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- 6.04.010 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the words set out in this section

shall have the following meanings:

- A. “At Large” means any licensed or unlicensed dog found off the premises of its owner and not under the control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel, on a leash or “at heel” beside a competent person and obedient to that person’s command.
- B. “Dogs” mean both male and female animals of the canine species whether altered or not.
- C. “Owner” means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation of owning, keeping, sheltering or harboring a dog. (Ord. 221 §6.08.010, 1977).

* For statutory provisions on dogs, see Code 1977 Ch. 351.

6.04.020 License required. A. Every owner of a dog shall have such dog licensed, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 351 of the state laws of Iowa.

B. Any dog running at large without the license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed unlicensed. (Ord. 221 §6.08.020, 1977).

6.04.030 Immunization required. All dogs shall be subject to immunization pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 351 of the state laws of the state Code of Iowa. (Ord. 221 §6.08.030, 1977).

6.04.040 Exemptions. Kennel dogs which are kept or raised solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint are not subject to the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 221 §6.08.040, 1977).

6.04.050 Running at Large prohibited. No owner of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large, whether the dog is licensed or unlicensed and the owner permitting such dog to run at large shall be fined in the amount of twenty-five dollars, whether or not such dog is seized or impounded. (Ord. 230 1, 1979; Ord. 221 §6.08.050, 1977).

6.04.060 Damage to or interference with property. It is unlawful for an owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises. (Ord. 221 §6.08.060, 1977).

6.04.070 Barking and chasing prohibited. It is unlawful for an owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking or otherwise, or by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles. (Ord. 221 §6.08.070, 1977).

6.04.080 Impoundment—Authorized—Alternate procedure. Any unlicensed or unvaccinated dog found at large or any licensed dog found at large in violation of Section 6.04.030 and Section 6.04.050 shall be seized and impounded, or, at the discretion of the local peace officer or officers, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made thereunder. (Ord. 221 §6.08.080, 1977).

6.04.090 Impoundment—Notification—Reclaiming procedure—Disposal authorized.

A. Owners of licensed dogs shall be notified of such impoundment not later than three days from the date of the impoundment.

B. The owner of any dog so impounded may reclaim such dog upon payment of costs incurred by the city by reason of such impoundment, which in no event shall be less than three dollars for each day of impoundment.

C. If the impounded licensed dogs are not recovered by their owner within seven days after notice, the dogs shall be disposed of in a humane manner, as directed by the city council. (Ord. 221 §6.08.090, 1977).

6.04.100 Impoundment—Recovery procedure—Disposal authorized. A. Impounded, unlicensed dogs may be recovered by the owner, upon proper identification, as set forth in Section 6.04.090.

B. If such dogs are not claimed within seven days after notice, they shall be disposed of in a humane manner, as directed by the city council. (Ord. 221 §6.08.100, 1977).

6.04.110 Impoundment—Required—Recordkeeping. A. it is the duty of every peace officer to apprehend any dog running at large contrary to the provisions of this chapter and to impound such dog as set forth in this chapter in the official pound of the city as established and designated by the city council. Upon so impounding, he shall enter in a register provided for that purpose the date of impoundment, place of seizure, description of the dog by breed, sex and color and, if licensed, the name and address of its owner and its license number. (Ord. 221 §6.08.110, 1977).

Chapter 6.08

RESTRICTIONS ON KEEPING CERTAIN ANIMALS

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6.08.010 Keeping cattle, swine or sheep within city limits prohibited. The keeping of cattle, swine or sheep within the city limits is prohibited. (Ord. 238 §1, 1981).

6.08.020 Penalty for violation. Anyone violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished in Section 1.12.010 of the Corydon Municipal Code and each day on which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate violation. (Ord. 238 §2, 1981).

Chapter 6.09
ANIMAL CONTROL

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6.09.010 Definitions. A. The following words and phrases shall for the purposes of this chapter have the following meanings:

1. “Animal” means and includes any nonhuman vertebrate.
2. “At large” means an animal off the premises of the owner which is not properly restrained within a motor vehicle, housed in a veterinary hospital or registered kennel, or is not on a leash, cord, or chain of other similar restraint not more than six feet in length and under the control of a person competent to restrain and control the animal.
3. “Breeder” means any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity which maintains an unaltered (unsterilized) dog or cat and breeds such animal for any consideration of profit, fee or compensation.
4. “Cat” means and includes animals of all ages, both female and male, which are members of the feline species whether altered or not.
5. “Dog” means and includes animals of all ages, both female and male, which are members of the canine species whether altered or not.
6. “Muzzle” means, when required by this chapter, a muzzle of appropriate material with sufficient strength to restrain and animal from biting, and no such muzzle employed shall be made from any material or maintained on the animal in any manner so as to cut or injure the animal.
7. “Owner” means every person, firm, partnership, or corporation owning, keeping or harboring an animal within the corporate limits of the city. An animal shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for three days or more.
8. “Stray” means any dog or cat which does not have affixed to it a collar with a current City of Corydon license tag.
9. “Vaccination” means an injection of any vaccine for rabies approved by the State Veterinarian, and administered by a licensed veterinarian or agent of the health officer.
10. “Vicious animal” means any animal that has attacked or bitten any person without provocation, or when an animal has a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack or bite persons

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without provocation as evidenced by its habitual or repeated chasing, snapping or barking at human beings or other animals and such propensity, tendency or disposition is known or ought reasonably to be known to the owner or person harboring such animal.

11. "Wild animal" means an animal incapable of being completely domesticated and requiring exercise of art, force or skill to keep it in subjection and under the control of its handler. (Ord. 290 1 (part), 2003).

6.09.020 Registration and license. A. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to own, keep or harbor a dog or cat within the corporate limits of the city without having first paid to the city an annual registration and license fee for all dogs and all cats six months of age or older. The registration and license fee required by this section shall be due and payable as soon as a dog or a cat attains six months of age. Upon registration at six months of age, each dog and each cat shall be issued a temporary license tag for a fee of two dollars and fifty cents upon proof of administration of a six months vaccination. Thereafter, the registration and license shall be renewed annually during a period commencing two weeks prior to and ending two weeks after the original date of issue of the permanent license tag by the city. Failure to renew the registration and license of a dog or a cat within this time period will result in the assessment of a penalty in the amount of five dollars in addition to the regular registration and license fee. Duplicate tags of tags that are lost will be provided by the city at no cost to the owner.

B. To secure a license, the owner must register a dog or a cat by providing proof of legal rabies vaccination. Dogs shall be vaccinated once every two years and cats shall be vaccinated once every year. Upon the payment of the registration and license fee to the city clerk as provided herein, the owner of a dog or a cat will be issued a temporary or a permanent license tag as provided above. Every dog or cat found or harbored within the city limits must have and wear a collar or harness of such type so that the city license tag will be firmly attached at all times to the dog's or the cat's collar or harness.

C. The initial registration and license required by this chapter for all dogs and all cats six months of age or older shall be purchased before March 1, 2003. The registration and license shall be nontransferable. Upon the death, sale or removal of a dog or a cat from within the city limits, the owner shall advise city hall to void the registration and license of the animal. No refund of the required registration and license fee shall be made for a voided registration and license. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.030 Number of animals. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to own, keep or harbor more than a combined total of six dogs and/or cats within the city limits. This provision shall not apply to proprietors of animal hospitals and veterinarians when such animals are kept upon premises used by such businesses. This provision also shall not apply to owners of animals who are authorized animal breeders or kennel operators who hold a license issued by the state of Iowa for breeding or kennel operation. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.040 Nuisances. Owners of nuisance animals shall be subject to the penalty provisions of the city code. A nuisance animal shall be defined as any animal that infringes upon the rights of another animal or person, or:

A. That chases persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles;

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- B. That attacks other animals;
- C. That trespasses on property not owned by the animal's owner;
- D. That are at large or that are stray;
- E. That damages private or public property; or
- F. That habitually howls, yelps or barks so as to disturb the peace. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.050 Vicious and wild animals. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity to keep within the city limits any vicious, exotic or wild animal, unless such animal shall be confined by the owner within a building or other secure enclosure. Such animal shall not be taken out of such building or other secure enclosure unless securely muzzled and under the physical control of a mature, responsible person by lead or leash. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.060 Animal bites. A. Any animal that has bitten a person is a rabies suspect and such animal shall be immediately released by the owner or custodian for quarantine confinement for a period of ten days within a veterinary hospital approved by the city or within a secure enclosure approved by the city.

B. When any animal has bitten, scratched or otherwise attacked a person, that person or anyone having knowledge of such incident shall immediately notify city hall or the city police. Such animal shall be quarantined for a period of at least ten days at the expense of the owner, or ownership may be relinquished and the animal euthanized. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.070 Animal care. A. No owner of an animal shall fail to provide the animal with sufficient good and wholesome food and water in suitable containers, with proper shelter and protection from the weather, with appropriate veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment. No person shall abandon an animal within the city limits.

B. No person shall expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not, so that the same shall be liable to be eaten by any animal; provided that it should not be unlawful for a person to expose on his own property common rat poison mixed only with vegetable substances. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.080 Dog pens. Outdoor dog pens shall be located at least twenty-five feet from any dwelling other than the dwelling of the person owning or controlling the dog pens. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.090 Pens and premises conditions. It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring animals to:

A. Fail to keep the premises where such animals are kept free from offensive odors to the extent that such odors are disturbing to any person residing within reasonable proximity of said premises;

B. Allow the premises where animals are kept to become unclean and a threat to the public health by failing to diligently and systematically remove all animal waste from the premises; or

C. Allow an animal or the premises where an animal is kept to become infested with ticks, fleas or other vermin, or by failing to diligently and systematically apply accepted methods of insect and

parasite control. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.100 Enforcement. For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this chapter and enforcing its provisions any city police officer and any animal control employee of the city are designated as animal control officers and are empowered to enter upon any premises where any animal is reportedly kept in a cruel or inhumane manner to examine such animal and to take possession thereof when it reasonably appears that such animal requires immediate care or humane treatment. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.110 Interference with enforcement. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere in any manner with any city police officer or city animal control employee while discharging the duties of such official as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.120 Impoundment. Any dog or cat found in violation of this chapter by not being properly registered and licensed, or without a valid license tag, shall be seized by the city's animal control officers and shall be taken to an area veterinary clinic for impoundment. The owner of an unregistered or unlicensed dog or cat may have the animal returned by providing proper identification of the animal, by payment of the impounding fee and boarding costs and by payment of the costs of vaccination if vaccination is required. If any such animals are not claimed within five days, they shall be disposed of in a human manner. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).

6.09.130 Penalty. Any dog, cat or other animal running loose or at large shall be picked up by the city's animal control officers. If the owner of the dog, cat or other animal cannot be determined by the animal control officers, the dog, cat or other animal shall be impounded as provided in Section 6.09.120 and may be returned to the owner upon the owner's compliance with the requirements of Section 6.09.120. If the owner of the dog, cat or other animal can be determined by the animal control officers, the dog, cat or other animal shall be delivered back to the owner and the owner will be assessed a charge of ten dollars per animal for each occurrence, said charge to be assessed on the owner's city utility bill or if the owner has no city utility bill, then by direct billing to the owner. After any dog, cat or other animal has been returned to the owner three times, upon the fourth time that the dog, cat or other animal is returned to the owner, the owner shall be issued a citation for violation of Section 6.09.040 of this chapter and the City's nuisance or for failing to abate a nuisance. (Ord. 290 §1 (part), 2003).