

probation a requirement that the offender undergo psychological evaluation or counseling. The court shall order the offender to pay the costs of the evaluation or counseling. (R.C. § 959.99(E)) (Rev. 2014)

Statutory reference:

Impoundment of companion animals; notice and hearing, see R.C. § 959.132

§ 90.24 ANIMAL FIGHTS.

(A) No person shall knowingly engage in or be employed at cockfighting, bearbaiting, or pitting an animal against another, no person shall receive money for the admission of another to a place kept for this purpose; no person shall use, train, or possess any animal for seizing, detaining, or mistreating a domestic animal. Any person who knowingly purchases a ticket of admission to such place, or is present thereat, or witnesses such spectacle, is an aider and abettor. (R.C. § 959.15)

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (R.C. § 959.99(C))

Statutory reference:

Dogfighting, felony provisions, see R.C. § 959.16

§ 90.25 TRAPSHOOTING.

(A) Live birds or fowl shall not be used as targets in trapshooting. (R.C. § 959.17)

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (R.C. § 959.99(C))

§ 90.26 LOUD DOG.

(A) No person shall own, harbor or keep in custody a dog which disturbs the peace by barking, yelping, howling or making other loud noises to the annoyance and/or discomfort of any person. Continuous barking, yelping, howling and/or making other loud noises for 15 consecutive minutes by such dog, whether confined inside a residence or building or to the outside area, shall be deemed to have disturbed the peace and to have caused the annoyance and discomfort of persons; provided, that at the time of the complaint, no person or persons were trespassing or threatening to trespass upon the private property of the owner, and provided that the dog was not being teased or provoked in any manner.

(B) Any person who shall allow any dog habitually to remain, be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard or enclosure owned or occupied by such person shall be considered as harboring or keeping such dog.

(C) Upon an initial complaint, an enforcement officer shall warn the person in writing of the violation. Upon a second such complaint within 30 days, the enforcement officer shall charge the person with a violation of this section.

(D) Division (A) of this section does not apply to owners, operators or employees of licensed veterinary hospitals, licensed kennels, or licensed animal boarding establishments, nor does this section apply to blind, deaf or hearing impaired, or mobility impaired persons when the dog serves as an assistance dog.

(E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(Rev. 2007)

Cross-reference:

Nuisances generally, see Chapter 93

§ 90.27 DOG TAGS.

(A) No owner of a dog, except a dog constantly confined to a dog kennel registered under R.C. Chapter 955 or one licensed under R.C. Chapter 956, shall fail to require the dog to wear, at all times, a valid tag issued in connection with a certificate of registration. A dog found not wearing at any time a valid tag shall be prima-facie evidence of lack of registration and shall subject any dog found not wearing such a tag to impounding, sale, or destruction. (R.C. § 955.10) (Rev. 2014)

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (R.C. § 955.99(B))

§ 90.28 NUISANCE, DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOG DEFINED; TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE; FORM STATING DOG'S PRIOR BEHAVIOR.

(A) As used in this section:

DANGEROUS DOG.

(a) A dog that, without provocation, and subject to division (b) of this definition, has done any of the following:

1. Caused injury, other than killing or serious injury, to any person;
2. Killed another dog;
3. Been the subject of a third or subsequent violation of R.C. § 955.22(C) or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(b) "Dangerous dog" does not include a police dog that has caused injury, other than killing or