

## HOWARD COUNTY

the Howard County Code, Title "Crimes and Misdemeanors," subtitle "Animals," be and are re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

## 17.500 Definitions

For the purpose of this subtitle and Title 8 the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to therein by this Section.

(a) Keeping Or Harboring. The act or sufferance either of feeding or sheltering [a dog] ANY DOMESTICATED ANIMAL on the premises of the occupant or owner thereof.

(b) Owner or Own. Any person having a right of property in [a dog] ANY DOMESTICATED ANIMAL and any person who keeps or harbours [a dog] ANY DOMESTICATED ANIMAL or has it in his care or acts as custodian or permits it to remain on or about any premises occupied or controlled by him.

(c) Vicious Dog. Any dog that constitutes a physical threat to human beings, other dogs, cats, livestock, swine or fowl by the virtue of its specific training or demonstrated behavior excepting dogs belonging to a government agency acting in the official performance of authorized duty.

(d) Public Nuisance. Any animal found at large making loud or objectionable sounds, damaging property, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles or acting in any manner which is deemed to be doing damage to property or to the public health and well being, or which is known to have bitten two or more persons or shall have been determined by the Animal Control Officer, the Public Health Officer, or any other authorized representative of the County to be a detriment to public health, welfare and safety, shall be deemed to be a public nuisance.

(e) At Large. Any domesticated animal will be deemed to be at large when not on the property of his owner and not under the control of a responsible person.