

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1996 Legislative Session

Bill No. _____ CB-32-1996

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by _____ Council Member Esteppe

Introduced by

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Animal Control

For the purpose of adding provisions pertaining to sports packs and animal holding facility licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

Sections 3-101, 3-148.01,

The Prince George's County Code

(1995 Edition).

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

Section 3-174.01,

The Prince George's County Code

(1995 Edition).

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 3-101 and 3-148.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

DIVISION 1. DEFINITIONS.

Sec. 3-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in and for the purposes of this Subtitle, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to them herein:

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(9) **Animal Holding Facility** shall mean any commercial facility for the care, boarding, training, holding, harboring, or housing of any animal or animals; and shall also include the following:

- (A) A kennel, as defined in Section 3-101(a)(28);
- (B) A pet shop or pet store as defined in Section 3-101(a)(33);
- (C) A cattery as defined in Section 3-101(a)(16);
- (D) A petting zoo as defined in Section 3-101(a)(34);
- (E) A riding school or stable as defined in Section 3-101(a)(38);
- (F) A commercial pet distribution facility as defined in Section 3-166(b);
- (G) A grooming establishment as defined in Section 3-101(a)(25);
- (H) A guard dog facility as defined in Section 3-161; [or]
- (I) A sports pack as defined in Section 3-101(a)(39.01); or
- (J) Any one or more of the above or combination thereof.

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(39.01) **Sports Pack** shall mean a trained group of dogs of a hunting breed, bred for use in the field under supervision for the tracking of game, which group is registered, recognized, supervised, and regulated as a member of a national organization which has established standards and guidelines for the health, welfare and training of hunting dogs. The owner of a sports pack shall not collect dues or membership fees from its members and shall not sell any hunting dogs or their offspring.

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Sec. 3-148.01. Animal hobby permit.

(a) No person may keep or harbor five (5) or more animals larger than a guinea pig or over the age of four months, without first obtaining an animal hobby permit as provided herein.

(b) This Section shall not apply to a licensed animal holding facility, a licensed

veterinary hospital, a circus or travelling exhibition, a sports pack, or the keeping of farm animals, or fish or birds.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 3-174.01 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby added:

SUBTITLE 3. ANIMAL CONTROL.

DIVISION 5. LICENSES AND STANDARDS.

Subdivision 2. Animal Holding Facility Licenses.

Sec. 3-174.01. Standards for a sports pack.

- (a) A sports pack shall provide for each dog:
 - (1) An adequate and safe means of confinement for each animal;
 - (2) An exercise area of sufficient size to allow running, with sufficient secure fencing and a secure latched gate; and
 - (3) Enclosures, cages, and exercise areas which shall be kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition, and which shall provide adequate ventilation, a healthful temperature, and protection against extremes of weather. Cage floors shall be made of nonporous, impervious material and, unless radiantly heated, shall be equipped with a resting board or other bedding.
- (b) No permit shall be issued unless:
 - (1) Evidence exists that each dog has current antirabies vaccination;
 - (2) Evidence exists that each animal has been provided adequate and proper veterinary care;
- (c) No person may operate a sports pack without first obtaining a sports pack license.
- (d) The applicant shall pay an annual sports pack license fee as follows:
 - (1) Authorized to house less than ten (10) animals.....\$50.00
 - (2) Authorized to house ten (10) or more,
but less than fifty (50) animals\$150.00
 - (3) Authorized to house fifty (50) or more animals \$250.00
- (e) The holder of a sports pack license shall make and retain for one year written records concerning the disposition of dogs no longer maintained as part of the sports pack.

(f) If an owner of a sports pack has a current sports pack license, then each dog in the sports pack shall not be required to have a pet license as required in Section 3-145(a).

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 1996.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY:

Wayne K. Curry
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.