

**Abington Township Police Department  
Animal Control Unit  
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**Dog Control and Animals as Nuisances**

**ARTICLE I, Dog Control (Adopted 10-14-1976 as Ordinance No. 1432EN)**

58-1. Running at large prohibited; leashing.

Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any owner of any dog or dogs, licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog or dogs to run at large off the premises of the owner or keeper, unaccompanied by the owner or keeper. When not on the premises of the owner or keeper, a dog must be leashed at all times when on foot. The leash shall be of sturdy material and not more than eight feet in length.

**ARTICLE III, Animals as Nuisances (Adopted 12-14-1972 as Ordinance No. 1342)**

58-17. Offensive odors or excessive noise.

No person shall keep or harbor any animal in the Township so as to create offensive odors, excessive noise or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health or safety of the public, or otherwise permit the commission or existence of a nuisance as defined hereinafter.

58-18. Howling animals. (Amended 12-14-1989 by Ordinance No. 1667)

Any animal which, by habitual barking, howling or yelping, disturbs the peace or endangers the health or safety of persons is hereby declared to be committing a nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person having custody of such animal to permit it to commit such nuisance.

58-19. Animals creating nuisances.

A. Any animal which scratches, digs or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property, other than the property of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

B. Horses and ponies being used for transportation shall be exempt from this provision when in the right-of-way of a public street but not when in the right-of-way of a sidewalk.

58-20. Nuisances on public or private property.

No person being the owner or in charge or control of any animal shall allow or permit such animal to commit a nuisance on any school grounds, township park or other public property or upon any private property other than that of the owner or person in charge or control of such animal without the permission of the owner of said property. Where the owner or person in charge or control of such animal immediately removes all feces deposited by such animal and disposes of same in a sanitary manner, such nuisance shall be considered abated.