

## Sec. 14-30. - Public Nuisance Animals.

(a) The owner of any public nuisance animal shall be deemed to be in violation of this article, regardless of the knowledge, intent or culpability of the owner.

(b) A citation for a violation of this section may be issued based upon:

(1) Receipt of affidavit(s) of complaint signed by two or more residents of the county, each residing in separate dwellings in the vicinity of the animal(s) or incident(s), setting forth the nature and the time(s) and date(s) of the act(s), the owner of the animal(s), the address of the owner and a description of the animal(s) doing such act(s), the accuracy and veracity of which, shall be confirmed through the department's investigation; or

(2) The observance of noncompliance made by an animal control code enforcement officer, or any other such law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this article, during the investigation of a complaint(s) from a resident(s) of the county residing in the vicinity of the animal(s), setting forth the address, the nature and time(s) and date(s) of the act(s), the owner of the animal(s) and/or the address of the owner, and a description of the animal(s) doing such act(s) and observance of such act(s) by an animal control code enforcement officer or any other such law enforcement officer; or

(3) The personal observance of noncompliance made by an animal control code enforcement officer, or any other such law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this article, made during the course of the lawful performance of his/her duties in the vicinity of the place of the offense; or

(4) Placing food or garbage, allowing the placement of food or garbage, or offering food or garbage in such a manner that it attracts cats, dogs, raccoons, coyotes or other wildlife, thereby creating a public nuisance animal.

(c) The department is also authorized to investigate for violations under this section arising under other circumstances and may issue citations for noncompliance based upon that investigation.

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