

# Vicious Animal Ordinance

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## Sec. 11-4-14. Vicious Animals

"Vicious Animal" means any animal that:

- a. has inflicted bodily injury upon a person or has inflicted bodily injury upon or has caused the death of a domestic animal; or
- b. has demonstrated tendencies that would cause a reasonable person to believe that the animal may inflict bodily injury upon or cause the death of any person or domesticated animal; or
- c. has engaged in or been trained for animal fighting as described and prohibited in section 18-9-204, C.R.S.

Protective Order. Upon entry of sentence pursuant to a plea of or finding of guilt for a violation of subsection (b), the Municipal Court shall order the defendant to:

(1) Confine such vicious animal in a building or enclosure designed to be escape-proof and, whenever such vicious animal is outside of such building or enclosure, the vicious animal shall be securely muzzled and restrained by a secure collar and leash.

(2) Display in a prominent place on the defendant's premises a sign easily readable by the public from the public street using the words "Beware of Vicious Dog", if the vicious animal is a dog, and the words "Beware of Vicious Animal", if the vicious animal is not a dog.

(3) Immediately report to the Shelter Operator any material change in the vicious animal's situation, including but not limited to a change of address, escape or death.

(4) At the defendant's expense, permanently identify the vicious animal through the implantation of a microchip by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed shelter. The owner shall file the veterinary record of the microchip implantation with the Shelter Operator.

(5) Prior to the implantation of the microchip, pay a non-refundable vicious dog microchip license fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Shelter Operator

Violation, Failure to Comply. It shall be unlawful and a strict liability offense for any person convicted of violating subsection (b) who has been personally served with a copy of the protective order issued under subsection (d) to continue to own, possess, harbor, keep or control the vicious animal which was the subject of such conviction in violation of the provisions of the protective order.