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8 Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by
9 Councilman-at-Large Singletary
10 (Both by request)

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12 Item No. 88-09-1292
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15 **ORDINANCE NO. 2234**
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18 An ordinance rescinding and reenacting Chapter 4 Animals
19 and Fowl* of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Slidell.
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21 BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, that Chapter
22 4 Animals and Fowl* of the Code of Ordinance of the City of
23 Slidell is hereby rescinded and reenacted as follows:
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28 Article I DOGS AND CATS
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30 Sec. 4-0. Definitions.

31 The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:

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33 Animal: Any live or dead vertebrate creature, domestic,
34 or wild, not to include fish, birds, or rodents bred and raised in
35 captivity, or Homo Sapiens.
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39 Animal control division: The animal control division
40 established by the City as the animal shelter for the City,
41 its supervisor, and agents.
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45 Animal control director: A person whose powers, duties,
46 and responsibilities are delegated to him by the Chief of Police,
47 and who shall be responsible to the Chief of Police in the
48 discharge of such duties and responsibilities.
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53 Animal establishment: A facility operated as a pet
54 shop, grooming shop, commercial or private kennel, boarding dogs
55 or cats, or the training of dogs for any purpose. Animal shelters
56 operated by a public jurisdiction, or veterinary medical
57 facilities are exempt from this definition.
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63 Animal shelter: A facility operated by public
64 jurisdiction.
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68 At large - stray: Any dog or cat that is not within
69 the confines of its owner's home, dog yard, dog pen, or fenced
70 yard, nor on a leash no longer than six (6) feet in the case of
71 a dog, nor in the physical possession of its owner in the case
72 of a cat. Hunting or stock dogs, show dogs and cats, or other
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13 animals while being worked or shown under the supervision of
14 their owners or agents or employees of the owners, are excepted
15 from this definition.
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18 Carrier: The term "carrier" shall mean any airline,
19 railroad, motor carrier, shipping line, or other enterprise which
20 is engaged in the business of transporting for hire any animal.
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24 Commercial kennel: Any person engaged in the commercial
25 breeding of dogs or cats, or both, for sale, individually or in
26 litter lots, or in the boarding, training, sale or hire of dogs
27 and cats for compensation. Animal hospitals maintained by a
28 veterinarian licensed by the state as part of the practice of
29 veterinary medicine, shelters operated by a public jurisdiction,
30 tax-exempt humane organizations, or private kennels shall not be
31 considered commercial kennels.
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35 Dog: The term "dog" shall mean any member of the
36 Canidae (canine) family.
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40 Dog pen: Any enclosure used for retaining a dog or
41 dogs, having an area of less than one thousand two hundred (1,200)
42 square feet per animal.
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46 Dog yard: An enclosure for retaining or restraining a
47 dog, whether by use of a leash, chain, or other means, having an
48 area of one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet or greater
49 for one (1) dog plus a minimum of three hundred (300) square feet
50 for each additional dog.
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54 Guard dog: An animal used primarily to guard public
55 or private property.
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59 Inoculate: The administration of an anti-rabies vaccine
60 in accordance with the latest compendium of animal rabies vaccines
61 and recommendations for immunization published by the National
62 Association of State Public Health Veterinarians.
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66 Nuisance: Damaging, soiling, defiling, or defecating
67 on property other than its owner's; excessive barking or noise
68 making as defined in the criminal code; molesting, threatening,
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13 attacking or interfering with persons on private or public
14 property; chasing moveables, attacking other domestic animals;
15 and disturbing or turning over garbage containers by animals is
16 hereby declared a nuisance.
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21 Owner: Any person having a right of property or custody
22 of an animal or who keeps or harbors or finds and knowingly
23 permits the animal to remain on or about their premises shall be
24 deemed the owner of the animal.
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29 Person: Any individual, corporation, partnership,
30 organization, or institution.
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33 Pet shop: A person or business which obtains animals
34 for sale, exchange, barter, or hire to the general public as a
35 principal or agent, or who holds himself out to be so engaged.
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39 Primary enclosure: The term "primary enclosure" shall
40 mean any structure used to immediately restrict an animal to a
41 limited amount of space, such as a room, pen, run, cage,
42 compartment, or hutch.
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47 Private kennel: Any person who maintains within or
48 adjoining his residence a kennel housing more than three (3)
49 dogs, six (6) cats, or a combination of six (6) dogs and cats no
50 more than three (3) of which can be dogs over four (4) months of
51 age, such animals to be for that person's recreational use or
52 for exhibition in conformation shows, field or obedience trials.
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57 Standards: The term "standards" shall mean the
58 requirements with respect to the humane handling, care,
59 treatment, and transportation of animals by persons.
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64 State: The term "state" means a state of the United
65 States, the District of Columbia, or any other territory or
66 possession of the United States.
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71 Tag: A metal disc when applied to a dog and a metal or
72 identifying collar when applied to a cat.
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77 Veterinarian: Any licensed veterinary practitioner.
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13 Sec. 4-1. Requirements for Possession.

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15 No person shall own, keep, or harbor a dog or cat within
16 the City without having:

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18 (1) The dog or cat inoculated for rabies yearly by a
19 licensed veterinarian.
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22 (2) Tag the dog or cat with metal rabies inoculation tag.
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26 Sec. 4-2. Permits.

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28 (a) No person shall operate an animal establishment, or
29 commercial kennel, without first obtaining a permit in compliance
30 with this section.
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33 (b) The animal control division shall adopt standards
34 for the possession of animals and adopt said standards only after
35 a public hearing for which thirty (30) days public notice has been
36 given. The animal control division may amend such standards or
37 regulations from time to time as provided herein for public health
38 and safety, and protection of animals. The standards or
39 regulations may be amended only after a public hearing on the
40 proposed amendments. Notice of the hearing shall be published at
41 least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing. The
42 notice shall set forth the amendment in its entirety and shall
43 advise the date, time, and purpose of the hearing.
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47 (c) The animal control division will provide a copy of
48 the standards adopted, as provided in subsection (b), to
49 applicants with each application for a permit. The applicant
50 shall acknowledge receipt of the standards in the application.
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54 (d) Any person who maintains or operates an animal
55 establishment, as defined herein, shall pay a permit fee as
56 provided hereinafter. If any person shall own or operate more
57 than one (1) facility, he shall be required to have a permit for
58 each facility.
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62 (e) The permit fee as provided herein shall be the
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13 Sec. 4-3. Issuance and revocation of permit.

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15 (a) The animal control division shall have the right of
16 entry, at reasonable hours, on premises permitted under Section
17 4-2, and into all areas where animals, as defined herein, are kept
18 and maintained, for inspection to ascertain if the permittee is in
19 compliance with the standards as set forth in Section 4-2(b).
20 Failure of the owner to comply with the standards as stated herein
21 shall be cause for the revocation of the permit.
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24 (b) If the animal control division, after inspection,
25 determines that the permittee is in violation of this part, it
26 shall advise the permittee in writing of the violations and shall
27 further inform the permittee that its failure to comply with the
28 standards as provided in Section 4-2(b) shall be the cause for the
29 removal of animals from such premises or areas. The animal
30 control division shall give the permittee fourteen (14) days from
31 receipt of the written notice to comply with the standards.
32 Extended periods may be granted for good cause shown. If it shall
33 be necessary for the animal control division to remove or cause to
34 be removed any animals as provided herein, it shall return the
35 animals to the owner upon compliance with this part and upon
36 payment of impounding fees as set forth in Section 4-11.
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39 (c) Appeals from any decision of the Animal Control
40 Division to issue, deny, or revoke a permit may be taken to the
41 22nd Judicial District Court within ten (10) days of receipt of
42 notice of the decision of the Animal Control Division; and the
43 decision of the Animal Control Division will be final if not
44 appealed in the time and manner provided for herein.
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47 (d) If an applicant is shown to have withheld or
48 falsified any material information on his application, the animal
49 control division may refuse to issue or may revoke a permit or
50 license.
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53 (e) A person denied a permit may not reapply for a
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13 disclose any previous denial or revocation and shall be
14 accompanied by a fee as set forth in this part.

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16 (f) Licensing fees shall be waived for registered dogs
17 serving the blind or deaf, or governmentally owned dogs used for
18 law enforcement. All other provisions shall apply.
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24 **Sec. 4-4. Owner responsibility.**

25 (a) All dogs and cats shall be kept from running at
26 large at all times. Dogs traveling in the back of a pick-up truck
27 must be tethered at all times. Failure of owners to prevent their
28 dogs or cats from running at large shall constitute a misdemeanor.
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32 (b) No dog or cat shall cause a nuisance.
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34 (c) Any dog or cat whose record of a bite or assault
35 constitutes a physical threat to human beings or other animals,
36 excluding provoked dogs or cats, guard or law enforcement dogs,
37 shall be declared a vicious animal. Upon such determination by
38 the animal control division, or an order of the City Court, the
39 owner shall have the animal destroyed or removed from the City.
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44 (d) Female dogs and cats in heat shall be secured in
45 such a manner as to prevent contact with a male of the same
46 species except for planned breeding.
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53 (e) The owner of any dog or cat shall be held
54 responsible for any behavior of the dog or cat deemed a nuisance
55 under the provisions of this part.
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59 (f) The owner of any guard dog or animal that has been
60 declared vicious by the court, shall post his property with a
61 dangerous animal notice obtained from the Animal Control Division.
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67 **Sec. 4-5. Impounding procedure.**

68 It shall be the duty of the animal control division
69 through its director and agents, to seize and impound any dog or
70 cat which is not inoculated, or not currently tagged, running
71 at large as noted below:
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75 (1) Upon a park, school ground, or into public
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13 conveyances, or places of like character, unless the dog is held
14 by a leash not longer than six (6) feet in the case of a dog, or
15 in the physical possession or supervision of its owner in the
16 case of a cat.
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20 (2) No dog or cat, whether licensed, registered, or
21 otherwise, shall be permitted to run or be at large on any
22 street, road, or other public place within the City.
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25 (3) The animal control division, through its agents,
26 upon call, complaint or otherwise, shall answer complaints and
27 patrol the streets, roads, private or public places of the City,
28 with proper and suitable equipment, and shall have the authority
29 to perform all such acts that may be deemed necessary to catch
30 and impound all dogs or cats which are found running at large in
31 the streets, roads, public or private property of the City.
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42 **Sec. 4-6. Animal bite cases.**

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44 (a) The breaking of the skin of a human being by an
45 animal shall be considered a bite case.
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48 (b) All bite cases must be reported to the animal
49 control division, or to the police department, as soon as
50 possible and in no case more than twenty four (24) hours after
51 such bite. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the
52 animal, after obtaining knowledge of the bite, as well as the
53 person bitten (or parent, if a minor), to report such fact to
54 the proper authorities as stated above. Failure to do so shall
55 constitute a misdemeanor.
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59 (c) Any animal which has broken the skin of a human
60 being or is suspected of being rabid, shall be impounded
61 separately at the animal control division shelter or at the
62 veterinarian of the owner's choice, for a period of at least ten
63 (10) days and no such animal shall be returned to the owner or
64 humanely destroyed until after the expiration of the impounding
65 period, and not until the animal has been examined by a
66 veterinarian at the expiration of the ten (10) day period.
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12 (d) All animals which are suspected to have bitten
13 or broken the skin of a human being and are found dead are to be
14 immediately impounded and their heads sent to the state health
15 officer for rabies examination.
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19 (e) The animal control division, through its agents,
20 shall humanely destroy vicious dogs or cats, and all dogs or
21 cats suffering from a terminal injury and/or an incurable
22 disease. No dog or cat shall be humanely destroyed until
23 seventy-two (72) hours excluding Sundays and legal holidays have
24 elapsed since the dog or cat was impounded, and not then unless
25 the animal control division has been unable to find the owner or
26 someone who will pay the charges and accept the dog or cat. If
27 such person can be found, the receipt of the animal control
28 division shall be evidence that such person, by the payment, has
29 become the owner of the dog or cat. Any dog or cat declared
30 vicious for a second time shall be destroyed upon court order.
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45 **Sec. 4-7. Animal cruelty prohibited.**

46 It shall be unlawful to be cruel or inhumane to any
47 animal. Such cruel or inhumane treatment shall include but
48 shall not be limited to beating, torturing, mutilating, failing
49 to provide shelter, water, and normal feeding requirements for
50 the size, species and breed of the animal, abandoning any
51 animal, or cruelly killing animals.
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60 **Sec. 4-8. Transportation; movement of dogs and cats.**

61 All animal bite cases are to be impounded and
62 transported to the animal control shelter or veterinarian of the
63 owner's choice only by the officers of the animal control
64 division or their agents. Because of extenuating circumstances,
65 an animal control officer may permit an individual to transport
66 an animal to a veterinarian; however, it shall be the animal
67 control officer's responsibility to ensure that the animal in
68 question be delivered to the appropriate designated veterinarian
69 for observation within twelve (12) hours after impoundment.
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13 Sec. 4-9. Animal control officers.

14 (a) The Chief of Police shall have the authority
15 to appoint animal control officers and such other personnel as
16 it deems proper, for maintaining a public animal shelter and to
17 enforce the provisions of this title pertaining to the animal
18 control division.
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21 (b) The Chief of Police shall appoint and have duly
22 commissioned animal control officers, who shall have the
23 authority to issue citations in the enforcement of this chapter.
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32 Sec. 4-10. Owner to be notified.

33 Whenever an animal has been impounded and the owner
34 thereof is known or can be ascertained from the registration tag
35 or identifying collar, or any other means such as a tattoo or
36 brand, it shall be the duty of the animal control division to
37 advise the owner of the conditions upon which the animal may be
38 released.
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47 Sec. 4-11. Redemption of impounded animals.

48 (a) Impounded dogs and cats except those which have not
49 been inoculated, or which are rabid or suspected of being rabid,
50 or have bitten or broken the skin of a human being, or have been
51 bitten by a rabid animal, or have been exposed to rabies, may be
52 released to the owner upon payment of a fee not to exceed five
53 dollars (\$5.00) a day for each and every day or part of the day
54 for which the animal has been impounded, and an impounding fee not
55 to exceed twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each impounding. On
56 the third or any subsequent impounding, within a six (6) months
57 period, the animal control division shall petition the court to
58 have the cat or dog removed from its owner and placed into the
59 custody of the animal control division. The animal control
60 division shall dispose of the cat or dog in accordance with the
61 provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations
62 governing the animal control division.
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13 (b) When an animal, in compliance with the terms of
14 this part and upon being provoked, breaks the skin of a human
15 being, there will be no fees applicable if the animal is held
16 for observation at the animal control division shelter.
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19 (c) Owners of dogs and cats impounded at the animal
20 control division shelter who cannot produce proof of rabies
21 vaccination, will be required to pay the fees as established by
22 the City of Slidell.
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30 ARTICLE II LIVESTOCK RAISING AND KEEPING RESTRICTED
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32 Sec. 4-12. Livestock prohibited.
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34 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep,
35 possess, or maintain any livestock on any parcel of land within
36 the City of Slidell. Exception: A person may keep, possess, or
37 maintain up to three (3) domestic rabbits and may keep or
38 possess livestock to be used in exhibits licensed under Section
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47 Sec. 4-13. Chickens and other fowl.
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49 The keeping of fowl is prohibited within the City limits.
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52 ARTICLE III KEEPING OF WILD, EXOTIC, VICIOUS ANIMALS AND REPTILES
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54 Sec. 4-14. Definitions.
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56 For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and
57 phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them:
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59 Animal: Shall include any live or dead vertebrate
60 creature, domestic or wild, not to include fish, birds, rodents
61 bred and raised in captivity, or Homo Sapiens.
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65 Pet: Any animal kept for pleasure rather than utility.
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68 Vicious animal:
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70 (a) Any dog with a known propensity, tendency, or
71 disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury to, or to
72 otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals.
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13 (b) Any dog which because of its size, physical
14 nature, or vicious propensity, is capable of inflicting serious
15 physical harm or death to humans and which would constitute a
16 danger to human life or property, if it were not kept in the
17 manner required by this ordinance.
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23 (c) Any dog which, without provocation, attacks or
24 bites, or has attacked or bitten, a human being or domestic animal.
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27 (d) Any dog owned or harbored primarily or in part for
28 the purpose of dog fighting, or any dog trained for dog fighting.
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31 Wild or exotic animal: Any live monkey (non human
32 primate), raccoon, skunk, wolf, squirrel, fox, leopard, panther,
33 tiger, lion, lynx, or any other warm-blooded animal, poisonous
34 snake or tarantula which can normally be found in the wild state,
35 or any member of crocodilian, including but not limited to
36 alligators, crocodiles, caimans, and gavials. The feeding or
37 care of ducks living on area lakes or waterways shall not be
38 considered a "keeping" unless the ducks are confined to an enclosed
39 area. Ferrets, nonpoisonous snakes, rabbits, and rodents, which
40 have been bred and raised in captivity and which have never
41 known the wild, and birds shall be excluded from this definition.
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54 Sec. 4-15. Wild or exotic animals as pets or exhibits prohibited.

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56 Except for Christmas nativity scenes, no person shall
57 keep or permit to be kept any wild, exotic, vicious animal,
58 livestock, or reptile as an exhibit without first having
59 obtained a license from the animal control division. No person
60 shall keep or permit to be kept any wild, exotic, vicious
61 animal, livestock, or reptile as a pet or exhibit upon the
62 premises of an establishment authorized to sell alcoholic
63 beverages of high or low content as its main business.
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73 Sec. 4-16. Posting of notices.

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75 Any person who offers for sale a wild or exotic animal
76 as defined by Section 4-16 shall post conspicuously at the place
77 of sale or display, the following notice:
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13 "No person may lawfully keep or permit to be kept in the
14 City of Slidell, any live monkey (non-human primate),
15 raccoon, skunk, wolf, squirrel, fox, leopard, panther,
16 tiger, lion, lynx, or other warm-blooded animal,
17 poisonous snake, tarantula, crocodile, or alligator,
18 which can normally be found in the wild state without first
19 obtaining a license from the animal control division."
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28 **Sec. 4-17. Disposition and impoundment.**

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30 Any person who keeps a wild, exotic, or vicious animal
31 in contravention of this chapter may dispose of the animal or
32 reptile by removal of the animal or reptile from the City, by
33 giving or selling the animal or reptile to a zoological park or
34 by releasing the animal or reptile to the director of the animal
35 control division. The Chief of police or his authorized agent is
36 authorized to release the animal or reptile to the wild, to a
37 zoological park, or to a responsible adult who shall remove the
38 animal or reptile from the City, or to dispose of the animal or
39 reptile in some humane manner.
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51 **Sec. 4-18. Posting of Signs for Vicious Animals.**

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53 The owner of any guard dog or animal that has been
54 declared vicious by the court, shall post his property with a
55 dangerous animal notice obtained from the animal control
56 division.
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61 **ARTICLE IV PROTECTION OF BIRDS***

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64 **Sec. 4-19. City designated bird sanctuary.**

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66 The area embraced within the corporate limits of the
67 City as they now exist or may hereafter be amended from time to
68 time is hereby designated as a bird sanctuary.
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73 **Sec. 4-20. Trapping, hunting, molesting, etc., of birds prohibited;**
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76 It shall be unlawful to trap, hunt, shoot, or molest in
77 any manner any bird or wildfowl, or to rob bird nests or wildfowl
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13 nests; however, if starlings or other birds are found to be
14 congregating in such numbers in a particular locality that they
15 constitute a nuisance or a menace to health or property in the
16 opinion of the health authorities of the State of Louisiana, then in
17 such event, such health authorities shall have the right to order
18 the destruction of the birds in such numbers and in such manner as
19 may be deemed advisable for the purpose of abating such nuisance.
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28 **ARTICLE V PENALTIES**
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30 **Sec. 4-21. Penalty.**

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32 (a) Any person who violates any provisions of sections
33 of this ordinance or who shall hinder or molest or interfere with
34 any officer or agent of the animal control division in the
35 performance of any duty provided for by this chapter, shall upon
36 conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be deemed guilty of
37 a misdemeanor and shall be fined an amount up to fifty (\$50.00)
38 dollars for the first offense, and up to one hundred (\$100.00)
39 dollars for each offense thereafter.
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48 (b) The Chief of Police or his authorized agents may
49 enforce any provision of this chapter by instituting a suit for
50 injunctive relief and the use of summary process, including all
51 temporary restraining orders permitted by law.
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56 The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective
57 upon the adoption of standards as required by Section 4.2 of
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64 **ADOPTED** this 14th day of February , 1989.
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Councilman, District F
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