

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

ANIMALS AND FOWL

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SECTION I. IN GENERAL

1. Prohibited in built-up areas.

- A. No livestock, fowl, or domestic animals shall be kept within the compact or built-up area of the Town in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance.
- B. On complaint, a police officer may give notice to any owner, keeper, or person so keeping the livestock, fowl, or domestic animal to abate the nuisance within ten (10) days.
- C. Any violation of this article after ten days by the owner or person keeping such livestock, fowl, or domestic animals shall be subject to a civil forfeiture in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.
- D. For purposes of this section, domestic animal does not include either dogs or cats.

SECTION II. DOGS

1. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise.

Dog shall mean – An animal, wholly or in part, of the species “canis familiaris”.
Wolf hybrid means any canine regardless of generation that has resulted from the interbreeding of a dog and wolf.

Owner shall mean - Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation, owning, keeping, harboring or in possession of, or having the control of a dog. “Owner” shall also be intended to mean and to include the parent or parents or guardian of a minor who owns, keeps or has in his possession a dog. (Town Meeting, 3-13-71, §1)

2. Barking, howling, yelping dogs.

- A. No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog, which by loud, frequent, or habitual barking, howling or yelping shall disturb the peace of any person. (Town Meeting, 3-13-71, §5)
- B. Any keeper, holder or owner of a barking, howling or yelping dog shall be subject to a civil forfeiture in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each separate violation.

3. Removal and disposal of dog excrement.

- A. No person shall cause or permit any dog excrement to be cast or deposited by the animal upon the premises of any public park, beach, sidewalk, or other recreational property owned by the Town or upon any property owned by another individual or business entity.
- B. This Section shall not apply to a dog accompanying any handicapped person who, by reason of his/her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this article.
- C. Failing to immediately remove and lawfully dispose of any dog excrement left upon any public park, beach, sidewalk, or other recreational property owned by the Town, or upon property owned by another individual or business entity is a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be adjudged for each offense.
- D. This Section shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer or Skowhegan Police Department.