

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

1. No owner, keeper or other person having control shall permit an animal to be a nuisance animal. For the purposes of this ordinance, nuisance animal means any animal or animals which:
 - a. Molests or harasses passersby, domestic animals or passing vehicles in the public way.
 - b. Attacks or threatens persons or other domestic animals.
 - c. Punctures the skin of any person or domestic animal.
 - d. Damages property other than that of the owner.
 - e. Defecates off the premises of the animal's owner, and the owner or other individual in control of the animal fails to remove such deposit immediately.
 - f. Barks, whines, howls or cries in a continuous fashion for more than thirty (30) minutes.
2. An offense of any provision of this ordinance by any person shall be deemed a violation and shall be punishable by the following penalties:
 - a. First Offense. A first offense of any provision of this ordinance in any twelve month period shall be punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
 - b. Second Offense. A second offense of any provision of this ordinance in any twelve month period shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 - c. Third and subsequent offenses. A third or subsequent offense of any provision of this ordinance in any twelve month period shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
3. All complaints will be made to the Town Police Department.

This ordinance is adopted by the Board of Selectmen on _____, 2010 following a public hearing and is effective on _____, 2010.

Mario Audit, Chairman

Robert Gauthier, Selectman

James W. Tierney, Jr., Selectman