

1 AN ACT relating to dogs.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 258.095 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS 258.095 to 258.500, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 5 (1) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;
- 6 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;
- 7 (3) "Board" means the Animal Control Advisory Board created by KRS 258.117;
- 8 (4) "Dog" means any domestic canine, six (6) months of age or older;
- 9 (5) "Owner," when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, includes:

10 (a) Every person having a right of property in the dog; and

11 (b) Every person who:

12 1. Keeps or harbors the dog;~~[-or-]~~

13 2. Has ***the dog***~~[it]~~ in his care;~~[-or-]~~

14 3. Permits ***the dog***~~[it]~~ to remain on or about premises owned ***and***~~[or]~~
15 occupied by him; ***or***

16 4. ***Permits the dog to remain on or about premises leased and occupied***
17 ***by him;***

18 (6) "Attack" means a dog's attempt to bite or successful bite of a human being. This
19 definition shall not apply to a dog's attack of a person who has illegally entered or is
20 trespassing on the dog owner's property in violation of KRS 511.060, 511.070,
21 511.080, or 511.090;

22 (7) "Vicious dog" means any individual dog declared by a court to be a vicious dog;

23 (8) "Animal control officer" means an individual who is employed or appointed by, or
24 has contracted with:

25 (a) A city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local
26 government to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of the
27 Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to cruelty, mistreatment, or torture of

- 1 animals, and local animal control ordinances; or
- 2 (b) An entity that has contracted with a city, county, urban-county, charter county,
- 3 or consolidated local government to enforce the provisions of this chapter, the
- 4 provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes relating to cruelty, mistreatment,
- 5 or torture of animals, and local animal control ordinances;
- 6 (9) "Designated license facility" means any person, facility, or business designated by
- 7 resolution of the governing body of the county to collect license fees under KRS
- 8 258.135;
- 9 (10) "Cat" means any domestic feline three (3) months of age or older;
- 10 (11) "Ferret" means any domestic musteline three (3) months of age or older;
- 11 (12) "Euthanasia" means the act of putting an animal to death in a humane manner by
- 12 methods specified as acceptable for that species by the most recent report of the
- 13 American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia, subject to the
- 14 requirements provided by KRS 258.505;
- 15 (13) "Animal shelter" means any facility used to house or contain animals, operated or
- 16 maintained by a governmental body, incorporated humane society, animal welfare
- 17 society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit
- 18 organization;
- 19 (14) "Quarantine" means the confinement of an animal for observation of clinical signs
- 20 of illness indicating rabies infection, and the prevention of escape or contact with
- 21 any person or other animal;
- 22 (15) "Livestock" means poultry; ratites; and cervine, bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, or
- 23 equine animals that are privately owned and raised in a confined area for breeding
- 24 stock, food, fiber, or other products; and
- 25 (16) "Poultry" means chickens, ducks, turkeys, or other domestic fowl.