

## **5-1-9: CARE OF ANIMALS:**

- A. Owner To Provide Proper Care: No owner shall fail to provide his animals with sufficient good and wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment. (1995 Code § 11-7-1)
- B. Mistreatment: No person shall beat, cruelly ill treat, torment, overload, overwork, or otherwise abuse an animal, or cause, instigate or permit any dog fight, cockfight, bullfight or other combat between animals or between animals and humans. (1995 Code § 11-7-2)
- C. Abandonment: No owner of an animal shall abandon such animal. (1995 Code § 11-7-3)
- D. Vehicular Accidents: Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic animal, shall stop and render such assistance as may be reasonably possible, and shall immediately report such injury or death to the animal's owner. In the event the owner cannot be ascertained and located, such operator shall at once report the accident to the animal control officer or other city official, appropriate law enforcement agency or to a local humane society. (1995 Code § 11-7-4)
- E. Immunizations: Owners of animals shall be required to obtain rabies shots for said animals, and keep all shots and immunizations current. If an animal is found not to have a current rabies shot, the owner shall be required to post a cash deposit with the city, in such amount as established by resolution of the city council, on the condition that the rabies shot is obtained. Upon proof that the rabies shot has been obtained, the cash deposit will be refunded. (1995 Code § 11-7-5; amd. 2003 Code)
- F. Poison: No person shall expose any known poisonous substance, whether mixed with food or not, so that the same may be eaten by any animal; provided, that it shall not be unlawful for a person to expose on his own property common rat poison mixed only with vegetable substance. (1995 Code § 11-7-6)

