

Chapter 11

**ANIMALS**

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Henniker as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

Parks and recreation areas -- See Ch. 77.

**ARTICLE I**

**Dogs and Other Animals <sup>1</sup>**

[Adopted 12-12-1989; amended 7-31-1990; 9-4-1990; 4-20-2010]

**~ 11-1. Disposal of dogs found running at large.**

A dog may be seized, impounded or restrained if in violation of this section and may be delivered to a shelter authorized to board dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.

**~ 11-2. Dogs causing nuisances.**

- A. No dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall run at large or in any other way make a nuisance of itself within the limits of the Town of Henniker.
- B. The term "nuisance," as herein used, shall be considered to be as defined in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 466:31, II.
- C. Any dog who is found to be running at large or to be causing a nuisance in violation of this article may, at the discretion of the Police Chief of the Town of Henniker, be impounded or otherwise restrained at the expense of the owner.

**~ 11-3. Animals in parks and swimming areas.**

- A. Dogs and other animals shall be kept on a leash at all times while in any park or swimming area in the Town of Henniker.
- B. Dogs and other animals shall not be allowed on a public beach or in public swimming areas.
- C. Dogs and other animals shall not be allowed to deposit feces in areas used continually by people, such as picnic areas, playground areas, parking areas, sports fields, walking areas, etc.
- D. If a dog or other animal becomes objectionable, its owner shall be required to remove it.
- E. Dogs or other animals shall not be allowed within the fenced in baseball diamond at

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: The town adopted the provisions of RSA 466:30-a on November 4, 1980.

the Town Hall field at any time. [Effective April 2010]

~ 11-4. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person who shall be found in violation of any provision of this article shall be fined or summoned in accordance with this schedule:
  - 1. First offense: \$35.
  - 2. Second offense: \$75.
  - 3. Third offense: This offense and any subsequent offenses thereafter, will result in a court summons which will require the violator to appear before the Henniker District Court. Any person found guilty of a third or subsequent offense may be fined up to \$500.
- B. First and second offense fines are payable only to the Town Clerk of Henniker, New Hampshire.