



Definition of Pet Cruelty and Dangerous Animals

What is a pet?

Is any animal owned or intended to be held by a person, including in your home, for your entertainment and company. May be considered pet any animal owned or intended to be held by human beings, including in your home, for your entertainment and company. Does not apply to facts relating to the use of animals for farming, livestock and agro-industrial, and does not apply to facts relating to the use of animals for trade show purposes or other legally intended purpose.

Abandoning a pet can be punished with imprisonment up to 6 months or a fine of up to 60 days. The law defines as leaving or not treating the animal, endangering their food and care. Penalties are harsher for those who, without legitimate reason, cause pain, suffering or other physical ill-treatment of a pet: up to 1 year imprisonment or a fine up to 120 days. Enough to 2 years in prison or a fine up to 240 days if the mistreatment causing the death of the animal, deprive the animal of an important organ or affect its serious locomotion capacity and permanently.

What is a vagrant or wandering animals?

Is any animal that is found in the street or other public places outside the control and custody of the respective holders or for which there is strong evidence that has been abandoned or does not hold and is not identifiable.

What is a potentially dangerous animal?

Is any animal that due to species characteristics, aggressive behaviour, size or power of jaw, can cause injury or death to people or other animals. This includes dogs belonging to the following races: Fila Brasileiro dog, argentine Dogue, Pit bull terrier, Rottweiler, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, Tosa inu.

In case you have a potentially dangerous breed of animal, the owner of the residence shall provide enhanced security measures that do not allow the escape of animals and shall ensure effectively the safety of persons, other animals and goods, and must have, inter alia:

Seals with at least 2 m high resistant material, separating the accommodation of these animals via or public spaces or neighbouring dwellings;

Spacing between the railings or between it and the gates or walls that cannot be greater than 5 cm;

Warning signs of the presence and danger of the animal affixed visibly and legibly on the outside of the animal's place of accommodation and the residence of the holder.

What is a dangerous animal?

Any animal:

Has bitten, attacked or offended the body or health of a person;

Have seriously injured or killed another animal outside the real estate sphere of the property of the holder;

It has been declared voluntarily (as a dangerous animal) by the holder of the parish council in your area, which has a character and aggressive behaviour;

It has been considered by the competent authority as a risk to the safety of persons or animals due to its aggressive behaviour or physiological specificity.