
CITY OF AMES MUNICIPAL CODE - CHAPTER 3 - ANIMALS**DIVISION I
RUNNING AT LARGE****Sec. 3.103. ANIMALS AT LARGE PROHIBITED**

All animals shall be restrained by the owners thereof from running at large.

(Ord. No. 795, Sec. 14.1; Code 1956, Sec. 78-14.1; Ord. No. 2453, Secs. 1, 2, 9-4-73; Ord. No. 3003, Sec. 3, 2-23-88; Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88)

Sec. 3.104. IMPOUNDING ANIMALS AT LARGE

Any animal found at large shall be apprehended and impounded by an enforcement officer. The enforcement officer shall have the right to enter upon private property when it is necessary to do so in order to apprehend any animal that has been running at large. Such entrance upon private property shall be in reasonable pursuit of the animal(s) and shall not include entry into a domicile unless it be at the invitation of the occupant. If the enforcement officer determines that the animal at large is dangerous or fierce and a threat to human safety, and that it cannot be safely captured, the animal may be killed.

(Ord. No. 795, Sec. 14.3; Code 1956, Sec. 78-14.3; Ord. No. 2453, Secs. 1, 2, 9-4-73; Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88) [State Law Ref. Iowa Code Sec. 368.8(4)]

Sec. 3.105. REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.

When an animal has been apprehended and impounded for being at large or for any other reason, said animal may be redeemed by the owner by a payment of the appropriate service fee or fees as established by resolution of the City Council and set out in Appendix E.

(Ord. No. 2453, Sec. 2, 9-4-73; Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88)

Sec. 3.106. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED ANIMALS.

If the unknown owner of an animal apprehended or impounded cannot be located after seven (7) days, or if an owner when known, does not, after reasonable notice, claim the animal within seven (7) days, the animal may be humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of. If in the opinion of the animal control officer, an animal is too sick or injured to keep humanely for seven (7) days, the animal may be euthanatized.

(Ord. No. 795, Sec. 10; Code 1956, Sec. 78-10; Ord. No. 2037, Sec. 1, 7-28-64; Ord. No. 2140, Sec. 9, 6-7-66; Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88; Ord. No. 3120, 3-5-91)

Sec. 3.114. DUTIES UPON STRIKING AN ANIMAL

Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes an animal shall report such injury or death to the animal control officer or the Ames Police Department.

(Ord. No. 3030, Sec. 1, 12-20-88)