

ARTICLE I
Control of Certain Animals¹
**[Adopted 7-24-1959 (Ch. 43, Art. I, of the 1974 Township Code); amended in its entirety
 11-28-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-13]**

§ 145-1. Effect of statutory provisions.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.1 et seq., and acts amendatory thereof, shall govern and be of the same force and effect as though set forth at length herein.

§ 145-2. Provisions to be supplementary.

In supplement and addition to the provisions of the aforesaid statutes and acts amendatory thereof, the following provisions shall also apply within the confines of the Township of Eastampton.

§ 145-3. Running at large prohibited.

Each and every person owning, harboring, keeping or having charge of any male, female or spayed dog shall prevent such dog from being on any property other than that in the possession of such person or on any public street or public property in the Township unless such dog be securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash, not more than six feet in length, in the hands of a person able to control it, or restrained by other adequate means.

§ 145-4. Seizure and impounding; responsibility for costs.

- A. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16, the Animal Control Officer of the Township or Chief of Police or his designee shall take into custody and impound any of the following:
- (1) Any dog or other domestic animal off the premises of the owner which the Animal Control Officer or Chief of Police or his designee has reason to believe is a stray.
 - (2) Any dog or other domestic animal off the premises of the owner without a current registration tag or other means of identification.
 - (3) Any female dog in season off the premises of the owner.
 - (4) Any dog or other animal which is suspected of being rabid.
 - (5) Any dog or other domestic animal off the premises of the owner observed by the Animal Control Officer or Chief of Police or his designee to be ill, injured or creating a threat to public health, safety or welfare, or otherwise interfering with the enjoyment of property.
- B. The Animal Control Officer or Chief of Police or designee shall follow the guidelines established in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16 regarding noticing, adoption and destruction of animals.
- C. The owner of the animal shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by the Township in connection with seizure and impounding of the animal, including maintenance costs of \$4 per day.
- D. No person shall molest, obstruct or interfere with the Chief of Police or any other member of the Police Department or other authorized person while engaged in the enforcement of this article or any of the revisions thereof.

1. Editor's Note: The title of Art. I was changed from "Control of Dogs" to "Control of Certain Animals" 6-25-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-8.

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§ 145-5. Nuisances by pets; exemptions.

- A. Private property. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any pet shall cause, suffer or allow such pet to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any private property without the permission of the owner of the property and without immediately removing all feces deposited by such pet in a sanitary manner.
- B. Public property. No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any pet shall cause, suffer or allow such pet to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any public property or place whatsoever without immediately removing all feces deposited by such pet in a sanitary manner.
- C. A person who owns, keeps, harbors or has custody of a pet shall maintain such person's property in a sanitary manner so as to prevent any noxious odors, attraction of insects, attraction of vermin breeders and any other public health nuisance.
- D. No person shall keep, harbor or own a dog that barks, howls, cries, growls or makes other such noises repeatedly, frequently and/or over a long period of time so as to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort and/or repose of another person. Such noises are presumed to have occurred repeatedly, frequently and/or over a long period of time if such noises persist over a time period of 15 minutes or longer.
- E. Exemption. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.
- F. Enforcement. This section shall be enforced by the Township Police Department.

§ 145-6. Violations and penalties.

Violations of this article shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, Article II, Penalties for Violations.