



DeKalb County Police

ANIMAL SERVICES & ENFORCEMENT
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CODE OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 5: ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

SECTION 5-5: "ANIMAL AT LARGE". It is the owner's duty to see that his/her animal does not run free, unattended, on the streets, highways, apartment/condominium property or the private property of others.

SECTION 5-2(a): "INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE". The owner must exercise reasonable care and take all necessary precautions to protect other people, property, and animals from injury or damage, regardless of mischievousness, playfulness, or ferocity on the part of their animal.

SECTION 5-2 (c): "POOPER SCOOPER". Every owner of an animal must immediately remove excrement deposited by the animal on any street or right-of-way.

SECTION 5-2 (d): "NOISE VIOLATION". Any owner of a domestic or caged non-farm animal may not permit that animal to make any vocalizations:

- For more than fifteen (15) minutes without interruption;
- Or more than thirty (30) minutes if the vocalization is intermittent;
- If the vocalizations are given as a warning to the presence of an intruder these time limitations do not apply.

If the problem is not resolved by the owner, after a warning has been given, then a summons will be issued and a

subpoena to the complainant

SECTION 5-3: "RESTRAINT WHILE ON OWNER'S PROPERTY". The owner will exercise reasonable care to prevent their animal from leaving their property.

The only ACCEPTABLE methods of restraint are:

- a) Enclosed within a house, building, fence, pen or other enclosure where it can not climb, dig, jump, or otherwise escape on it's own volition. Such enclosure must be **SECURELY LOCKED** at any time the animal is left unattended;
- b) On a leash held by a competent person;
- c) Off leash but under voice control and is obedient to that person's command and that person is **PRESENT** with the animal at all times. (ON PROPERTY ONLY)

SECTION 5-4: "RESTRAINT WHILE OFF OWNER'S PROPERTY". It is the duty of the owner or custodian to keep the animal under restraint while off the owner's property.

The only ACCEPTABLE methods of restraint are:

- a) Confined within a vehicle, parked or in motion;
- b) Confined within a secure enclosure with the permission of the owner of that property;
- c) On a leash held by a competent person.

SECTION 5-17: "RABIES TAG, VACCINATION AND REGISTRATION". It shall be the duty of any owner of any dog, cat and ferret three (3) months old or older to:

- a) Obtain a rabies inoculation by a licensed veterinarian;
- b) Obtain a current rabies tag;
- c) Register their inoculated pet with DeKalb County

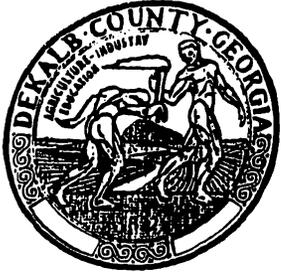
NOTE: DEKALB COUNTY ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT ALL ANIMALS ARE TO BE UNDER RESTRAINT, AND ALL DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS ARE TO BE INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES, WEAR A COLLAR AND RABIES TAG, AND BE REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY.

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SECTION 5-3 Keeping Animal Under Restraint While On Owner's Property

- 5-3(a)** Animal(s) must be kept under restraint and precautions must be made to prevent animal leaving the owner's property.
- 5-3(b)** Animal must be kept securely and humanely inside an enclosure. The enclosure must be kept locked when the animal is unattended. When on the owner's property, but not inside an enclosure, the animal must be on a leash held by a competent person or off leash and obedient to the voice command of the person with the animal.
- 5-3(c)** The animal must be enclosed in a structure from which it can not jump, dig, or escape. The enclosure must have at least 100 square feet of open space.
- 5-3(d)** Tethering animals, that are not enclosed, is prohibited.
- 5-3(e)** Animals tethered inside an enclosure must meet the following requirements:
1. The animal must be tied to a cable line or trolley system inside the fence.
 2. If there is more than one animal, each one must have their own cable line or trolley system.
 3. No animal may be tied for more than twelve (12) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period.
 4. No animal may be tied between 10:00 p.m. and 6 a.m.
 5. The leash that is attached to the cable or trolley system must not weigh more than five percent (5%) of the animal's weight.
 6. A running cable or trolley system must have a swivel installed at each end and be attached to a stationary object that cannot be moved by the animal.
 7. The cable or trolley system must be at least ten (10) feet in length and mounted from four (4) to seven (7) feet above ground.
 8. The length of the leash attached to the animal's collar and the cable or trolley system must be sufficient for the animal to move freely and to get to it's food, water, and shelter.
 9. The collar used to tie the animal to the cable or trolley system must not be the same collar used to display tags.
 10. The animal must be tethered in such a way that the animal cannot become entangled and far enough away from the fence so that the animal cannot climb over.
- 5-3(f)** Requirements for electronic animal confinement:
The animal must have collar with a working signal devise attached.
Warning signs must be posted at twenty-five (25) feet intervals around the entire property. The warning signs must be no smaller than six (6) inches square and shall read:
"Caution - Electronic Animal Confinement System".



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Special Operation Division
Animal Services and Enforcement



The DeKalb County Ordinance, Section 5-2 (d), requires that for a “barking dog” or noise violation to have occurred at least one the following conditions must be met:

- 1. The vocalizations must continue for at least fifteen (15) minutes non-stop.**
- 2. Or, the vocalizations must continue for at least thirty (30) minutes intermittently.**

If the conditions are met the owner will be given a warning to correct the problem immediately. If the problem is not corrected within the next three (3) days, you are to notify Animal Services and Enforcement. An officer will come to your location to issue a summons to the owner of the animal and a subpoena to you so that the matter can be resolved in DeKalb County Records Court.

Should it be necessary for you be subpoenaed as a witness for this case, at least one of the following will be necessary:

- 1. A written record of the dates and times the noise violations occurred.**
- 2. Tape recordings of noise violation.**
- 3. Video recordings of noise violation.**
- 4. Neighbor(s) subpoenaed to testify.**