

Chapter 101. Animals

Article I. General Animal Regulations

§ 101-4. Complaints.

All complaints under the provisions of this article shall be made to the Animal Control Officer and may be made orally; provided, however, that, within 48 hours, such complaint shall be reduced to writing on forms provided by the Animal Control Officer and shall be signed by the complainant showing his name, address and telephone number, if any.

§ 101-5. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be punished as provided by this article or the General Laws of Rhode Island.

§ 101-6. Nuisances by animals.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit any animal to trespass on private or public property so as to damage or destroy any property or thing of value, and the same is hereby declared to be a nuisance. Whenever it shall be affirmed in writing by one or more persons having separate residences or regularly employed in the neighborhood that any animal is a habitual nuisance by reason of trespassing, howling, barking or other noise, or by damaging property, being vicious or, by its actions, potentially vicious, or in any other manner causing undue annoyance, the Animal Control Officer, if he finds such nuisance to exist, shall serve notice upon the owner or keeper of such animal that said nuisance must be abated at once.
- B. The keeping or harboring of any dog or other animal or fowl, whether licensed or not, which habitually howls, yelps, barks or causes noises, which habitual howling, yelping, barking or causing noises is affirmed by persons in the neighborhood as provided in Subsection A of this section, is unlawful and is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 101-20. Schedule of fines.

Fines shall be as follows:

- A. Nuisance dog or other animal not abated after requested to do so: \$15.
- B. Unlicensed dog (R.I.G.L. § 4-13-4): \$10.
- C. Dogs running at large:
 - (1) First offense: \$20.
 - (2) Second offense: \$30.
 - (3) Third offense: \$50.

- D. Vicious or dangerous dog or other animal not confined: \$20.
- E. Female dog or other animal in heat not confined: \$20.
- F. Unauthorized wild animals: \$15.
- G. Dogs in stores, eating places, or on Town beaches: \$15.
- H. Biting dog or other animal: \$100.
- I. Number of dogs permitted at residence: \$25.