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7.02.010 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this title, unless otherwise stated:

A. “Aggressive Manner” shall mean charging a person to within potential biting or striking distance while snapping or snarling or growling or displaying teeth in a threatening manner or exhibiting any behavior demonstrating a potential attack.

B. “Animal” means any living dumb creature, domestic or wild, as defined in this title as “dog”, “domestic animal”, “fowl”, “horse”, “livestock” or “predatory animal.”

C. “Animal Control Officer” or “Officer” means any person designated by the state, county commissioners, the Town or another municipal government, who is qualified to perform duties under the laws, regulations or ordinances of the state, county, the Town or other municipality pertaining to animals or animal control, and shall include animal control employees.

D. “Animal Shelter” means a facility recognized and designated by the governing body for the purpose of impounding or caring for animals held under the authority of this title or state law.

E. “At Large” means physically off the property of its owner and not under immediate restraint of a competent person; or not controlled by a leash, lead, rope, or reins; or not in the immediate company of a competent person and obedient to that person’s command; or not confined within a vehicle on a street or other enclosure.

F. “Control” means to exercise restraining or directing influence over, to dominate, regulate, to hold from action, to curb and to govern. (Ord. 802, §1, 2005; Ord. 793 § 2, 2005; Ord. 789 § 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2004; Ord. 146 § 1, 1971).

G. “Close proximity” shall mean next to its owner or another responsible person designated by the owner and not greater than twenty (20) feet distance in any direction from its owner or another responsible person designated by the owner.

H. “Dog” means any domesticated canine breed excluding wolf, coyote, fox, other wild canine, or any hybrid thereof.

I. “Domestic animal” means an animal habituated to live in or about the homes of human beings.

J. “Fowl” means chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, ostriches, grouse, peacocks, guinea fowl or any other birds used for producing eggs or meat.

K. “Horse” means any pony, mule, donkey, ass, horse or any other solid-hoofed herbivorous ungulate mammal.

L. "Leash/lead" means a thong, cord, rope, chain or similar device which holds an animal in restraint and which is not more than six (6) feet in length.

M. "Livestock" means horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, llamas, alpacas, or other animal generally used for food or in the production of food or fiber.

N. "Noisy Animal" means any domestic animal that habitually, constantly or frequently disturbs the sleep, peace or quiet of any neighborhood or person, or a dog that excessively, continuously or untimely barks, whines or howls.

O. "Own" and "Owner" shall apply to any person or persons, firm, association, or corporation who shall own, possess, keep or harbor a domestic animal, fowl and/or livestock, including the person named on an animal registration record as owner, or who shall permit a domestic animal, livestock or fowl to be fed or remain habitually in or about the premises under their control. "Owner" includes, but is not limited to, an occupant of the premises or dwelling unit where the animal is usually kept, if the premises or dwelling unit are other than the premises of the owner shown on the registration record; or any person having control or purporting to have control over any animal which is running at large; or any person in possession of, harboring, or who allows any animal to remain about their premises for a period of three consecutive days or more. The parent or guardian of an owner shall be deemed the owner for purposes of this title when the owner is under the age of eighteen (18) years. For purposes of recovering stolen animals, a person named on the animal's most recent registration record will be considered the animal's owner.

P. "Pack" means a group of three (3) or more animals of the same species.

Q. "Predatory Animal" means black bear, grizzly bear, mountain lion, coyote, bridger, marmot, picas, squirrels, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk, stray cat or any other animal which preys on domestic animals, livestock, fowl or humans.

R. "Premises" means the real or personal property owned or occupied by the owner of the animal, and includes any vehicles in which the owner of the animal is residing.

S. "Restraint" means physical control by a responsible person by use of a leash, lead or other physical means to limit the domestic animal, livestock or fowl's actions or when such animal is in close proximity to its owner agent or responsible person and subject to immediate recall by said person; tethering an animal to a stationary object not within range of a public street, sidewalk, alley or common path; or confining an animal within a fence or other enclosure which restricts it to a particular premise. An animal shall be deemed to be under restraint if on the premises of its owner or if accompanied by a responsible person and under that person's control. (Ord.802, §1, 2005; Ord. 793 § 2, 2005; Ord. 789 § 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 2004; Ord. 146 § 1, 1971).

T. "Vicious animal" means any animal which constitutes a physical threat to human beings or other animals, or an animal which, when unprovoked, bites or attacks or manifests a disposition to bite or attack any person or domestic animal. Proof of the fact that the animal has bitten or attacked any person or domestic animal at any place where the person or domestic animal has a legal right to be may be used as evidence that the animal is vicious. A certified animal trained and properly used as a guard, sentry, or police dog shall not be considered a vicious animal.

7.02.020 Purpose - Authority - General Provisions.

A. The purpose of this title is to establish regulations and procedures for the registration, control, impoundment, and general care of animals within the Town.

B. Authority is granted cities and towns by Wyo. Stat. Section 15-1-103(a)(xiv) to regulate any animals within the Town and to provide for the operation of animal control and animal shelter services.

C. **Animal Control Officer Authority.** No person shall interfere with, hinder, molest, delay, obstruct or abuse any officer in the exercise of his duties, nor willfully set any animal upon the officer, or break or assist to break open any enclosure where an animal is confined by the officer.

1. If an animal control officer observes a vehicle parked within the city in which domestic animals are confined with no visible means of ventilation or the health or safety of the animal is threatened, the officer shall immediately attempt to locate the vehicle owner or person responsible to provide for ventilation or to remove the animal from the vehicle. If unable to locate the vehicle owner or the person responsible within a reasonable time, the officer will be empowered to use whatever means reasonably necessary to enter the vehicle to provide ventilation or to remove the animal from the vehicle to preclude serious harm to the animal.
2. Animal control officers are authorized to enter upon any premises, excluding a dwelling unit, within the Town for the purpose of apprehending and impounding animals which the officer is authorized to impound or for any other purpose authorized in this title.

D. **Trespassing on Animal Shelter or Animal Control Vehicle.** No person shall obtain an animal from within the confines of the animal shelter, from an animal control vehicle, or from the custody and control of any animal control officer without the permission of the authority in charge. Any person who tampers with any lock, gate, door or fence on the animal control vehicle or located at the animal shelter or any person who climbs or attempts to climb any fence located at the animal shelter shall be considered a trespasser. (Ord. 793 § 14, 2005; Ord. 180 § 1, 1975; Ord. 146 § 14, 1971).

7.02.030 Capture of animals.

A. Animal control officers are authorized to:

1. Place or authorize the use of humane and safe traps in order to capture unrestrained animals on public or private property within the Town at the request of the property owner or occupant;
2. Utilize chemicals to capture public nuisance, aggressive or vicious animals.
3. Capture unrestrained animals whether at large singly or in packs.

B. Police officers may shoot a vicious animal when necessary to avoid immediate physical threat or injury to human beings or other animals.

C. No person shall trap animals, except rodents, within the Town without express consent of an animal control officer.

7.02.040 Impounding.

A. Unlicensed animals, unrestrained animals, animals running at large, animals that pose a threat to public safety or welfare, or any animal that has been treated in a cruel or inhumane manner may be taken up and impounded by an animal control officer.

The owner of any animal so impounded may reclaim such animal upon payment of the permit or license fee, if unpaid, and of all costs and charges incurred by the town for impoundment and maintenance of the animal. However, an animal control officer may deny or refuse return of an animal to its owner where there is concern for the health, safety and welfare of the animal or the public.

1. An administrative appeal may be made to the Municipal Court of the Town of Jackson, Teton County, of the animal control officer's decision to deny or refuse return of an animal.

B. Redemption - Payment of costs. The owner or agent of an owner of any animal impounded under these rules shall have the privilege of claiming such animal within seven (7) days after it is impounded, upon complying with the following requirements:

1. Show proof of licensure, and if no license, then obtain a license.
2. Show proof of vaccination against rabies, where applicable, and if none, then obtain the proper vaccination within two (2) weeks of release and furnish such proof to the Jackson/Teton County Animal Shelter.
3. Pay the following fees to the Jackson/Teton County Animal Shelter:
 - a. First Impoundment - \$25.00
 - b. If the same animal is impounded for a second time within one year - \$35.00
 - c. If the same animal is impounded for a third time within one year - \$50.00
 - d. If the same animal is impounded for a fourth or subsequent time within a one year period of time - \$100.00.
4. Pay the Jackson/Teton County Animal Shelter \$15.00 per animal for board for each twenty-four (24) hours or portion thereof. The first twenty-four (24) hours of impoundment is included in the Impoundment Fee delineated above.
5. The owner reclaiming an impounded animal may also be cited for any violation of this chapter and/or any permits issued may be revoked.

C. Return to owner without impounding. If an animal is found running at large and its owner can be identified and located, such animal need not be impounded but may, instead, be taken to the owner. In such a case, the animal control officer may cite the owner for any violations of this chapter.

D. Notification of owner. Upon impounding any animal pursuant to this division, the animal shelter shall make reasonable efforts to ascertain the ownership and notify the owner of each animal so impounded.

E. Disposition of animals.

1. Impounded animals shall be kept for at least seven (7) days unless reclaimed by their owners. All animals left unclaimed after seven (7) days become the property of the Town.
2. Any person, who adopts an animal after the seven (7) day waiting period, shall have an animal spayed or neutered within thirty (30) days, and secure a license for any dog or cat so adopted. A license is not required if the dog or cat shall not be remaining in Teton County. A licensed veterinarian shall vaccinate any dog or cat

adopted out, for rabies within fourteen (14) days if not current on its rabies vaccination.

(Ord. 793 § 8, 2005; Ord. 789 § 10 and 11, 2004; Ord. 710 § 1, 2002; Ord. 647 § 1, 2000; Ord. 371 § 3, 1987; Ord. 252 § 1, 1979; Ord. 194 § 6, 1976; Ord. 146 § 7 and 8, 1971).

7.02.045. Possession of Impounded Animals.

No person shall have in his or her possession, care, custody or control any impounded animal that has not been properly released by an animal control officer or other authorized agent or official. (Ord. 793 § 15, 2005; Ord. 213 (part), 1977).

7.02.050 Adoption—Fee.

The animal shelter manager or other designated official is authorized to advertise and place for adoption all dogs, cats or other animals, which have been impounded for a period of not less than seven (7) days. Any person wishing to adopt an animal shall pay a fee set by Resolution of the Town Council. (Ord. 793 § 9, 2005; Ord. 711 § 1, 2002; Ord. 648 § 1, 2000; Ord. 252 § 2, 1979).

7.02.060 Violation – Penalty.

Any person who violates any provisions of this title for which violation no specific penalty is provided is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished according to Section 1.12.010 of this code. If any violation is continuing, each day's violation shall be deemed a separate violation.

(Ord. 920 § 2, 2009).

Chapter 7.04
KEEPING HORSES, PREDATORY ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK AND FOWL

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7.04.010 Keeping certain animals unlawful.

The keeping, maintaining, harboring, or boarding of livestock, predatory animals, or fowl within the corporate limits of the Town, or within any cemetery or park, or upon any ground owned, leased or controlled by the Town, for any purpose whatsoever, is a nuisance and hereafter is unlawful, except for horses as set forth in this chapter. (Ord. 130 § 1, 1970).

7.04.020 Keeping horses on public land.

The keeping, maintaining, harboring or boarding of horses on any tract of land within the corporate limits of the Town, or within any cemetery or park, or upon any ground owned, leased or controlled by the Town for any purpose whatsoever, is a nuisance and hereafter unlawful, unless permission is obtained by the Town Council.. (Ord. 130 § 2, 1970).

7.04.030 General restrictions on keeping horses.

In areas where horses are permitted, the following conditions apply:

- A. The keeping of one to two (1-2) horses requires a minimum corral space of eight hundred (800) square feet.
- B. The keeping of three (3) horses requires a minimum corral space of one-thousand (1,000) square feet.
- C. Four horses require a minimum corral space of twelve hundred (1,200) square feet.
- D. The keeping of more than four (4) horses requires a minimum corral space of twelve hundred (1,200) square feet plus two hundred (200) square feet per each additional horse over four (4) horses.
- E. At the request, made in writing to an animal control officer, of any person owning property adjacent to premises for which horses are kept, all fences or structures for the confining of animals shall be a minimum distance of five (5) feet from the requesting owner's property line.

7.04.040 Keeping horses—Areas where prohibited.

No horse may be kept within that area of the Town lying within the following boundaries:

All of that portion of the SW1/4 of Section 27, T. 41 N., R. 116 W., lying and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Jackson;

All of that portion of the NW1/4 of Section 34, T. 41 N., R. 116 W., lying and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Jackson, except that portion being described as follows: Beginning at Corner No. 1, which is 30 feet south and 2457.8 feet east of the northwest corner of said Section 34; thence south 750 feet to Corner No. 2; thence east 195 feet to Corner No. 3; thence north 750 feet to Corner No. 4; thence west 195 feet to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning.

All of that portion of the NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 41 N., R. 116 W., lying and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Jackson;

All of that portion of the SE1/4 of Section 28, T. 41 N., R. 116 W., lying and being within the corporate limits of the Town of Jackson.(Ord. 139 § 1, 1971; Ord. 130 § 3.1, 1970).

7.04.080 Keeping horses--Cleanliness of premises.

An owner or caretaker of horses kept under the provisions of this Chapter must at all times keep any building, yard, shed, stable, corral, or enclosure wherein any horses are kept, in a clean and sanitary condition and may not permit accumulations of any manure or other filth or debris. (Ord. 130 § 6, 1970).

7.04.090 Keeping horses--Premises--Spraying for flies.

It is an express condition that an owner or caretaker of horses kept under the provisions of this Chapter is required to spray for flies any building, yard, shed, stable, corral or enclosure where any horses are kept, fed or maintained, and each owner or caretaker shall be required to lime or otherwise treat such stables or such other areas, both spraying and liming to be done as frequently as may be deemed necessary by an animal control officer. (Ord. 188 § 4, 1976; Ord. 130 § 7, 1970).

7.04.110 Exceptions.

This Chapter shall not apply to the Teton County Fair Grounds and the Town Council may, for special events and youth programs, waive the requirements for permission to keep horses. (Ord. 130 § 11, 1970).

(Ord. 920 § 2, 2009).

Chapter 7.05
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL REGULATIONS GENERALLY

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7.05.010 **Responsibility of Owner**

Owners are responsible for control of their animals.

7.05.020 **Public Nuisances**

The following are considered public nuisances and, as such, are prohibited.

A. **Animals at Large.** No person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring any livestock, predatory animals, fowl or domestic animals shall permit the same to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town, including trespassing on school grounds or private property.

B. Uncontrolled Animals.

1. A dog shall be deemed to be under control if it is in close proximity to its owner or another responsible person designated by the owner, at all times while off the premises of the owner and providing that such dog is not engaged in any action which would classify it as a nuisance under this title. In order for a dog to be considered under control it must either be under physical restraint or subject to and responsive to the verbal commands of the owner or other person asserting control of the dog such that it does not interfere with the right of others' peaceable use of the streets, pathways, sidewalks or other public or private way.
2. In addition to subsection 1 herein, a dog is not under control if it is running at large or unrestrained in the streets, along the sidewalks, or on any school ground, playground, park or place of public amusement or recreation.
3. An animal is not under control if it molests passersby, chases vehicles, or attacks other domestic animals.

(Ord. 802, §1, 2005; Ord. 793 § 2, 2005; Ord. 789 § 2,3,4,5,6, 2004; Ord. 146 § 1, 1971).

C. Disturbing the Peace.

1. A noisy animal as defined in this title is deemed a disturbance of the peace and is prohibited.

D. **Noxious or Offensive Odors.** No person shall allow a noxious or offensive odor to emanate from an animal's living environment.

E. **Diseased Animals.** An animal that becomes an untreated source of communicable disease shall be deemed a public nuisance.

F. **Destruction of Property.** No domestic animal, livestock or fowl shall chew, tear, dig in or scratch,

litter or soil, destroy, or in any other manner injure clothing, washing, garbage containers, gardens, flower beds, lawns, trees or shrubbery, fences or any other public or private property, real or personal.

G. Excessive Number of Dogs. The keeping or maintaining of more than two (2) dogs over the age of three (3) months on any lot, residence or premises within the Town is a public nuisance. (Ord. 802, §1, 2005; Ord. 793 § 2, 2005; Ord. 789 § 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2004; Ord. 146 § 1, 1971).

H. Defecation (scoop the poop). Any person who has the charge and control of any dog on any public street, sidewalk, pathway, park, pedestrian way, or any public facility, or on any school ground, or on any private property not owned or possessed by the owner or person having the charge or control of such animal shall at all times:

1. Maintain in his/her possession sufficient suitable wrappers, bags or containers for the purpose of complying with this section;
2. Shall immediately and securely enclose all feces deposited by the animal in a bag, wrapper or other suitable container; and
3. Dispose of collected feces in a sanitary manner.

This section shall not apply to any service dog accompanying any handicapped person or a police dog in the performance of law enforcement duties.

I. Animals on the Pathways. No person shall allow any dog belonging to him or her or in his or her custody to enter upon any Pathway within the Town without the dog under leash control. This section shall not apply to any guide dog accompanying any handicapped person or a police dog in the performance of law enforcement duties.

J. Dogs and Cats Prohibited in Town Parks. No owner of any dog or cat shall allow the dog or cat to enter or be upon any Town park, including but not limited to the Town Square, North Park, Miller Park, Phil Baux Park, Snow King Ball Park, Powderhorn Park, Powderhorn Ball Park, Mike Yokel Park, Rangeview Park, Garaman Park and Mateosky Ball Park. (Ord. 793 § 13, 2005; Ord. 293 § 1, 1982; Ord. 253 § 1, 1979; Ord. 213 § 3, 1977).

7.05.030 Biting, Aggressive or Vicious Animals

A. Aggressive or Vicious Animals

1. No person shall allow an aggressive or vicious animal to be upon the premises of anyone other than its owner, unless the animal is muzzled or secured in an appropriate container or vehicle.
2. No person shall keep, harbor or allow a vicious animal to be upon any premises occupied by him or her under his or her charge or control that may manifest a disposition to bite anyone without having the animal properly secured, contained or muzzled so as to prevent it from injuring any person, domestic animal or passersby.

B. Control of Biting Domestic Animals

1. Every owner shall take reasonable steps to prevent his or her domestic animal from biting a person or other domestic animal so as to break the skin or result in an open wound, or from engaging in an unprovoked attack on any person or other domestic animal. This subsection shall not apply if the biting domestic animal is on the owner's premises and either the premises are clearly posted with warnings

concerning the biting domestic animal or the entry onto the premises was unlawful. This section shall not apply to a police dog in the performance of law enforcement duties or a veterinarian treating domestic animals.

2. If the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Teton County further finds the biting domestic animal to be vicious and has a propensity to bite any person or other domestic animal, or attack any person or other domestic animal in a vicious manner again, the Court may order that the biting domestic animal be disposed of in a humane manner in addition to any fines ordered. If the biting domestic animal is euthanized, the Court may order that the remains be examined for the presence of any disease communicable to humans or animals, and that all costs of destruction and analysis, expenses incurred by the victim, and impoundment fees as delineated shall be paid by the owner.
3. Any domestic animal that bites another domestic animal or person, other than its owner or immediate family member, which results in an open wound or attempts to attack or attacks any person or other domestic animal in a vicious manner shall be reported by the owner to an animal control officer. In the event the biting domestic animal may be a carrier of rabies or other communicable diseases, it may be apprehended and impounded.
 - i. If the owner of a dog or cat which bites can show evidence of a current valid rabies vaccination, the dog or cat shall be returned to the owner after payment of impoundment fees as delineated in this title.
 - ii. If the owner cannot produce evidence of a current and valid rabies vaccination, the domestic animal, if capable of transmitting rabies, may be impounded and quarantined for a period of at least ten (10) days or as long as necessary as determined by the animal control officer after the attack to determine whether it has any disease which may be communicable to humans. At the discretion of the animal control officer, the quarantine may be on the premises of the owner. Prior to release of the domestic animal to the owner, the owner of the animal shall pay the impoundment fees as delineated in this title.
(Ord.1004 § 1, 2012, Ord. 920 § 2, 2009, Ord. 793 § 10, 2005; Ord. 146 § 11, 1971).
 - iii. If the owner cannot produce evidence of a current and valid rabies vaccination and the owner does not desire to proceed pursuant to Section 7.02.030(B)(3)(ii), the animal may be humanely destroyed and its remains analyzed for the presence of any disease communicable to humans, or may be forfeited to the Jackson/Teton County Animal Shelter for disposition. The owner shall pay all costs of destruction and analysis and any applicable impoundment and shelter fees, and shall be responsible for any Court ordered restitution to the victim.

C. Dog chasing, injuring or killing livestock or wildlife. A dog chasing, injuring or killing livestock or wildlife may be impounded and a determination shall be made by the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court for Teton County as to the propensity for the dog to continue to pose a

threat to livestock or wildlife. If it is determined that the dog may pose a future threat to livestock or wildlife, the Court may order that the dog be humanely disposed of or restriction be placed on the movements of the dog. This section does not limit the ability of an owner of livestock or his agent or any peace officer from killing a dog in the act of chasing, injuring or killing livestock pursuant to Wyoming Statute. This section does not limit the ability of a peace officer to utilize the provisions of Wyoming Statute that allows for killing of the dog at the time of an attack on wildlife.

7.05.040 Disposal of Dead Animals.

When any animal has died or has been destroyed, the remains of such animal shall be cremated by a licensed crematorium or buried beneath the surface of the ground at the Teton County Landfill or any other appropriate location. The remains of animals shall not be placed in garbage cans for pickup and disposal by employees of the franchise holder for garbage disposal in the Town. Notwithstanding the foregoing, licensed veterinary clinics, animal control officers or the animal shelter may dispose of animals in garbage receptacles with proper notice given to the garbage disposal franchise holder.

(Ord. 920 § 2, 2009, Ord. 793 § 16, 2005; Ord. 649 § 1, 2000; Ord. 146 § 15, 1971).

Chapter 7.08
TREATMENT AND USE OF ANIMALS

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7.08.010 Killing, maiming or disfiguring animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully kill, maim, inhumanely trap, or disfigure any domestic animal or administer any poison to any domestic animals or expose any poisonous substance with the intent that it be devoured by any domestic animal, unless otherwise permitted by law. (Ord. 14 § 1, 1926.)

7.08.020 Cruelty to animals.

It shall be unlawful for:

A. Any person to knowingly and intentionally maltreat, torture or torment an animal with the intent to cause death, injury or undue suffering; to cruelly overwork, override, beat, injure, mutilate or otherwise abuse any animal; to carry an animal in a cruel or inhumane manner, or having the right and authority, to kill any animal in any way except in a humane manner.

B. Any person to frighten or scare any animal in an enclosure or on the street by airguns, firecrackers, noisemakers, gestures, motorized vehicles, or other loud noises with the intent to torment the animal.

C. Any owner to: fail to provide an animal with sufficient quantities of proper food, water, shelter and protection from the weather; neglect an animal; abandon an animal; or fail to provide appropriate veterinary care or sanitary living conditions.

D. Any person to cause or encourage a dogfight, cockfight, bullfight, or any other form of combat between animals or between animals and humans, nor own, keep, possess or train any bird, fowl, dog or other animal with the intent of engaging or using the animal in an exhibition of fighting, or to permit the same to occur on premises under his charge or control. Animals so kept, possessed, owned or trained may be subject to forfeiture. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit rodeo events.

E. A person to knowingly be present at any place where an exhibition of animal fighting is occurring for amusement or gain.

F. Any person other than a licensed veterinarian to crop an animal's ear or dock an animal's tail.

G. A person to leave any animal in an unattended vehicle without adequate ventilation or in such a manner as to subject the animal to extreme temperatures which adversely affect its health or welfare.

H. A person to utilize a chain, cable or rope to restrain a dog unless it is placed or attached to avoid entanglement with chains of other dogs or any other object, and is at least three (3) times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail allowing the dog convenient and safe access to water and protection from the elements.

(Ord. 799 §1, 2005; Ord. 793 § 12, 2005; Ord. 609 § 1, 1998; 146 § 13, 1971); (Ord. 645 § 1, 2000; Ord. 189 § 1, 1976: Ord. 15 § 2, 1926.)

7.08.030 Leaving animals in a public place.

A. No person shall leave any animal in a public place without securely fastening such animal, or allow any animal to be picketed or to graze along public thoroughfares where it may be a danger or nuisance, or tie or picket any animal so as to obstruct any sidewalk, street, alley or access to any public place. This section shall not apply to an animal engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties or a certified service animal. (Ord. 189 § 1976; Ord. 15 § 3, 1926).

B. All dogs shall be kept under restraint when off the property of the owner. However, no owner of any dog shall restrain the dog with a leash, cord, chain, rope or other device and then secure such leash, cord, chain, rope or other device to any vehicle, mailbox, post or other structure adjacent to any roadway, doorway, pathway or sidewalk, that would allow said dog to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic along any public roadway, pathway, sidewalk or entrance to any building frequented by the general public. This section shall not apply to any service dog accompanying any handicapped person or a police dog in the performance of law enforcement duties.

7.08.040 Release of animals.

It is unlawful for any person to release animals at large or fail to close any gate which he or she has opened by which animals may escape. (Ord. 189 § 3, 1976).

7.08.045 Gate and fence maintenance.

It shall be the owner's or lessor's responsibility to maintain and repair all fences around any animal enclosure. (Ord. 189 § 3, 1976).

7.08.050 Obedience to traffic regulations.

Unless a special permit or Town Council approval is obtained, the running of livestock on any public highway, street, alley, pathway or other thoroughfare is not allowed and all horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles are required to respect and follow the traffic ordinances of the Town unless otherwise stated and except those that by their very nature do not apply. (Ord. 189 § 4, 1976).

7.08.060 Vehicular collisions with animals.

Any motorist, while operating a vehicle, who collides with a domestic animal shall stop and immediately report the incident to either the animal's owner, or in the event the owner cannot be ascertained and located, to an animal control officer or law enforcement.

7.08.070 Supplemental feeding of certain animals prohibited.

A. Definitions.

1. "Supplemental feed attractants" are any human food, pet food, hay, forage product or supplement, grain, seed or birdseed, garbage, or other attractant.
2. For the purposes of this section "agricultural" means the science or art of cultivating the soil, producing crops, boarding and/or raising permitted livestock.

B. No person shall knowingly or intentionally provide supplemental feed attractants to the following animals, unless specifically authorized by an agency of either the State of Wyoming or the United States of America: antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, bobcat, black bear, grizzly bear, mountain lion, lynx, wild bison, coyote, fox, raccoon and wolf.

C. A person engaged in any of the following activities is not subject to liabilities under this section:

1. A person engaged in the normal feeding of livestock;
2. A person pursuing an agricultural purpose on agricultural land as defined by W.S. 39-13-101(a)(iii);
3. A person engaged in the practice of raising crops and crop aftermath, including hay, alfalfa and grains, produced, harvested, stored or fed to domestic livestock in accordance with normal agricultural practices;
4. A person engaged in the cultivation of a lawn or garden; and,
5. A person engaged in bird feeding where the bird food is made unavailable to the animals specified in paragraphs A and B of this Section.

(Ord. 920 § 2, 2009, Ord. 727 § 1, 2003).

Chapter 7.12
DOG AND CAT LICENSES AND REGULATIONS

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7.12.020 Dog and Cat License Required

- A. Any dog or cat residing in Town more than thirty (30) days must be licensed.
- B. Such license shall not be issued until payment of the applicable fee and presentation of a current and valid certificate subscribed by a licensed veterinarian that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies, and that dog or cat is current on its rabies vaccination. The vaccination certificate shall indicate the date of vaccination, the type used and the period of immunization.
- C. Licenses shall be renewed at the start of every calendar year.
- D. Dogs and cats less than four (4) months of age are exempt from having licenses.
- E. Upon issuance, the license tag shall be fastened to the dog's collar or harness. Such tags shall be worn at all times when the dog is off the premises of its owner. (Ord. 793 § 6, 2005; Ord. 194 § 2, 1976; Ord. 146 § 4, 1971).

(Ord. 793 § 4, 2005; Ord. 789 § 7, 2004; Ord. 646 § 1, 2000; Ord. 194 § 1, 1976; Ord. 146 § 2, 1971).

7.12.030 License --Conditions of Issuance

Licenses issued in accordance with this chapter are conditioned upon the requirement for humane care of the dogs or cats and for compliance by the owner with all provisions of this chapter and other applicable state and local laws. (Ord. 146 § 12, 1971).

7.12.040 License ---Revocation

The Town Clerk or an animal control officer may revoke any license if the person holding the license refuses or fails to comply with this or any state or local law governing cruelty to animals or the keeping of animals. When a license is revoked, the owner of the dog or cat shall within ten (10) days thereafter surrender the dog or cat to the animal shelter, remove the dog or cat from the Town jurisdiction or humanely euthanize the dog or cat. No part of the license fee shall be refunded. If the owner fails to surrender the dog or cat to the animal shelter, remove the dog or cat from the Town jurisdiction or euthanize the dog or cat being owned, kept or harbored by such person as required in this chapter, such dog or cat may be seized by an animal control officer subject to a Court's disposition of the dog or cat and, thereafter, put up for adoption or humanely disposed of. (Ord. 793 § 5, 2005; Ord. 213 § 1, 1977; Ord. 146 § 3, 1971).

7.12.090 Rabies Vaccination Required

A rabies certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing that a dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies is required of all dog and cat owners.

7.12.100 Rabid dog--Muzzling

Whenever it becomes necessary to safeguard the public from the dangers of hydrophobia, the Mayor, if he deems it necessary, may issue a proclamation ordering every person owning a dog to confine it securely on his premises and to muzzle the dog with a muzzle of sufficient strength to prevent its biting any person. Any unmuzzled dog found within the Town during the time of the proclamation shall be seized and impounded, unless noticeably infected with rabies. All dogs so noticeably infected with rabies and displaying vicious propensities shall be killed by a police officer or other authorized person finding such dog, without notice to the owner. If it is determined that an impounded dog is not infected, the dog shall be released to the owner upon payment of the impounding charge provided for in this title. If unclaimed after thirty (30) days, the dog may be summarily destroyed or adopted. (Ord. 146 § 10, 1971).

(Ord. 920 §2, 2009).