

Hollister Police Animal Care and Services

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Email: shelter@hollister.ca.gov***Common County of Hollister Animal Ordinances*****13.01.020 RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.**

No dog, whether licensed under this chapter or not, shall be allowed to run at large on any public street, alley, park, square, school or place; or upon the premises of a person other than the owner, without the knowledge and consent of such other person. All dogs shall be deemed running at large, within the meaning of this chapter, unless under restraint by a substantial leash, chain, strap or cord, not to exceed eight feet in length, attached to their collars and actually held by an able bodied person or made fast to some stationary object. The term "at large" shall mean off the premises of the owner and not under restraint. (HMC § 6.08.010)

(A) Any dog found at large may be seized and impounded or cited by the poundmaster. Private citizens may seize at large dogs if such dogs stray onto public or private property other than that of the dog's owner. (SBC § 13.01.085, as amended.)

(B) Any dog maintaining watch over any herd or livestock shall not be considered at large. Any dog free running that is a participant in an open field trial shall not be considered at large. Any dog engaged in the process of hunting wild animals, if under voice control of the hunter, shall not be considered running at large. (SBC § 13.01.086)

(C) Proof that a dog was found at large in violation of any of the provisions of this article, together with proof that defendant was the owner or caretaker of the dog at the time, shall constitute *prima facie* evidence that the defendant permitted the dog to be at large or otherwise act in violation of the provisions of this article.

13.01.030 LICENSE REQUIRED; FEES; TERM.

(A) No person, hereinafter called "owner," shall own, possess, maintain, harbor or have control of any dog over the age of four months within the county for a period in excess of 30 days, unless such dog is licensed as provided in this chapter. Every owner so having any dog over the age of four months shall apply for a license for such dog and shall pay a license fee which shall be fixed by the Board of Supervisors from time to time by resolution. License fees shall be paid to the animal control officer. Such licenses shall be issued pursuant to a current rabies vaccination valid throughout the license period. (HMC § 6.08.120, as modified.)

(B) Any dog found to be in violation of licensure requirements of this chapter shall be impounded. (See Cal. Health and Safety Code § 121690)

13.01.023 VACCINATION REQUIRED.

(A) The owner of every dog over the age of four months shall ensure that his or her pet is currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian and secure a license. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any dog that has been certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian to be unable to undergo a vaccination on account of a danger to the health of the dog and if the exemption is approved by the Health Officer or County Veterinarian.

(B) Within 28 days after primary vaccination, a peak rabies antibody level is reached and the animal can be considered immunized. Dogs less than four months of age must be confined at home or kept under close leash supervision by the owner.

(C) Regardless of the age of the animal at initial vaccination, a second rabies booster vaccination shall be given one year later, and the three-year booster schedule followed thereafter. Because a rapid anamnestic response is expected, an animal is considered currently vaccinated immediately after a booster vaccination. An animal that is overdue for a rabies vaccine should receive a booster as soon as possible and then be placed on a three-year booster schedule.

(D) Any dog found to be in violation of vaccination requirements of this chapter may be impounded and subject to the provisions of §§ [13.01.035](#) *et seq.* (Reference: Cal. Health and Safety Code § 121690)

(E) Vaccination - cats. No person owning, having an interest in, harboring, or having the care, charge, custody or possession of a cat shall allow or permit such cat to go on the public streets in any manner, or to go free and run at large in or upon any place outside of incorporated cities in the county, unless such cat has been vaccinated with anti-rabies vaccine approved by the health officer at intervals of not over three years. (SBC § 13.01.125; modified to allow intervals of up to three years.)

(F) Transportation of dogs or cats from areas where rabies exists. No person shall take a dog or cat or permit or encourage a dog or cat to go from a city or town in which rabies exists or has existed within six months previously, or from a place in the county within five miles of which rabies exists or has existed within six months previously, to any place in the county in which rabies does not exist, or has not been known to be present within six months. (SBC § 13.01.130) A USDA licensed feline rabies vaccine shall be administered according to the vaccine label instructions.

(G) No person shall bring a dog or cat into the county from a county in which rabies is present or has been known to be present within six months. (SBC § 13.01.130)

13.01.024 CURBING DOGS.

No person shall allow an animal in his or her custody or control to defecate on property other than that of the animal's owner. It shall be the duty of any person having custody or control of a dog to curb such dog and to immediately remove such dog's feces to a proper receptacle. Sight-impaired persons shall be exempt from this section with regard to their reliance on a guide dog. (HMC § 6.08.050)

13.01.025 NOISE DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY DOG DECLARED A NUISANCE.

It is unlawful for any person to keep any dog which by habitual howling, barking or yelping or other noises, disturbs the peace of any person. (SBC § 13.01.090.)

13.01.007 RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

No person shall permit any horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats, or swine of which the person is the owner, caretaker or custodian to be at large within the county. Any such creature shall be deemed to be at large when it shall be off the premises owned or rented by its owner and unaccompanied by the owner or an agent or employee of the owner, the caretaker or the authorized custodian. (HMC §6.04.010, as modified to eliminate the restrictions on rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks or turkeys.)

13.01.015 CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STABLES.

(A) Every stable or other building wherein any animals such as swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, donkeys, mules, ponies, cows or animals raised for fur-bearing purposes are kept shall be constructed of such material and in such manner that it can be kept clean and sanitary at all times. (HMC § 6.04.090)

(B) All manure, feces, soiled litter and other refuse shall be regularly removed and stored in places where it will not be offensive to human beings or domestic animals, or it may be cremated, if allowed by law. (SBC § 13.01.002, as modified.)

§ 13.01.016 MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES, PENS, ETC.

(A) All structures, pens, coops or yards wherein animals, poultry or birds are kept or permitted to be kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, devoid of all rodents and vermin and free from objectionable odors. (HMC § 6.04.100)

(B) The health officer, upon the complaint of any person, shall inspect any such structure or premises and issue any such order as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. (HMC § 6.04.100, except that the requirement that all interior walls, ceilings, floors be whitewashed or painted has been deleted.)