

Article IV.

Control of Dogs

[Adopted 6-23-2003 by Ord. No. 12-2003]

§ 82-34. Control of dogs in public places.

No person owning, keeping or harboring any dog shall suffer or permit it to be upon the public streets or in any of the public places of the Town unless such dog is accompanied by a responsible person and is securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than six feet long.

§ 82-35. Running at large.

It shall be unlawful for any dog, whether licensed or not, to run at large anywhere within the limits in the Town of Hammonton. A dog shall be deemed to be running at large when off the premises of its owner or the person keeping or harboring such dog and not on a leash or the like, the overall length of which including the handgrip, shall not exceed six feet held by its owner or other person able to control such dog.

§ 82-36. Nuisances by dog; sanitary requirements.

A. No person who owns, keeps, harbors, walks, or has custody of a dog shall permit, cause, suffer or allow such dog to defecate upon, soil, defile or commit any nuisances of any kind on any public or private property without the express permission of the owner of such property.

B. In the event a dog should soil, defile or defecate upon any public or private property, the owner, keeper, harbinger and/or person having custody of said dog shall immediately remove and sanitarily dispose of said dog's feces and droppings deposited by such dog, which removal shall be by shovel, container, disposal bag or any other sanitary matter.

§ 82-37. Inclement weather.

[Added 9-28-2015 by Ord. No. 015-2015]

No pet residing in the Town of Hammonton shall be kept outdoors during extreme weather conditions. Inclement weather for the purpose of this article is any weather temperatures below 30 degrees or exceeding 80 degrees with adequate food and water.

§ 82-37A. Domestic animals in vehicles.

[Added 9-28-2015 by Ord. No. 015-2015]

Pets shall not be kept inside a vehicle or other enclosure in severe heat or cold (no less than 45 degrees nor more than 70 degrees).

§ 82-38. Tethering of dogs.

[Added 9-28-2015 by Ord. No. 015-2015]

A. Dogs may be tethered only under the following circumstances:

- (1) The tether must be at least 15 feet long and have an operative swivel on both ends and be attached to a properly fitted collar or harness.
- (2) The collar used for tethering may not be a choke chain collar, slip collar or pronged harness.
- (3) The tether must allow the dog access to proper shelter, sufficient food and sufficient water.
- (4) The tether may not be used in any area where it may be tangled around an object, such as, but not limited to, a tree, pole, fence or stake.
- (5) The tether cannot inhibit the movement of the animal's limbs or cause injury, harm, entanglement or strangulation of the dog.
- (6) The tether must restrain the dog within the bounds of the owner's or custodian's property.
- (7) The tether must terminate no less than five feet from any fence, pool, wall, vehicle, sidewalk or roadway, or other object or obstruction upon which the animal might harm itself.
- (8) Dogs may be tethered for no more than six consecutive hours in any 24 hour period of time and never between sunset and sunrise.
- (9) If there are multiple dogs, each dog shall be tethered separately and in such manner that the tethers shall not become entangled with each other.
- (10) No dog shall be tethered at a vacant structure or premises for any purpose when it is not monitored by a competent adult who is present at the property for the duration of such tethering.
- (11) No dog that is sick or injured shall be tethered.

B. When a violation of this provision occurs, an animal control officer or law enforcement officer is authorized to document the circumstances and obtain evidence.

C. In the case where a resident keeps his or her domestic dog or animal inside a fence, the fence shall be at least four feet in height and the area where the domestic dog or animal resides shall be at least 5'X10'.