

# **Connecticut Animal Control Laws**

## **Licensing of Dogs Statute 22-338**

Each owner or keeper of a dog age six months or older, except dogs kept under a kennel license, shall such dog to be licensed in the town clerk's office in the town where such dog is kept, on or before June thirtieth, annually or at such time as such dog becomes six months old and annually thereafter. The owner or keeper shall pay a fee to the Town Clerk of eight dollars for a spayed female or neutered male or nineteen dollars for an unneutered male or unspayed female. There is a one dollar late fee per month for each month the dog remains unlicensed. You also need to provide a copy or original of the Rabies Certificate upon payment of the license.

## **Nuisance Statute 22-363**

No person shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance or by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for the first offense and such person shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than 30 days or both for each subsequent offense and the court or judge may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog or dogs as deemed necessary.

## **Dogs Roaming at Large Statute 22-364**

No owner or keeper of any dog shall allow such dog to roam at large upon the land of another and not under the control of the owner or keeper or the agent of the owner or keeper, nor allow such dog to roam at large on any portion of any public highway and not attended or under control of such owner or keeper or his agent.

## **Cruelty to Animals Statute 53-247**

Any person who overdrives, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates, or cruelly beats or kills or unjustifiably injures any animal, or who, having impounded or confined any animal, fails to give such animal proper care or neglects to cage or restrain any animal from doing injury to itself or to another animal or fails to supply any such animal with wholesome air, food and water, or unjustifiably administers poisonous or noxious drug or substance, with intent that the same shall be taken by an animal, or causes it to be done, or, having charge or custody of any animal, inflicts cruelty upon it or fails to provide it with proper food, drink or protection from the weather or abandons it or carries it or causes it to be carried in a cruel manner or fights with or baits, harasses or worries any animal for the purpose of making it perform for amusement, diversion or exhibition, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both