

Denver Animal Protection

Proposed Ordinance Revisions to Chapter 8
BR23-0539

Empowering Denver's communities to live better, longer

Why Change is Needed

Prosecution of
criminal cases

Mirror state
statute
definitions

Clarify owner
rights and
obligations

Stakeholders

- Large-scale stakeholder engagement was completed in 2017 and 2018
- Informational notice given to stakeholders regarding proposed 2023 updates



Proposed DRMC Revisions

8-2 Definitions – Created definition for “provoke”

8-7 Interference – Removed affirmative defense language

8-9 Fees – Aligned with DDPHE Board Rules as well as DRMC Chapter 2

Proposed DRMC Revisions

8-10 Appeal to Board – Newly created ordinance

8-31 Rabies Vaccination – Allow people supervised by a veterinarian to administer

8-46 License Required – Removed Latin terminology

Proposed DRMC Revisions

8-61 Animal Attack or Bite – Amended affirmative defense language

8-62 Dangerous Animal – Prohibits animals also declared dangerous in other jurisdictions

8-63 Potentially Dangerous Animal – Defined “lawfully upon the premises of another”

Proposed DRMC Revisions

8-65 Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Animal Hearing –
Removed ordinance

8-72 Keeping Wild or Hazardous Animals Prohibited – Terminology
update

8-73 Disposition of Excrement and 8-82 Unlawful Accumulation of
Manure – Ordinances combined

Proposed DRMC Revisions

8-83 Unlawful Herding and Grazing – Language added for clarity

8-131 Cruelty to Animals – Amended affirmative defense language

8-132 Neglect of Animals – Amended “adequate shelter” language and “necessary veterinary care” language

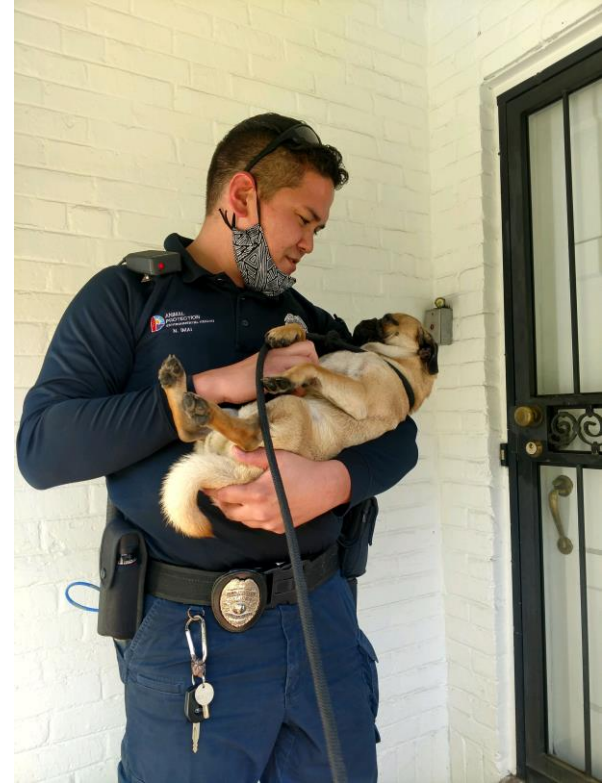
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8-148.5 Costs of Impoundment, Provision and Care – Right to Hearing on Costs

8-150 Notification and Opportunity of a Hearing for Owner of Impounded Animal

Conclusions

These revisions do not change any policies or practices of the agency. If anything, they clarify process that already exists and help clearly codify rights of pet owners in Denver in as plain language as possible to eliminate confusion both with administrative process and prosecution.



Questions?

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