

# ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR BLADEN COUNTY

Adopted on May 12, 2008 and became effective on July 1, 2008

## Overview of ordinance:

- Bladen County Animal Control officers work for the Health Director, not the Bladen County Sherriff.
- Public Nuisance:
  - Public nuisance is defined as that which annoys and disturbs rights and privileges common to the public or to all the people in the community, rendering their ordinary use or occupation of their property physically uncomfortable to them, or constituting a health hazard to any person. Examples of public nuisance are:
    - Any animal off the premises of its owner and not under the restraint of a competent person.
      - **IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY OWNER OF A DOG OR CAT TO ALLOW IT TO RUN AT LARGE.**
    - Any animal that damages property of another.
    - Any animal that has made an unprovoked attack on a human by biting or in any manner causing injury or the likelihood of injury or one that attacks other pets.
    - Maintaining animals in an unsanitary condition.
    - An animal that barks, whines or howls in an excessive, continuous or untimely manner.
    - Any animal that is diseased.
    - Any animal that repeatedly chases, snaps at, attacks or barks at pedestrians, bicycles or vehicles, and is not in an enclosure or under restraint.

- Dangerous Dog:
  - A dog that without provocation has killed or inflicted severe injury on a person, or
    - There are other examples but this is the most notable.
- Potential Dangerous Dog:
  - A dog that has inflicted a bite on a person that resulted in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations or required cosmetic surgery or hospitalization, or
  - Killed or inflicted severe injury upon a domestic animal, or
  - Approached a person when not on the owner's property in an apparent attitude of attack.

**A note from your Board:**

- This overview is intended to assist you in understanding the 20 page Bladen County Animal Control Ordinance. If questions arise regarding this information, you should always review the entire ordinance for clarification.
- The Bladen County Animal Control Ordinance is comprehensive and you are encouraged to call them with any event that occurs in the Bay Tree Community.
- The Board further requests to be informed by telephone or email when the Bladen County Animal Control officers are notified so we can keep accurate records of offenses occurring within our community.

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## Civil Citation

### Overview of Fines

- Public nuisance:
  - First violation \$ 50.00
  - Second Violation \$100.00
  - Three or more violations \$200.00
- Dogs/Cats Running-at-large:
  - First violation \$ 25.00
  - Second violation \$ 75.00
  - Third violation \$200.00
  - Fourth violation \$300.00
  - Five or more violations \$500.00
  - Unprovoked Dog Bite/Running Loose \$500.00
- Vicious Animals: \$500.00
- Barking Dogs:
  - First violation \$ 50.00
  - Second violation \$100.00
  - Three or more violations \$250.00