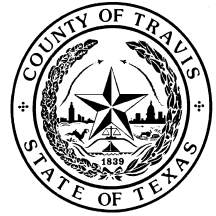




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VICIOUS DOG INFORMATION SHEET

A determination that a dog is a vicious dog may be found upon the filing of appropriate affidavits with the City Health Authority by affected or interested persons and the attending physician or veterinarian, where appropriate, attesting to the occurrence of the following acts:

§ 3-4-7 VICIOUS DOG.

- (A) An owner or handler shall take reasonable measures to protect the public from accidental contact with a dog that, by nature or by training, is dangerous to people or other animals.
- (B) An owner or handler may not keep or permit a dog to be in the city if the dog has:
 - (1) on at least three separate occasions bitten or scratched a person in the city;
 - (2) on at least one occasion bitten or scratched a person to an extent that the attending physician has presented an affidavit to the health authority stating that the person's life may have been endangered by the dog; or
 - (3) on at least one occasion killed another dog, cat, or other domestic pet, fowl, or livestock; or seriously injured another animal to an extent that an attending veterinarian has presented an affidavit to the health authority stating that the injured animal's life was seriously endangered or taken by the dog, or that the dog caused a significant permanent impairment of the injured animal's basic bodily functions or mobility; provided, however, that when the incident occurred, the injured animal was not in violation of a provision of this title relating to the confinement or physical control of animals in the City.

§ 3-4-29 REGISTRATION REVOCATION.

- (A) After a hearing, the health authority may revoke a registration issued to the owner of a dog if:
 - (3) The health authority determines that a dog is vicious under Section [3-4-7](#) (Vicious Dog).
- (B) If the health authority revokes the registration issued to the owner of a dog, the health authority shall send written notice of revocation to the owner at the most current address available to the health authority, by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (C) An owner or handler of a dog that has had its registration revoked shall remove the dog from the city limits not later than 10 days after the date the health authority mailed the notice of revocation to the owner.

§ 3-7-3 INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT PROHIBITED.

A person may not interfere with, hinder, or molest a city employee in the performance of the employee's duties under this title.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANIMAL PROTECTION
Dial 3-1-1 or 512-974-2000 (outside Austin limits)**