

## APPENDIX D: REFERENCE TO SELECTED ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LAWS

The full Code for Comprehensive Animal Care – Title 3.2 Chapter 65 is available at:

<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title3.2/chapter65/>

**Selected Virginia Codes pertaining to companion animals:**

- 3.2-6503 Care of companion animals by owner; penalty.
- 3.2-6504 Abandonment of animal; penalty.
- 3.2-6521 Rabies inoculation of companion animals; availability of certificate; rabies clinics
- 3.2-6524 Unlicensed dogs prohibited; ordinances for licensing cats.
- 3.2-6540 Control of dangerous or vicious dogs; penalties
- 3.2-6543 Governing body of any locality may adopt certain ordinances
- 3.2-6546 County or city pounds; confinement and disposition of animals; affiliation with foster care providers; penalties; injunctive relief.
- 3.2-6547 Acceptance of animals for research or experimentation; prohibition.
- 3.2-6548 Animal shelters; confinement and disposition of animals; affiliation with foster care providers; penalties; injunctive relief.
- 3.2-6557 Animal control officers and humane investigators; limitations; records; penalties.
- 3.2-6570 Cruelty to animals; penalty.
- 3.2-6571 Animal fighting; penalty
- 3.2-6574 Sterilization of adopted dogs and cats; enforcement; civil penalty.
- 3.2-6586 Dog injuring or killing other companion animals.

**Full list of Definitions used in the Comprehensive Animal Care Code:**

<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title3.2/chapter65/section3.2-6500/>

The following terms as defined under Virginia law (Code of Virginia: §3.2-6500. Definitions.):

"Adequate space" is defined as "sufficient space to allow each animal to: (i) easily stand, sit, lie, turn about, and make all other normal body movements in a comfortable, normal position for the animal; and (ii) interact safely with other animals in the enclosure. When an animal is tethered,

"adequate space" means a tether that permits the above actions and is appropriate to the age and size of the animal; is attached to the animal by a properly applied collar, halter, or harness configured so as to protect the animal from injury and prevent the animal or tether from becoming entangled with other objects or animals, or from extending over an object or edge that could result in the strangulation or injury of the animal; and is at least three times the length of the animal, as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail..."

"Adequate exercise" is defined as "the opportunity for the animal to move sufficiently to maintain normal muscle tone and mass for the age, species, size, and condition of the animal."

"Adequate water" is defined as the "provision of and access to clean, fresh, potable water of a drinkable temperature that is provided in a suitable manner, in sufficient volume, and at suitable intervals appropriate for the weather and temperature, to maintain normal hydration for the age, species, condition, size and type of each animal, except as prescribed by a veterinarian or as dictated by naturally occurring states of hibernation or fasting normal for the species; and is provided in clean, durable receptacles that are accessible to each animal and are placed so as to minimize contamination of the water by excrement and pests or an alternative source of hydration consistent with generally accepted husbandry practices."

"Adequate shelter" is defined as "provision of and access to shelter that is suitable for the species, age, condition, size, and type of each animal; provides adequate space for each animal; is safe and protects each animal from injury, rain, sleet, snow, hail, direct sunlight, the adverse effects of heat or cold, physical suffering, and impairment of health; is properly lighted; is properly cleaned; enables each animal to be clean and dry, except when detrimental to the species; and, for dogs and cats, provides a solid surface, resting platform, pad, floormat, or similar device that is large enough for the animal to lie on in a normal manner and can be maintained in a sanitary manner."