

NUISANCE, MENACE, AND VICIOUS OFFENSES

NHRSA 466:31

A. If a dog is at large: which means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person...

B. If it barks for sustained periods of time of more than a half hour, or during the night hours so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood area.

C. If it digs, scratches, excretes, or causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than its owners.

D. If any female dog in season (heat) is permitted to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper during this period except when being exercised on a leash by a responsible adult. At all other times such dog shall be confined within a building or enclosure in such a manner that she will not come in contact (except for intentional breeding purposes) with a male dog. A female in heat shall not be used for hunting.

E. If it growls, snaps at, runs after, or chases any person or persons.

F. If it runs after or chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or any other vehicle being driven, pulled, or pushed on the streets, highways, or public ways.

G. If whether alone or in a pack with other dogs, it bites, attacks, or preys on game animals, domestic animals, fowl, or human beings.

For nuisance offenses: B. C. or D. \$25.00

Second Offense \$100.00

For menace offenses: E. or F. \$50.00

Second Offense \$200.00

For Vicious offenses: G. \$100.00

Second Offense \$400.00

Third and subsequent offenses shall be disposed of in the District Court

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NH RSA 466:30-a

It is unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, for guarding, working, or herding livestock, for supervised competition and exhibition, or for training for such...

"At Large" means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian.

Town Ordinance 359-12

When in a town park, dogs are ALWAYS required to be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.

NH RSA 644:8-aa

I. It shall be cruelty to confine an animal in a motor vehicle or other enclosed space in which the temperature is either so high or so low as to cause serious harm to the animal. "Animal" means a domestic animal, household pet, or wild animal held in captivity.

II. Any person in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as set forth in RSA 644:8.

III. Any law enforcement officer or agent of a licensed humane organization may take action necessary to rescue a confined animal endangered by extreme temperatures, and to remove the threat of further serious harm.

IV. No officer or agent taking action under paragraph III shall be liable for damage reasonably necessary to rescue the confined animal.

Bites

Bites should be considered serious, and seeking medical treatment is always recommended due to infection and possible rabies transmission. Rabies is a viral disease that can affect any mammal, including humans. When the disease builds up in the wild animal population, domestic animals become at risk of contracting it. When humans are exposed to rabies, either from the bite of a wild animal or from an infected domestic animal, the disease is fatal if prompt action isn't taken.

The responsibility for vaccination, licensing, proper restraint, and animal birth control belongs to the individual pet owner. When control of animals becomes a problem, it is the responsibility of our town government to protect the public health through an effective animal control program.

If you are a witness to or the victim of an animal bite, you must report it immediately to the Animal Control Division of the Salem Police Department.

Vaccination

Vaccination against rabies is required (RSA 436:100) for dogs, cats and ferrets. Rabies vaccination must be administered by a licensed veterinarian at the age of three (3) months. Unvaccinated dogs, cats, and ferrets acquired or moved into the state shall be vaccinated within 30 days after purchase or arrival, unless under 3 months of age. Revaccination is yearly or every third year. Consult your veterinarian. Save the certificate!

Licensing

****FAILURE TO LICENSE A DOG WILL RESULT IN A CIVIL FORFEITURE****

NH RSA 466:1

Licensing of all dogs over four (4) months of age is required each year by April 30th (RSA 466:1). To obtain a license, the owner must present a current rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian to the Town Clerk's Office and pay the required cost.

License Tags

Tags must be worn by all dogs on their collars to indicate that the dog is licensed and has been vaccinated.

--- If the tag is lost, replacements are available---

Animal Waste

Feces and urine deposited by dogs and cats can become a public health issue, particularly in areas of concentrated populations.

Diseases can be transmitted to humans through dog and cat waste, including toxoplasmosis, visceral larvae migrans, and leptospirosis. Children are more likely to contract these diseases as they play in areas where this waste has been left.

Pet owners are required to clean up waste to control potentially dangerous forms of pollution.