

CITY OF AMES MUNICIPAL CODE - CHAPTER 3 - ANIMALS

DIVISION I  
**ANIMALS IN VEHICLES**

**Sec. 3.116. ANIMALS IN MOTOR VEHICLES; RESCUE**

No person shall leave an animal unattended in, or tethered to, a standing or parked motor vehicle, in a manner that endangers the health or safety of the animal.

The following persons may use reasonable means, including reasonable force to remove an animal from a motor vehicle when there is an apparent violation of this section.

- (1) animal control officer under the jurisdiction of a state or local governing body
- (2) peace officer
- (3) a professional of a fire or rescue squad

The person rescuing the animal shall notify the animal control officer who may take the animal to a veterinarian for treatment, if necessary. The cost of such treatment shall be paid by the City and the City shall claim reimbursement from the person judged to be responsible for leaving the animal unattended.

*(Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88; Ord. 3120, 3-5-91)*

**Sec. 3.118. ANIMALS IN TRANSPORT.**

No animal shall be transported in the open bed of a pickup truck, except when the animal is secured inside a cage or kennel or is secured by a leash or tether sufficiently short to keep the animal inside the pickup box at all times.

No person shall transport an animal in a box, container, or cage without proper ventilation and proper space requirements for that animal. Applicable standards set out in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Part 3, Animals and Animal Products shall apply.

*(Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88, Ord. 3120, 3-5-91)*