

ORDINANCE 120914-1

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COGGON, IOWA:

Section 1. Title IV of the Coggon Code of Ordinances is amended by deleting Chapter 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following new Chapter 1:

TITLE IV MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

CHAPTER 1 ANIMAL CONTROL - DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

4-1-1	Definitions	4-1-6	Actions of Dogs Constituting a Nuisance
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4-1-1 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter the following terms are defined as follows:

1. The term "dogs" shall mean both male and female animals of canine species whether altered or not.
2. The term "at large" shall mean any licensed or unlicensed dog found off the premises of the owner and not under the control of a competent person, restrained within a motor vehicle, housed in a veterinary hospital or kennel, on a leash or "at heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's command.
3. The term "owner" shall mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, sheltering or harboring a dog.
4. The term "dangerous animal" shall mean lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx, ocelots, bobcats, bears, polar bears, grizzly

bears, crocodiles, alligators, and all venomous and constricting snakes.

5. The term "dangerous domestic animals" shall mean Staffordshire Terriers, known as "Pit Bulls", American Pit Bull Terriers, and American Staffordshire Terriers.
6. The term "vicious dog" shall mean one which inflicts a bite or bites upon and/or attacks human beings or domesticated animals without cause or justification, and may or may not be a dangerous domestic animal.
7. The term "cat" means any member of the feline species, male or female, neutered or unneutered.

4-1-2 LICENSE. Every owner of a dog over the age of six (6) months shall procure a dog license from the city clerk on or before the first day of May of each year. Such license fee shall be due and payable between January 1 and May 1 of each year.

Every owner of a cat over the age of six (6) months shall procure a cat license from the city clerk on or before the first day of May of each year. Such license fee shall be due and payable between January 1 and May 1 of each year.

The annual license fee shall be \$5.00 for each male cat or dog, \$10.00 for each female cat or dog, and \$5.00 for each spayed dog.

Upon payment of the license fee, the city clerk shall issue to the owner a license which shall contain the name of the owner, the owner's place of residence and a description of the cat or dog. The city clerk shall keep a duplicate for each license issued as a public record.

Upon issuance of the license, the city clerk shall deliver to the owner a metal tag stamped with the number of the license and the year for which it is issued. The license tag shall be securely fastened to a collar or harness which shall be worn by the cat or dog for which the license is issued.

Any cat or dog found running at large without the license tag attached to its collar or harness shall be deemed unlicensed.

4-1-3 IMMUNIZATION. All cats and dogs six (6) months or older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Before issuance of the license, the owner shall furnish a veterinarian's certificate showing that the cat or dog for which the license is sought has been vaccinated, and that the vaccination does not expire within six (6) months from the effective date of the cat or dog license. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any cat or dog to not be vaccinated against rabies. A tag showing evidence of proper vaccination shall be worn by every cat or dog when not confined.

4-1-4 KENNEL DOGS. Kennel cats and dogs which are kept or raised solely for the bona fide purpose of sale and which are kept under constant restraint are not subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

4-1-5 AT LARGE PROHIBITED. No owner of any cat or dog shall permit such cat or dog to run at large, whether the cat or dog be licensed or unlicensed.

4-1-6 ACTIONS OF CATS OR DOGS CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE.

1. It shall be unlawful for an owner of a cat or dog to allow or permit such cat or dog to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises.

2. It shall be unlawful for an owner of a dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking or otherwise; or by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

4-1-7 DANGEROUS DOMESTIC ANIMALS. Dangerous domestic animals shall at all times within the City limits of the City of Coggon, Iowa, be muzzled.

4-1-8 VICIOUS DOGS AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

1. No person shall own, keep or harbor a vicious dog or dangerous animal. In the event the animal

cannot be caught at the direction of the Chief of Police without exposing the officer or his designated assistants to danger or personal injury, the animal may be destroyed.

2. The following are hereby excluded from the requirements of the Section:
 - (a) Public zoos; fully accredited educational or medical institutions; Linn County Humane Society; Cedar Rapids Animal Shelter.
 - (b) Exhibitions to the public by a traveling circus, carnival, exhibit or show.
 - (c) Dangerous animals in a licensed veterinary hospital for treatment.
 - (d) Dangerous animals under the jurisdiction of or in the possession of the Iowa Conservation Commission.
 - (e) Animals possessed under authority of a State-issued game breeder's license or scientific collector's license.
 - (f) Dangerous animals maintained by the Federal, State, County, or City government, or its designee, pursuant to the enforcement of this Ordinance.

4-1-9 IMPOUNDING.

1. Any unlicensed or unvaccinated cat or dog found at large or any licensed cat or dog found at large in violation of Section 4-1-3 and 4-1-5 of this chapter shall be seized and impounded, or, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made thereunder.
2. Owners of licensed cats or dogs shall be notified within two (2) days that upon payment of impounding fees plus cost of food and care in a reasonable amount, the cat or dog will be

returned. If the impounded licensed cats or dogs are not recovered by their owners within seven (7) days after notice, the dogs shall be disposed of in a humane manner as directed by the city council.

3. Impounded unlicensed cats or dogs may be recovered by the owner, upon proper identification, by payment of the license fee, impounding fee and boarding costs, and the costs of vaccination if vaccination is required by Section 4-1-3. If such cats or dogs are not claimed within seven (7) days after notice, they shall be disposed of in a humane manner as directed by the city council.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as by law provided. Violations of this Ordinance may be punished as provided in section 1-1-8 of the Code of Ordinances or may be punished as a municipal infraction.


Passed and approved this 14th day of December, ~~2010~~ ²⁰⁰⁹.



Jim Ellis, Mayor

Robert Kurt

ATTEST:



BRENDA QUANDT, CITY CLERK