

CHAPTER 5-3 TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

5-3-1 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

No person shall cruelly beat, torture, or injure any domestic animal, nor overload any working animal, nor shall any person willfully or negligently maltreat, abuse or neglect in a cruel or inhuman manner any such animal.

Authority: SDCL 9-29-11; Compare SDCL 40-1-2.2

5-3-2 TEASING

No person may tease, molest, bait, or in any way bother any animal not belonging to him or not legally under his control.

Authority: SDCL 9-29-11; Compare SDCL 40-1-2.2

5-3-3 ANIMALS LEFT IN VEHICLE

No owner or caretaker may leave a dog, cat, or other small animal unattended in a standing, or parked vehicle in a manner that endangers the health or safety of such animal. Reasonable force may be used to remove such animal by any peace officer or agent, or officer of any humane society. No such person may be held civilly or criminally liable for any damage caused by removing such animal from a vehicle.

Authority: SDCL 9-29-11; Compare SDCL 40-1-2.2

5-3-4 CARE AND TREATMENT

(a) No owner may fail to provide for his/her animal:

1. sufficient good, wholesome food and water,
2. proper shelter and protection from the weather,
3. veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and
4. humane care and treatment.

(b) Chain shall be so placed or attached so as it cannot become entangled with the chains of other dogs or any other objects. Such chains shall be at least three times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail and shall allow the dog convenient access to shelter. The size of the chain should not be such as to weight the dog down or pull excessively on the neck.

(c) Dogs and cats shall be fed at least once each day, except as otherwise required to provide adequate veterinary care. The food shall be:

1. free from contamination,
2. wholesome,
3. palatable, and
4. in sufficient quantity providing enough nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the dog or cat.

(d) Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination and to reduce disease hazards and odors.

Authority: SDCL 9-29-11; Compare SDCL 40-1-2.2