

**CHAPTER 618**  
**Animals**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Power to prohibit keeping of hogs - see Borough Code § 1202(12) (53 P.S. § 46202(12))

Power to regulate or prohibit running at large of dogs, cats, other pets; killing, seizure, detention and sale - see Borough Code § 1202(13), (14) (53 P.S. § 46202(13), (14))

Abatement of health nuisances - see Borough Code §§ 3106 et seq. (53 P.S. § 48106 et seq.)

Rabies control - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 646

Burying dead animals - see GEN. OFF. 654.02

Vector control - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 664

**618.01 DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- (a) "Animal" means any domestic, wild or exotic animal, fowl, bird, reptile, and household pet.
- (b) "Domestic animal" means any animal normally or ordinarily held in captivity and raised in the area of Northwest Pennsylvania for work, breeding or agricultural purposes, or as a household pet.
- (c) "Exotic animal" means any animal not commonly found in the area of Northwest Pennsylvania except in a zoo.
- (d) "Fowl" means any type of chicken, duck, goose, turkey or game bird.
- (e) "Household pet" means any dog, cat or other domestic animal normally and ordinarily kept in or about a residence. The term shall not include livestock, fowl, pigeons, wild or exotic animals, or other large domestic animals not normally and ordinarily kept in or about a residence in the area of Northwest Pennsylvania. It may include rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, reptiles, or birds commonly sold and kept as pets.

- (f) "Livestock" means any type of cattle, sheep, horse, mule, goat or swine.
- (g) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.
- (h) To "keep" means to allow any animal habitually to remain lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard or enclosure which he occupies, rents, leases or owns. The person who "keeps" an animal shall be the person in possession to the property where the animal is kept and shall be considered the keeper of such animal.
- (i) "Wild animal" means any animal, bird, fowl or reptile not normally or ordinarily kept in captivity; not normally or ordinarily raised in this area for work, breeding or agricultural purposes; or not commonly kept as a household pet in the area of Northwest Pennsylvania.

In this chapter, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

(Ord. 713. Passed 10-26-98; Ord. 735. Passed 5-29-01.)

#### 618.02 KEEPING ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

No person shall keep any animals at any place within the Borough of Cambridge Springs, except household pets.

(Ord. 713. Passed 10-26-98; Ord. 735. Passed 5-29-01.)

#### 618.03 REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING HOUSEHOLD PETS.

No person shall keep any household pets, except as provided in this section.

- (a) Household pets shall be confined in appropriate quarters, runs, ties, or pens, no part of which shall be closer than 25 feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling except that of the keeper. Any such quarters shall be of a size and construction conducive to the animals's health, shall be properly maintained, and shall have adequate sanitary drainage facilities.
  - (b) No household pet shall be allowed to run or roam at large. When not confined, the pet shall be appropriately secured on the premises. If the pet is being walked, it shall be under the physical control of the keeper, by leash, chain, collar, harness or other suitable means.
  - (c) Every keeper of any animal shall cause the excreta therefrom to be collected weekly in a container or receptacle that, when closed, shall be rat-proof and fly-tight, and after such collection shall cause such container or receptacle to be kept closed. At least once a week, every such keeper shall cause all excreta so collected to be disposed of in such manner as not to permit the presence of fly larvae or to cause droppings to run off onto the property of others.
  - (d) Every keeper of any animal shall cause all feed provided therefor to be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, container or receptacle.
  - (e) If any such pet shall be kept in a dwelling owned or occupied by its keeper, such keeper shall be required to follow such procedures and practices, including the number of such pets to be kept there, and as to sanitation, to insure that no public nuisance or human health threat shall be created or maintained and that the pets may be appropriate cared for.
- (Ord. 735. Passed 5-29-01.)

618.04 [RESERVED]

618.05 [RESERVED]

618.06 LICENSE AND VACCINATION REQUIRED.

All animals kept in the Borough must be licensed and vaccinated as may be required by law or regulation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Ord. 713. Passed 10-26-98.)

618.07 UNREASONABLE NOISE, HARASSING AND TRESPASSING  
PROHIBITED.

(a) No keeper of any animal shall keep or harbor any animal within the Borough which creates frequent and loud noise of a character, intensity or duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the Borough.

(b) No keeper of any animal shall permit his animal to pursue, menace or harass persons lawfully going about their business, whether on private or public property.

(c) No keeper of any animal shall permit his animal to trespass, commit a nuisance upon or otherwise harm public or private property, or to interfere with the rights of the owners thereof. Animal excreta falling upon property (including public property, roadways and sidewalks), that does not belong to the keeper, is deemed a violation of this section unless the keeper immediately collects and removes all such excreta.

(Ord. 713. Passed 10-26-98.)

**618.08 ENFORCEMENT; ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.**

The Cambridge Springs Police Department and the Crawford County Humane Society are hereby appointed as the Animal Control Officers of the Borough. The Animal Control Officers shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. Complaints for violations of this chapter shall be made to either the Police Department or the Humane Society and that agency shall be responsible for enforcing this chapter and may coordinate the enforcement with any other animal control officer from either the Humane Society or the Police Department.

(Ord. 713. Passed 10-26-98.)

**618.09 VIOLATIONS OF OTHER LAW.**

Any violation of this chapter that would also violate any state law or other ordinance may be prosecuted under that law or ordinance as well as this chapter. This chapter shall not act as a bar to any other enforcement, prosecution or penalty of any law regulation, rule or ordinance.

(Ord. 713. Passed 10-26-98.)

**618.99 PENALTIES.**

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600.00), and, in default of payment, shall undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days. Each day that a violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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