

TITLE III

in, aid, abet, encourage, or assist in any bull, bear, dog, or cock fight, or a fight between any other creatures.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 717.3)

- 11.04 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE. It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow dogs or cats whether licensed or unlicensed, cattle, horses, swine, sheep, farm deer, ostriches, rheas, emus or other similar animals or fowl to run at large within the corporate limits of the City.

All dogs and cats, regardless of age, must be leashed at all times unless confined by a tether within or on the owner's property. No dogs or cats may be tethered on or to public property, including public rights-of-ways, nor shall any dog or cat tethered on private property be able to enter onto public property or public right of way, including sidewalks. Dogs and cats shall not be tethered and left unattended when off the owner's property or on any front yard. If the owner is present and supervising the animal on the owner's premises an exception to the leash law is made. Unleashed pets accompanied by their owner while jogging, cycling, visiting parks or anywhere on public property are in violation of the law. Unleashed pets may be allowed at a designated city dog park.

If a dog or cat strays, it can be impounded and the owner or keeper can be cited for having an "Animal at Large". The citation is a summons to Court with the punishment and/or fine determined by the judge.

Any person who uses, keeps or harbors or owns any animals or domestic animals shall keep the same confined in an enclosed building, fenced enclosure or yard. Dogs or cats shall be allowed to be kept on a restraint consisting of a chain, rope or leash strong enough to adequately restrain such dog or cat

- 11.05 BOTHERSOME ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful for a person to keep within the City such bothersome animals as barking dogs, bees, cattle, horses, swine, sheep, turkeys, chickens or other animals which tend to disrupt the peace and good order of the community.

- 11.06 KEEPING OF DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS ANIMALS PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, shelter, or harbor any dangerous or vicious animal as a pet, or act as custodian, temporary or otherwise, for such animal, or keep such animal for any other purpose or in any other capacity within the City of Rock Rapids, Iowa, except as, provided in Sections 11.06(1) of this Article. Refer to Chapter 3, Article 12 - Vicious Dogs in this municipal code for a definition, regulation and exceptions on vicious dogs.

1. DANGEROUS ANIMAL EXCEPTIONS. The prohibition contained in Section 11.06 of this Article shall not apply to the keeping of dangerous animals in the following circumstances:

- a. The keeping of dangerous animals for exhibition to the public by a circus,