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CROSS REFERENCES

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Owner or keeper liable for damages - see Ohio R.C. 951.10

Dog registration - see Ohio R.C. 955.01

505.12. Report of escape of exotic or dangerous animal.

(a) The owner or keeper of any member of a species of the animal kingdom that escapes from his custody or control and that is not indigenous to this State or presents a risk of serious physical harm to persons or property, or both, shall, within one hour after he discovers or reasonably should have discovered the escape, report it to:

(1) A law enforcement officer of the Municipality and the sheriff of the county where the escape occurred; and

(2) The Clerk of the Municipal Legislative Authority.

(b) If the office of the Clerk of the Legislative Authority is closed to the public at the time the report is required by subsection (a) hereof, then it is sufficient compliance with subsection (a) hereof if the owner or keeper makes the report within one hour after the office is next open to the public.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(ORC 2927.21; Ord. 134-86. Passed 2-25-86.)

505.13. Interfering with police horses.

(a) No person shall willfully or maliciously torture, torment, beat, kick, strike, mutilate, injure, disable or kill any horse or attempt to willfully or maliciously torture, torment, beat, kick, strike, mutilate, injure, disable or kill any horse owned or used by the Division of Police of the City in the performance of the functions or duties of such Division, or shall interfere with or harass any such horse while being used by such Division or any member thereof in the performance of any of the functions or duties of such Division or such officer or member.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(Ord. 278-86. Passed 4-29-86.)

505.14. Limitations on vicious dogs.

(a) No person or organization or corporation shall own, keep, harbor or provide sustenance for more than one dog commonly known as a Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed dog, regardless of age, in the City of Toledo, with the exception of puppies commonly known as Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed for which the owner has filed an ownership acknowledgement form in person with the Dog Warden of Lucas County, prior to reaching seven (7) days of age. The ownership of these puppies must be transferred according to Ohio R.C. 955.11(B) and (D) before they are three (3) months of age. Additionally, this section requires that all dogs commonly known as Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed dogs are required, when off the owners' premises, to be securely confined as described in Ohio R. C. 955.22 and muzzled.

(b) Any Pit Bull which is outside the premises of the dog owner shall be kept on a leash and muzzled until the dog's return to the premises of ownership.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day that a violation of this section exists shall constitute a separate offense.

(d) Any Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed dog which has been seized in connection with a violation of this Section may be ordered destroyed or returned to its Owner only on the condition that the dog is first spayed or neutered at the owner's expense.

(Ord. 12-09. Passed 1-6-09.)