or strangulation or entanglement with other objects. Such restraint shall not be less than ten feet in length;
- 7) When a dog is confined outside a residence, the following minimum space requirements shall be used:

SIZE OF DOG (In inches and weight)	PEN SIZE (Sq. Ft.)
<b>Extra Large</b> (over 26" at withers or over 75 lbs.)	48
<b>Large</b> (over 20" and up to 26" at withers or not over 75 lbs.)	40
<b>Medium</b> (over 12" and up to 20" at withers or not over 50 lbs.)	32
<b>Small</b> (12" or less at withers or not over 20 lbs.)	24
An additional 16 square feet shall be required for each dog sharing the pen with another. The minimum pen size includes a shelter.	

- d) It shall be unlawful for any person to place or confine or allow such animal to be confined in such a manner that it must remain in a motor vehicle or trailer under such conditions or for such periods of time as may endanger the health or well-being of the animal due to heat, lack of food or water, or any circumstances which might cause suffering, disability or death.
- e) It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon or dump any animal within the city of Lincoln. Abandonment shall mean leaving an animal for a period in excess of 24-hours without appropriate provisions having been made for the feeding, watering and care of such animal.