

Sec. 8-52. Dangerous dogs.

- (a) For purposes of this section, "dangerous dog" shall mean one (1) of the following:
 - (1) Any dog with a known propensity or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury to or to otherwise endanger the safety of humans or other domestic animals.
 - (2) Any dog that, as defined in section 8-51 (a), attacks or bites any person or domestic animal.
- (b) A dog is "confined" as the term is used in this section if such dog is securely confined indoors or confined in a secure enclosure which meets the following requirements:
 - (1) The enclosure must have secure sides and a secure top, or all sides must be at least eight (8) feet high;
 - (2) The enclosure must have a bottom permanently attached to the sides or sides embedded into the ground not less than one (1) foot; and
 - (3) The enclosure must be of such material and closed in such a manner that the dog cannot exit the enclosure on its own.

This section does not relieve the owner, possessor or keeper of a dog from the obligation to comply with any section of this Code concerning zoning requirements for fences.

- (c) No person who owns, possesses, keeps or exercises any control over a dangerous dog shall permit such dog to be on the premises of such person without being confined.
- (d) No person who owns, possesses, keeps or exercises any control over a dangerous dog shall permit such dog to go beyond the premises of such person unless the dangerous dog is securely leashed and muzzled, except that a dangerous dog shall not be required to be muzzled when shown in a dog show.

(Ord. No. 215-87, § 1, 4-20-87)

Editor's note: Prior to amendment by § 1 of Ord. No. 215-87, adopted April 20, 1987, § 8-52 pertained to provisions now codified in § 8-54.