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ARTICLE 6-1 LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE

It is ordered by the board of county commissioners that the following animals shall not be allowed to run at large within the bounds of the county, or any townships therein: any and all meat cattle, horses, mules, asses, stallion or jack, bull or bore, swine or sheep.

(Res. No. 128, 11-27-56)

Cross reference— Electric fences, CHAPTER 3 – GENERAL CODES, Article 3-9

ARTICLE 6-2 IMPOUNDMENT

- a. In order to minimize the potential hazard from such animals, the board of county commissioners finds that it would be, and it is hereby deemed to be, an appropriate function of the county and its agents to impound or to authorize the impounding of animals located in unauthorized areas.
- b. The sheriff of the county, his deputies and the animal control officer and his agents, upon receipt of a complaint from a person in possession of land upon which any dog or cat has strayed without authority, are authorized and directed to impound the stray animal.
- c. The complainant is authorized to confine any stray animal found on his premises for a period not to exceed eight hours until the sheriff, a deputy or the animal control officer can retrieve the animal.

(Res. No. 928, 11-2-82)

State Law reference— Impoundment of animals that bite persons or another animal, K.S.A. 47-125.



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ARTICLE 6-3 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

- a. No person in the county shall willfully and wantonly kill, beat, cruelly ill-treat, torment or otherwise abuse any animal, or cause, instigate or permit any dog fight, cock fight or other confrontation between animals or between animals and humans, nor shall any person attend such unlawful exhibition or be umpire or judge at such.
- b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the following:
 1. Normal or accepted veterinary practices.
 2. Bona fide experiments and tests carried on by properly accredited laboratory facilities.
 3. Killing, attempting to kill, trapping, catching or taking of any animal in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. ch. 32 (Wildlife, Parks and Recreation), Chapter 47 (Livestock and Domestic Animals) or ch. 65 (Public Health).
 4. Rodeo practices accepted by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association.
 5. The humane killing of an animal which is diseased or disabled beyond recovery for any useful purpose, or the humane killing of animals for population control, by the owner thereof or the agent of such owner residing outside of a city or the owner thereof within a city if no animal shelter, pound or licensed veterinarian is within the city, or by a licensed veterinarian at the request of the owner thereof, or by any officer or agent of an incorporated humane society, the operator of an animal shelter or pound, local or state health officer or licensed veterinarian three business days following the receipt of any such animal at the society, shelter or pound.
 6. With respect to farm animals, normal or accepted practices of animal husbandry.
 7. The killing of any animal by any person at any time which may be found outside of the owned or rented property of the owner or custodian of such animal and which is found injuring or posing a threat to any person, farm animal or property.
 8. An animal control officer trained by a licensed veterinarian in the use of a tranquilizer gun, using such gun with the appropriate dosage for the size of the animal, when such animal is vicious or could not be captured after reasonable attempts using other methods.
- c. The knowing and willful violation of this section shall constitute a class B misdemeanor, and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished as provided by law.

(Res. No. 1196, §§ 1—3, 6-20-89)

State Law reference— Cruelty to animals, K.S.A. 21-1310 et seq.



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ARTICLE 6-4 RABIES INOCULATION OF DOGS, CATS; WEARING OF TAGS; KEEPING CERTAIN SPECIES PROHIBITED

- a. All persons owning or keeping any cat or dog over 120 days of age in areas located outside of the incorporated cities in the county shall cause the animals to be currently immunized against rabies. The phrase "currently immunized against rabies" shall mean that such cats or dogs have been inoculated against rabies with an approved rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian within the past 36 months. Dogs and cats under one year of age which are inoculated must receive a second rabies inoculation within 12 months.
- b. Evidence of vaccination shall be exhibited at all times by identification tags or by a tattoo showing the date of vaccination, place of vaccination and an identification number. Any dog found at large not bearing evidence of vaccination may be taken into custody and impounded by the county animal control officer, or any duly authorized agent or employee of the county. Such dogs shall be released upon proof of ownership, vaccination and payment of the costs of taking and boarding the animal.
- c. No persons shall be permitted to own, breed or sell skunks, raccoons, foxes or bats in the county as such species are known carriers of rabies, which constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of the community.
- d. All persons who knowingly violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

(Res. of 2-4-86)

ARTICLE 6-5 IMPOUNDMENT, RECOVERY AND ADOPTION OF ANIMALS AT ANIMAL SHELTER

- a. *Notification of capture and impoundment.* Upon the taking and impoundment of any cat or dog wearing a current county or city registration or rabies vaccination tag or having a proper tattoo marking, the City of Salina animal shelter shall notify the owner of such animal of its impoundment and conditions under which the animal can be recovered. Such notice shall be given by telephone or in writing within 48 hours of the impoundment of such animal. Any owner so notified who fails to reclaim such animal within 24 hours of such notice shall be issued a summons for failure to reclaim.
- b. *Impoundment; notification of owner; holding period.*



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1. Animal control personnel shall make reasonable efforts to identify the owner of any impounded animal, and to notify the owner of its impoundment and the conditions under which the animal can be recovered.
2. Any impounded animal not recovered by its owner within a holding period of three days shall become the property of the county and may be offered for adoption or humanely euthanized, subject to the following exceptions:
 - i. When any animal is voluntarily given to the county or the city by its owner to be offered for adoption or humanely euthanized;
 - ii. When any animal not having proper identification arrives at the shelter in such a condition that, in the judgment of the supervisor, compassion requires that such animal be promptly and humanely euthanized.
- c. The sheriff of the county, his deputies, and the animal control officer and agents, upon receipt of a complaint from a person in possession of land upon which any stray animal exists, are authorized but not mandated to impound the stray animal. The complainant is authorized to confine any stray animal found on his premises for a period not to exceed eight hours until the sheriff, a deputy, or the animal control officer can retrieve the animal. The disposition of stray animals shall be as set forth in subsection (b) herein.
- d. *Procedure and fees for recovery of animals.* Any owner of an impounded animal shall be entitled to recover such animal if, within the prescribed holding period, the owner appears to claim the animal and makes payment of required fees and any veterinary expenses as determined by the City of Salina.

(Res. No. 14-2130, 3-4-14)