

**5-4-1: DEFINITIONS:**

As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

**ANIMAL:** Any live vertebrate creature except man.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/WARDEN:** Any employee of the village designated by the chief of police to exercise police powers in the enforcement of this chapter.

**AUTHORIZED PERSON:** Any member of the police department, animal control officer/warden or any person under their supervision.

**BITE:** Seizure of a person with the jaws or teeth of any cat, dog or other animal capable of transmitting rabies so that the person so seized has been wounded or pierced and further includes contact of the saliva of such cat, dog or other animal with any break or abrasion of the skin.

**CAT:** All members of the feline family.

**CONTROL:** Any owned animal that is secured by one or more of the following:

- A. A leash or lead no longer than six feet (6') in length.
- B. An electrical or mechanical device designed to keep an animal confined to the owner's property.
- C. A fence, cage, crate or enclosure.
- D. A vehicle.

**DISEASED ANIMAL:** Any animal affected with a disease contagious or infectious to both humans and animals.

**DOG:** All members of the canine family.

**ENCLOSURE:** Any fence or structure of at least six feet (6') in height, forming or causing an enclosure suitable to prevent the entry of young children and to confine a dog or other animal, designed with secure sides, top and bottom adequate to prevent escape.

**IMPOUNDMENT:** The removal and taking into custody of animals pursuant to this chapter.

**KENNEL:** Any establishment or premises where more than four (4) dogs or four (4) cats or any combination thereof, over four (4) months of age are boarded or kept for any purpose whatsoever, or on which more than two (2) such animals are boarded for compensation or kept for sale, with the exception of regularly established veterinary hospitals, pet shops, pounds or shelters.

**LEASH:** Any restraint, cord, thong or chain not more than six feet (6') in length, designed for the purpose of keeping the animal under control. The leash must securely fasten to the collar

or harness of the animal and must be of sufficient strength to restrain the animal.

**POUND:** Any facility licensed by the Illinois department of agriculture and approved by the chief of police for the purpose of enforcing this chapter and used as a shelter for seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals.

**SHELTER:** Any establishment where dogs, cats or other animals are received, housed and distributed with or without charge.

**STRAY ANIMAL:** Any animal running at large in the public way or on private property other than that of the owner or keeper of such animal.

**VICIOUS ANIMAL:** A. Any individual animal that, when unprovoked, inflicts bites and attacks a human being or other animal either on public or private property.

B. Any individual animal with a propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise do any act that might endanger the safety of human beings, domestic animals or any property of another, including, but not limited to, a disposition to mischief or fierceness which might lead to attack to the foregoing.

C. Any individual animal which attacks a human being or domestic animal without provocation, whether in play, anger or outbreak of untrained nature.

D. No animal shall be deemed vicious if it bites, attacks or menaces a trespasser on the property of its owner, or harms or menaces anyone who has tormented or abused it, or is a professionally trained animal for law enforcement or guard duties.

**VILLAGE:** The village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois. (2003 Code)