

8-4. ABUSE PROHIBITED.

An owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of an animal shall not do any of the following:

- (A) Fail to provide an animal with adequate care;
- (B) Cruelly drive, work, or beat an animal, or cause an animal to be cruelly driven, worked, or beaten;
- (C) Carry or cause to be carried in or upon a vehicle or otherwise any live animal having the feet or legs tied together, other than an animal being transported for medical care, or a horse whose feet are hobbled to protect the horse during transport or in any other cruel and inhumane manner;
- (D) Carry or cause to be carried a live animal in or upon a vehicle or otherwise without providing a secure space, rack, car, crate, or cage, in which livestock may stand, and in which all other animals may stand, turn around, and lie down during transportation, or while awaiting slaughter. As used in this subdivision, for purposes of transportation of sled dogs, STAND means sufficient vertical distance to allow the animal to stand without its shoulders touching the top of the crate or transportation vehicle;
- (E) Abandon an animal or cause an animal to be abandoned, in any place, without making provisions for the animal's adequate care, unless premises are temporarily vacated for the protection of human life during a disaster. An animal that is lost by an owner or custodian while traveling, walking, hiking or hunting shall not be regarded as abandoned under this section when the owner or custodian has made a reasonable effort to locate the animal;
- (F) Willfully or negligently allow any animal, including one who is aged, diseased, maimed, hopelessly sick, disabled, or nonambulatory to suffer unnecessary neglect, torture, or pain;
- (G) Tether a dog unless the tether is at least three times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail and is attached to a harness or nonchoke collar designed for tethering.
- (H) Leave an animal in a yard or outdoor enclosure without someone at home who is monitoring and supervising the animal and who is capable of controlling the animal.

(1978 Code, §§ 6-8, 6-9; Ord. No. 215-A, § 1, 12-19-89; Ord. No. 368, § 1, 3-18-03; Ord. No. 411, § 8, 2-1-11) Penalty, see § 8-5

Statutory reference:

Abuse of animals, see M.C.L. § 750.50(2)