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PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION

Chapter 78, ANIMALS

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§ 78-16. Legislative authority; enforcement.

A. This article is adopted pursuant to § 124 of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law and contains additional restrictions on the keeping of dogs within the City of Buffalo.

B. It shall be the duty of the dog control officers of the city to issue a summons or notice of violation, in the form provided in Article V of this chapter, to any person violating a provision of this article. Allegations of violation of this article shall be adjudicated in the Parking Violations Bureau of the City of Buffalo.

§ 78-17. Definitions.

The definitions set forth in § 78-22 of Article V shall also apply to this article.

§ 78-18. Running at large; special events.

A. Each owner of a dog shall restrain such dog so as to prevent it from leaving the premises of such owner. A dog may, however, be taken off the premises of its owner when securely held in leash. The owner of a dog shall be held liable for a violation of this subsection whenever any unlicensed dog is found at large. The owner of record shall be held liable for a violation of this subsection whenever any licensed dog is found at large.

B. Special
events.

(1) Notwithstanding Subsection A, no person shall bring a dog, either leashed or unleashed, to a special event held on municipal property. The owner of the dog or the owner of record shall be held liable for a violation of this subsection.

(2) For the purposes of this Subsection B, a "special event" includes all entertainments, exhibitions or performances described in Chapter 75 and other events on municipal property which require a permit or permission of the City of Buffalo or the Buffalo Board of Education.

(3) For the purposes of this subsection, "municipal property" means all property owned by the City of Buffalo or the Buffalo Board of Education, including but not limited to parks, playgrounds and public streets.

§ 78-19. Restraint on premises.

Each owner of a dog which is kept on the premises, unless such dog is in his or her immediate custody, shall keep it muzzled, securely fastened or otherwise restrained in such manner as to prevent such dog from biting any person lawfully entering upon or leaving such premises.

§ 78-19.1. Restrictions on keeping dogs. [Added 7-17-1990, effective 7-30-1990]



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