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6.04.010 – Generally

For the purposes of this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms specified in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this chapter.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : Ch.20 Art. I (part))

6.04.020 – Animal

"Animal" means any living vertebrae, domestic or wild, but does not include man.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.01)

6.04.030 – Animal control center

"Animal control center" means a facility licensed under the Animal Welfare Act of the state and operated by or under formal agreement with the city as a repository for the safe keeping and humane care of animals impounded under the provisions of this chapter.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.02)

6.04.040 – Animal Control Officer

"Animal control officer" means an employee of the city who shall have the power and authority to enforce the provisions of this title and shall where appropriate be the employee of Kane County who implements the provisions of this title pertaining to animals pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the city.

(1989-M-78 : § 1; 1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.03)

6.04.050 – Animal under restraint

"Animal under restraint" means any animal secured by a leash or other sturdy device not to exceed six feet in length or within the premises of its owner or on the premises of a person other than the owner with the consent of said person or within an area specifically designated by the city as an animal exercise run when the subject animal is within the control of a competent person.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.04)

6.04.055 – Beekeeping

Beekeeping: The maintenance of honeybee colonies, for any purpose including, but not limited to, the collection of honey and other products that hives produce or as a hobby.

(2017-M-12 : § 1)

6.04.060 – Bite

"Bite" means seizure with the toenails or teeth or jaws of an animal so that the skin of the human being seized has been pierced or broken and further includes contact of the saliva of the said animal with any open and unhealed break or abrasion of the skin of said human being.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.05)

6.04.070 – Cat

"Cat" means any live male or female cat (*Felis catus*).

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.06)

6.04.080 – Cattery

"Cattery" means any establishment wherein any person engages in the business of boarding, breeding, buying, grooming, letting for hire, training for a fee or selling cats; provided, however, that the ownership of cats which are a part of the household shall not constitute the operation of a cattery unless more than two cats aged four months or older are kept in such household. Cattery also does not include any animal control center as defined in this chapter or any pound center as defined in this chapter or any pound or similar facility operated by a subdivision of local, state or federal government.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.07)

6.04.090 – Dangerous or Vicious Animal

"Dangerous or vicious animal" means any animal that attacks a person or that is known to have attacked a person on a previous occasion when said person was peacefully conducting himself where he lawfully was entitled to be.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.09)

6.04.100 – Dog

"Dog" means a live male or female dog (*Canis familiaris*).

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.10)

6.04.110 – Impounded

"Impounded" means having been taken into the custody of the city.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.11)

6.04.120 – Impoundment day

"Impoundment day" means any calendar day or part thereof on which an animal is in possession of the animal control center; provided, however, that should the final day of the elsewhere described holding period be a Sunday, legal holiday or day of emergency on which the animal control center is totally closed to the public, such final day shall not be counted as a day of impoundment nor be billed as a board day to owners redeeming impounded animals, the day immediately following thus being the last day of the holding period.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.12)

6.04.130 – Kennel

"Kennel" means any establishment wherein any person engages in the business of boarding, breeding, buying, grooming, letting for hire, training for a fee or selling dogs; provided, however, that the ownership of dogs which are part of the household shall not constitute the operation of a kennel unless more than two dogs aged four months or older are kept in such household. Kennel also shall not include any animal control center as defined in Section 6.04.030 or any pound or similar facility operated by a subdivision of local, state or federal government.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.13)

6.04.140 – Licensed Pet

"Licensed pet" means any dog or cat four months of age or over for which the owner can produce proof of having paid the license fee for the current year.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.14)

6.04.150 – Neutered animal

"Neutered animal" means a male or female animal surgically treated by a licensed veterinarian to render it incapable of reproduction.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.15)

6.04.160 – Owner

"Owner" means any person having a right of property in an animal or who keeps or harbors any animal or who has an animal in his care or custody.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.16)

6.04.170 – Person

"Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.17)

6.04.180 – Pet Shop

"Pet shop" means any establishment, other than a kennel or cattery as defined in this chapter, wherein any person engages in the business of selling animals represented as suitable for use as pets.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.18)

6.04.190 – Stray Animal

"Stray animal" means any animal not under restraint and not in the presence of or within the property of its owner.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.19)

6.04.200 – Vaccination

"Vaccination" means the injection, as approved by the department of agriculture of the state, of an antirabies vaccine approved by said department, with verification thereof consisting of a current certificate and current tag issued in accordance with Illinois statutes.

(1977-M-11 : (part); Prior code : § 20.20)