

Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Section 68: Dogs and Cats

Be it enacted by the Jarratt, Virginia Town Council that Ordinance Section 68: Dogs and Cats is amended and reenacted as follows:

I. Insert after clause F. a new clause G. as below

Section 68 Dogs and Cats

- A. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit or allow such dog to run or be at large within the Town regardless of whether such dog is licensed or not. A dog shall be deemed to be at large when off the property of its owner or custodian and not under the direct control of the owner, custodian or his agent, either by leash, cord or chain.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog to place such dog in the custody of any other person not physically capable of maintaining effective control of such dog.
- C. The owner of any dog "in season" shall confine or control such dog by a means adequate to segregate such dog from other dogs.
- D. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog or cat to allow such dog or cat to act in a manner which is threatening, harassing, or disturbing to any other person, or which causes damage to the property of another.
- E. Care of Animal by owner.
 - a. Each owner shall provide for each of his companion animals:
 - 1. adequate feed;
 - 2. adequate water;
 - 3. adequate shelter that is properly cleaned;
 - 4. adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending upon its age, size, species, and weight;
 - 5. adequate exercise;
 - 6. adequate care, treatment, and transportation; and
 - 7. veterinary care when needed or to prevent suffering or disease transmission.

The provisions of this section shall also apply to every pound, animal shelter, or other releasing agency, and every foster care provided, dealer, pet shop, exhibitor, kennel, groomer, and boarding establishment.

F. A violation of Section 68 hereof shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.

G. *The Animal Control Officers of Greensville and Sussex Counties, or their designees, shall have the power to enforce this provision pursuant to a duly executed contract between the Town and the respective County.*

Adopted this 10th day of May, 2011.