

Sec. 6-164. - Basic responsibilities regarding pit bull dogs and dangerous or vicious animals.

- (a) The owner of a **PIT BULL** dog must:
- (1) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
 - (2) Have any such dog injected with an identifying **microchip** by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;
 - (3) Have any such dog registered and licensed as a pit bull dog with the city; and
 - (4) Provide the city clerk with **two (2) color photographs** of the dog clearly showing the color and approximate size of the dog each time the dog's license is obtained or renewed.

- (b) The owner of any animal that has been found to be a **DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS ANIMAL** must:
- (1) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
 - (2) Have any such animal injected with an identifying **microchip** by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian;
 - (3) Have any such animal registered and licensed as a dangerous or vicious animal with the city;
 - (4) Provide information including the name, address, phone number, city and county from **whom or where the owner acquired such animal**;
 - (5) Notify the animal control officer, if any, and the county animal control department, if any, within a twenty-four-hour period when the owner has knowledge that the animal is at large, is unconfined, or has died;
 - (6) Notify the animal control officer, if any, and the county animal control department, if any, within a twenty-four-hour period when the owner has knowledge that the animal has given birth to offspring, and such offspring must be registered and licensed with the city within six (6) weeks of their birth;
 - (7) Provide the city clerk with **two (2) color photographs** of the animal clearly showing the color and approximate size of the animal each time the animal's license is obtained or renewed;
 - (8) Notify the animal control officer, if any, and the county animal control department, if any, within a twenty-four-hour period when such animal or its offspring, if such offspring has not been individually registered and licensed with the city as required in subsection (6) above, is sold or given away to another person. The notification shall include the name, address, and phone number of the new owner;
 - (9) Carry **liability insurance** in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) covering any property damage and/or bodily injury that may be caused by such animal, which policy shall remain in place at all times that such animal is kept or harbored within the city and proof of such insurance shall be presented to a city police officer or a city or county animal control officer upon request. A renter's or homeowner's insurance policy that specifies coverage for any property damage and/or bodily injury that may be caused by such animal shall be sufficient if the policy contains a specific rider indicating coverage in the amount of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00); and
 - (10) Keep such animal securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or kennel, except when leashed and muzzled as provided in section 6-165 below. Such pen, kennel, or structure must have secure sides and a secure top attached to the sides. All structures used to confine dangerous or vicious animals must be locked with a key or combination lock when such animals are within the structure. Such structures must have a secure bottom or floor attached to the sides of the pen or the sides of the pen must be embedded in the ground no less than two (2) feet. All structures must be adequately lit, adequately ventilated, and kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(Ord. No. H-02-24, § I, 7-8-03; Ord. No. H-03-17, § I, 12-9-03)