

## Animal City/County Ordinances

**City of Knoxville Animal Control**

865-215-7457 or 865-215-8639

**Knox County Animal Control**

865-215-2444

**TWRA – Wildlife Issues**

1-800-332-0900

**Knox County Animal Shelter**

Young-Williams Animal Center

3201 Division St.

Knoxville, TN 37919

865-215-6599

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### City of Knoxville Pet Ordinances

**SEC. 5-7. ANIMALS AT LARGE**

No person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park or upon the property of another, if such animal is not under sufficient restraint as to allow the animal to be controlled. (ORD No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93)

**SEC. 5-8. RESTRAINT OF ANIMALS**

Every person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall keep such animal exclusively upon his own premises; provided, however, that such animal may be off such premises if it is under the control of a competent person and restrained by a chain, leash or other means of visible control. (ORD No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93)

**SEC. 5-10. KEEPING OF ANIMALS WHICH DISTURB PEACE, COMFORT OR HEALTH**

No person shall keep within the city limits any animal, which by reason of frequent or continual noise or unsanitary conditions disturbs the peace, comfort or health of neighbors. (ORD No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93)

**SEC. 5-77. TAGS**

(a) A license tag and a rabies vaccination tag shall be issued to each dog and cat at the time of its licensing and vaccination. The owner shall provide that both tags be worn by the animal at all times.

(b) If the owner of any dog or cat which is by this chapter required to have a license tag and vaccination tag has paid for and procured the license tag and rabies vaccination tag, and the animal is taken to the animal shelter by reason of the loss of either of the tags, the owner of such animal shall have the privilege of identifying his animal and proving the payment for and the procurement of the tags prior to the date the animal was taken up, and in that event the animal shall be returned to the rightful owner upon the payment of a thirty dollar (\$30.00) impoundment fee and an assessment of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day of boarding. When no proof of procurement of license fee and rabies vaccination exists, certification of vaccination and license fee payment must be presented to the unit within seventy-two (72) hours of the time the owner reclaims his animal. (ORD No. O-484-93, § 1, 8-31-93)

**SEC. 5-78. NUISANCE ANIMALS**

It shall be unlawful for any dog owner to keep or have within the city a dog that habitually or repeatedly chases, snaps at, attacks or barks at pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles, or turns over garbage pails, or damages lawns, gardens, flowers or vegetables or conducts itself so as to be a public nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any dog or cat owner to permit a female dog or cat to run at large