

CODE OF ORDINANCES  
County of  
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Codified through  
Ord. No. 2007/32, enacted Aug. 17, 2007.  
(Supplement No. 17, Update 2)

Sec. 14-30. Restraint of animals by owners.

(a) ***Running at large.*** It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of any dog, cat, or other animal to permit the dog, cat, or other animal to run at large at any time upon any street or highway or other property within the county (S.C. Code 1976, § 47-7-110).

(b) ***Control of animals generally.*** No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance.

***Restraint means an animal secured by a leash or lead, under the control of a responsible person within the boundaries of the owner's property or any public property.***

(c) ***Female dogs and cats in heat.*** Every female dog and cat in heat shall be confined in a building or veterinary hospital in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.

(d) ***Vicious animals.*** Every vicious animal, as determined by the animal control officer, magistrate or licensing authority, shall be confined by the owner within a building or secure enclosure and shall be securely muzzled or caged whenever off the premises of its owner (S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-720).

(e) ***Disturbing the peace.*** No person owning or having custody of any dog or any other animal shall permit it to unreasonably bark, whine, howl, screech, or crow.

(f) ***Penalties for violations.*** Any person violating this section may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or confinement for ten days in jail and up to \$200.00 or 30 days in jail or at the discretion of the court. Each day's violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.