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Sec. 14-40. - Animals running at large.

- (a) No person owning, keeping or having possession, charge, custody or control of any animal shall cause or permit the animal to stray, run, or in any other manner be at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk, park or on private property of another without the express consent of the owner of such private property within the county. A violation of this section shall be punishable as provided for in this article.
- (b) In order for a dog to be allowed on publicly owned streets, roads or other publicly owned property, the dog shall be restrained by a person of sufficient strength to control the animal, and by a suitable leash of dependable strength and a reasonable length.
- (c) The identifiable owner of an animal found at large shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the county on behalf of the impounded animal for the provision of proper care and confinement, irrespective of whether the owner claims such animal upon notification.
- (d) Whenever domestic animal found at large is so injured or diseased as to appear useless and is suffering, and it reasonably appears to an officer that such animal is imminently near death or cannot be cured or rendered fit for service and the officer has made a reasonable and concerted, but unsuccessful, effort to locate the owner, the owner's agent, or a veterinarian, then such officer, acting in good faith and upon reasonable belief, may immediately destroy such animal. If the officer locates only a veterinarian, the officer shall destroy the animal only upon the advice of the veterinarian.

(Ord. No. 2009-A13, § 1, 8-25-09)

Sec. 14-41. - Confinement of cats or dogs in heat (estrus).

- (a) It shall be a violation of this section for the owner, harbinger or caretaker of a cat or dog in heat (estrus) to fail to humanely and securely confine the cat or dog indoors or in an enclosed and locked structure that prevents the entry of a male cat or dog and prevents the female in heat from escaping. Confinement solely by a leash, tether or other similar restraint, or within a fence, open kennel, open cage or run, is not presumed to be in compliance with this section.

