

Ref. RSA 466:31 Dogs a Menace,

Nuisance, or Vicious:

A dog is considered to be a nuisance, a menace or vicious to persons or property under any or all but not limited to the following conditions:

- a) The dog is "at large."
- b) The dog barks for sustained periods of more than ½ hour, or during the night.
- c) The dog digs, scratches, or excretes, or causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than its owner's.
- d) The female dog in season (heat) is permitted to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper during this period.
- e) The dog growls, snaps at, runs after or chases any person or persons.
- f) The dog runs after, or chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or other vehicles being driven, pulled or pushed on the streets, highways, or public ways.
- g) The dog, whether alone or in a pack with other dogs, bites, attacks, or preys on game animals, domestic animals, fowl, or human beings.

Ref. RSA 436:105 Animal Bites

All animal bites or any skin break wounds, and any contact between domestic animals and wildlife should be reported to the Manchester Police Department Animal Control Division. For safety, state law requires documentation, monitoring of domestic animals, and vet exams. It is sometimes necessary to test animals for rabies, especially in cases of wildlife bites.

Ref. RSA 644:8 Cruelty to Animals

"... acts or omissions injurious or detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of any animal: ...deprive any animal in his possession or custody necessary care, sustenance or shelter, negligently beat or transport..."

"shelter" or "necessary shelter" for dogs shall mean any natural or artificial area which provides protection from the direct sunlight when that sunlight is likely to cause heat exhaustion of a dog tied or caged outside. Shelter from inclement weather shall have an area within to afford the dog the ability to stand up, turn around and lie down, and be of proportionate size as to allow the natural body heat of the dog to be retained.

Ref. RSA 644:8-AA Animal in Motor Vehicle

It shall be cruelty to confine an animal in a motor vehicle or other enclosed space in which the temperature is either so high or so low as to cause serious harm to the animal.

Ref. 644:8-f Transporting Dogs in Pickup Trucks.

No person driving a pickup truck shall transport any dog in the back of the vehicle on a public way, unless the space is enclosed or has side and tail racks to a height of at least 46 inches extending vertically from the floor, the dog is cross tethered to the vehicle, the dog is protected by a secured container or cage, or the dog is otherwise protected, in a manner which will prevent the dog from being thrown or from falling or jumping from the vehicle.

City of



Manchester

**GUIDE TO
INFORMATION AND
LAWS RELATING TO
ANIMALS**

**An informational brochure prepared
by the
Manchester Police Department
Animal Control Division
351 Chestnut Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03101
603-668-8711 x441
Fax: 603-628-6115
www.manchesterpd.com**

SAFETY WARNING
**Keep away from and do not touch any
unknown animal – domestic or wildlife.
Animals do not understand your
intentions and may react in a manner
dangerous to humans.
Remember, Wildlife is Wild!**

The City of Manchester's Animal Control Division

Duties and responsibilities shall include but not be limited to:

- investigating animal complaints
- enforcing City Ordinances and State Laws
- picking up and impounding stray animals
- educating the public, visiting elementary schools
- patrolling the community
- handling wildlife issues that may be a safety concern
- handling rabies issues
- providing assistance to police officers in animal related matters.

*Stray animals are impounded at the Manchester Animal Shelter
Sheltering, daily care and medical treatment are provided by*

Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter

For adoption information contact
490 Dunbarton Rd
Manchester, NH 03102
(603) 628-3544

Please report any complaints or questions concerning the care or rights of animals to the Manchester Police Department, at (603)668-8711, Ext. 441

City of Manchester Ordinances:

90.12 Running at Large Prohibited

- (A) No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed to run at large within the city at any time.
- (B) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, no person shall be compelled to keep any dog in his possession on a leash while in or upon any public street, alley, park, parkway, or other public place in the city, if the dog is securely confined in an automobile.
- (C) Notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, a dog shall be deemed "at large" if that dog is on or being walked upon a public street, parking lot or facility, sidewalk or right-of-way adjacent to a street and is not actually on a leash or chain or within a carrier which is in the possession of a person of sufficient strength and age to effectively restrain the dog

Ref. 90.11 License Required

All dogs kept, harbored, or maintained by their owner or keeper in the city shall be licensed annually in the month of April.

City Clerk's Office

One City Hall Plaza.

Office hours: 8 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Phone: 624-6455.

Please provide proof of rabies vaccination and proof of neutering.

Licensing Fees:

Neutered/Spayed	\$7.50
Not Neutered/Not Spayed.....	\$10.00
Senior Citizens Owner	
First Dog.....	\$3.00
Group License 5 or more Dogs...	\$20.00

Ref. 90.04 Dog Fouling Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, possessing, or controlling a dog on any sidewalk, street, or public area or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person to:

- 1) Fail to carry any article or means to remove any feces left by such dog; or
- 2) Fail to remove and dispose of any feces left by such dog in a manner consistent with the law.

Ref. 94.03 Noise Regulation

The keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

State of New Hampshire Statutes:

Ref. RSA 436:100 Rabies Vaccination Required

Every dog, cat and ferret three months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Young dogs, cats, and ferrets shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached three months of age. Unvaccinated dogs, cats, and ferrets shall be vaccinated within 30 days after the purchase or arrival, unless under three months of age.