

III. Prohibition on Vicious and Certain Other Animals.

Section 1. "Vicious Animal" means any dog or any other animal, domesticated or wild, or bird, that has a previously displayed belligerent behavior toward any person in a manner such as to threaten bodily injury to such person, or has actually bitten any person causing bodily injury, whether such animal or bird was bred, used or trained for fighting or attack.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful and a nuisance to possess, maintain or house within the limits of the Town of Boswell (1) any vicious animal or (2) cattle, calves, buffalo, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry.

Section 3. Persons possessing or keeping such an animal on the effective date of this Ordinance or thereafter shall have thirty (30) days to remove such animal from within the town limits of Boswell after notice, written or oral, by the Town Board, its representatives, or the Town Marshall. Such animal shall be confined behind a secure wall or fencing until removed. Any failure to keep such animal so secured, or to possess or to maintain such animal more than thirty (30) days after such notice shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

IV. Abandoning Animals Prohibited.

No owner of an animal shall abandon the animal. The penalty and enforcement provisions described at the end of this Ordinance shall govern all of its sections.

V. Cruelty to Animals Prohibited.

Section 1. Except as authorized by law, no person shall intentionally or wantonly:

(1) Subject any animal to or cause cruel or injurious mistreatment through abandonment, causing it to fight for pleasure or profit, mutilation, beating, torturing, tormenting, failing to provide adequate food, drink, space or health care, or by any other means; or

(2) Subject any animal in his custody to cruel neglect; or

(3) Kill any animal.

Section 2. Nothing in this Section shall apply to the killing of animals:

(1) pursuant to a license to hunt, fish or trap;

(2) incident to the processing as food or for other commercial purposes;