

**ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE  
TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY, UTAH  
Ordinance Number 98 – 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Castle Valley, Utah (hereinafter “Town”), finds that the past animal management practices of some owners of dogs and domestic livestock, have interfered with and/or prevented other residents in the Town from the peaceful use and enjoyment of their property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that barking dogs have repeatedly disturbed the peace in the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that dogs running at large have endangered persons and their property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that uncontrolled livestock present a danger to both persons and their property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the trapping and poisoning of animals can endanger residents and their property,

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF CASTLE VALLEY, UTAH:**

**SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS:**

- 1.1 Animal:** Any live, vertebrate creature, domestic or wild (except human beings and small rodents such as mice, etc.).
- 1.2 Disturbing the Peace:** Any dog owner who allows his/her dog(s) to bark, howl, whine, or make any other loud noise in excess of 10 minutes in any one hour period shall be deemed to have “disturbed the peace”.
- 1.3 Livestock:** Farm animals, including but not limited to cows, horses, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, llamas, bison, oxen, ostrich, emus, etc.
- 1.4 Owner:** Any person providing food or shelter or otherwise harboring a dog, cat, or any livestock for a period of five days or more shall be deemed an “owner” thereof, and be under the duties with respect to such animal as imposed by this ordinance.
- 1.5 Town Resident:** Any person(s) residing within the boundaries of the Town.

**SECTION 2: DOGS**

**2.1 Dog Noise:** It is unlawful for the owner of any dog(s) to allow his/her dog(s) to disturb the peace by barking, howling or whining, or making any other loud noise in excess of 10 minutes during any 1 hour period.

**2.2 Dogs Running At Large:** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog(s) to permit or allow their dog(s) to run at large within the Town limits, or to allow said dog(s) to trespass on the property of another within the Town limits.

**2.3 Control of Dogs:** It is the legal responsibility of all dog owners to keep in control at any and all times any dog that they own.

**2.4 Dog Confinement:** All dogs must be securely confined on the owner’s premises, when the dog owner or responsible person is not present on the property, in a manner to physically prevent them from leaving the property or becoming a public nuisance.

**2.5 Vicious Dog:** It shall be unlawful for any Town resident to harbor any dog that attacks a human being without provocation or to harbor any dog that repeatedly attacks other animals without provocation.

**2.6. Guard Dog Confinement:** No person shall keep any guard animal for the purpose of guarding or protecting real or personal property, unless such animal is securely confined within a

building or enclosure, with provision for adequate safeguards against entry thereto by children and against accidental or unintentional entry by any person. Such building or enclosure shall be marked with a sign declaring the danger at every entry, door, or gate.

**SECTION 3: POISONING AND TRAPPING OF ANIMALS**

**3.1 Poisoning of Animals:** It shall be unlawful for any person to administer poison either directly or by leaving it mixed with another substance that an animal would consider to be a food source.

**3.2 Trapping of Animals:** It shall be unlawful to place, use, or set out any steel-jawed or other type of trap designed to injure or kill, in the process of trapping any animal (small rodents excluded) within the Town limits. The use of “live catch” traps is encouraged.

**SECTION 4: LIVESTOCK**

**4.1 Livestock:** All livestock shall be securely fenced on the owner’s property in a manner to prevent their escape.

**4.2 Financial Responsibility:** Owners of livestock shall be financially responsible for any damage to other persons or property caused by their livestock, if said livestock is/are not confined to the owner’s property.

**SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

**5.1 Punishment and Fines:** Every person who violates any provision(s) of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class “C” misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$299.00 and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed 6 months for each offense. Every day the violation continues shall be a separate and additional offense.

**5.2 Grand County Animal Control:** The Grand County Animal Control Officer is hereby granted permission to operate within the Town if so requested by the Town or by any Town resident.

**5.3 Severability:** If any provision of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby declared that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE**

**6.1 Effective Date:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting in three places in the Town of Castle Valley.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Valley, Utah in open session the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: Unanimous

Those voting nay: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Dorothy L. Harding  
Dorothy L. Harding, Town Clerk

/s/ Bruce A. Keeler  
Bruce A. Keeler, Mayor