

on property other than that of the owner, damaging property and running at large off the premises of the owner shall, among other acts, be deemed public nuisances.

8.201—Running at Large—Generally

No person shall allow any horse, mule, cow, calf, horned cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, cats or other domestic animals or pets to run at large off the premises of the owner in the County.

8.202—Same—Dogs—generally

No owner of dogs, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall permit such a dog to run at large off the premises of the owner except when it is under control of the owner or the authorized agent of the owner by leash, cord or chain; provided, however, that dogs will be permitted to run at large in open agricultural areas when accompanied by the owner or authorized agent and kept within sight or calling distance if:

- (a) The dog is being used for hunting or trained for hunting.
- (b) The dog is being accompanied by its owner on horseback.

8.203—Interference with Authorized Persons Prohibited

No person shall attempt to interfere with the animal control officer, dog warden or any other authorized person in the performance of their duties nor shall any person attempt to or release without authority any animal impounded pursuant to the animal control laws of the County.

8.204—Penalty

Any person who violates this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00), nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Each day the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

8.205—Dogs—Fierce—Penalty

Any dog of fierce, dangerous or vicious nature must be confined on the premises of the owner or person in possession of the dog at all times in such a manner that it can not reach persons who may have occasion to lawfully enter upon the premises at all reasonable times. The dog shall not be taken out of such confinement on the premises unless securely muzzled and under adequate control. Any person violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each offense.

8.206—Summons; Trial; Penalty

The animal control officer may issue a summons to anyone found to be in violation of this subtitle or Section 17.501. No such summons shall be issued except upon the personal knowledge of the animal control officer or written affidavit of any other person personally observing such violation. Any owner so summoned desiring to stand trial on the date of trial set on the summons shall notify the Peoples Court of Howard County of such desire at least seven days prior to his trial date. Any person desiring to plead guilty to such violation prior to his trial shall be subject to a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) payable by mail or in person at the Clerks Office of the Peoples Court. Any person who shall fail