

1 AN ACT relating to dogs.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 258.095 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 258.095 to 258.500, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 5 (1) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;
- 6 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;
- 7 (3) "Board" means the Animal Control Advisory Board created by KRS 258.117;
- 8 (4) "Dog" means any domestic canine, six (6) months of age or older;
- 9 (5) "Owner," when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, includes:

10 (a) Every person having a right of property in the dog; and

11 (b) Every person who:

12 1. Keeps or harbors the dog;~~[-or-]~~

13 2. Has ***the dog***~~[it]~~ in his care;~~[-or-]~~

14 3. Permits ***the dog***~~[it]~~ to remain on or about premises owned ***and***~~[or]~~  
15 occupied by him; ***or***

16 4. ***Permits the dog to remain on or about premises leased and occupied***  
17 ***by him;***

18 (6) "Attack" means a dog's attempt to bite or successful bite of a human being. This  
19 definition shall not apply to a dog's attack of a person who has illegally entered or is  
20 trespassing on the dog owner's property in violation of KRS 511.060, 511.070,  
21 511.080, or 511.090;

22 (7) "Vicious dog" means any individual dog declared by a court to be a vicious dog;

23 (8) "Animal control officer" means an individual who is employed or appointed by, or  
24 has contracted with:

25 (a) A city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local  
26 government to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of the  
27 Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to cruelty, mistreatment, or torture of

- 1 animals, and local animal control ordinances; or
- 2 (b) An entity that has contracted with a city, county, urban-county, charter county,  
3 or consolidated local government to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the  
4 provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to cruelty, mistreatment,  
5 or torture of animals, and local animal control ordinances;
- 6 (9) "Designated license facility" means any person, facility, or business designated by  
7 resolution of the governing body of the county to collect license fees under KRS  
8 258.135;
- 9 (10) "Cat" means any domestic feline three (3) months of age or older;
- 10 (11) "Ferret" means any domestic musteline three (3) months of age or older;
- 11 (12) "Euthanasia" means the act of putting an animal to death in a humane manner by  
12 methods specified as acceptable for that species by the most recent report of the  
13 American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia, subject to the  
14 requirements provided by KRS 258.505;
- 15 (13) "Animal shelter" means any facility used to house or contain animals, operated or  
16 maintained by a governmental body, incorporated humane society, animal welfare  
17 society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit  
18 organization;
- 19 (14) "Quarantine" means the confinement of an animal for observation of clinical signs  
20 of illness indicating rabies infection, and the prevention of escape or contact with  
21 any person or other animal;
- 22 (15) "Livestock" means poultry; ratites; and cervine, bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, or  
23 equine animals that are privately owned and raised in a confined area for breeding  
24 stock, food, fiber, or other products; and
- 25 (16) "Poultry" means chickens, ducks, turkeys, or other domestic fowl.