




Connecticut Law About Dogs

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Office of Legislative Research:

Animal Cruelty

- [Court Procedures for Animal Cruelty Cases](#) - 2016-R-0226
- [Animal Cruelty Laws in Connecticut & Oregon](#) - 2008-R-0291
- [Animal Cruelty Cases In Connecticut](#) - 2008-R-0260

Breeders and Pet Shops

- [Municipal Enforcement Action Against a Pet shop](#) - 2016-R-0280
- [Standards of Care for Dog and Cat Breeders](#) - 2013-R-0309
- [Pet Shops and Imported Animals](#) - 2013-R-0275
- [Dog Breeding Laws in Connecticut and Other States](#) - 2006-R-0262

Dog Bites

- [Liability For Dog Bites](#) - 2012-R-0459
- [Connecticut Leash and Dog Bite Law](#) - 2004-R-0308
- [Connecticut Dog Biting Statute](#) - 2002-R-0540

Domestic Animals

- [Meaning of a Dog "pursuing Or Worrying" a Domestic Animal Under CGS Sec. 22-358\(a\)](#) - 2014-R-0219
- [Dogs that Attack and Kill Livestock](#) - 2005-R-0690

Policies and Ownership

- [Dog-Related Claims Made Under Property and Casualty Insurance Policies](#) - 2015-R-0233
- [Dog Policies at State Parks and Municipal Beaches](#) - 2014-R-0133
- [States That Prohibit Breed Specific Ordinances](#) - 2013-R-0049
- [Pet Custody After Divorce](#) - 2011-R-0027

Recent Public Acts

- [Public Act 14-77](#). An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the Task Force on the Sale of Cats and Dogs from Inhumane Origins at Connecticut Pet Shops
 - [Summary of Public Act 14-77](#)

Connecticut Statutes

- [Sec. 14-226](#) Operator to report injury to dog.
- [Sec. 14-272b](#) Transport of dogs in pick-up trucks.
- [Sec. 22-327](#) Definitions.
- [Sec. 22-329](#) Prevention of cruelty to dogs and other animals
- [Sec. 22-332](#) Impoundment and disposition of roaming, injured or mistreated animals.
- [Sec. 22-333](#) Redemption of impounded dog, cat or other animal.
- [Sec. 22-338](#) Licensing of dogs. Fees. Penalties. Rabies certificate. Exemption.
- [Sec. 22-339b](#) Rabies vaccination required for dogs and cats.
- [Sec. 22-340](#) Town clerk to provide licenses and tags.
- [Sec. 22-341](#) Tag or plate to be attached to dog collar or harness.
- [Sec. 22-344b](#) Pet shop required to have dogs and cats examined by veterinarian.
- [Sec. 22-345](#) License and tag for guide dogs for blind, deaf or mobility impaired persons.
- [Sec. 22-349](#) Unlicensed dogs. Regulations. Impoundment.
- [Sec. 22-350](#) Dogs as personal property. Tax exemption. Theft.
- [Sec. 22-350a](#) Tethering and confining of dog for unreasonable period of time.
- [Sec. 22-351](#) Theft, killing or injuring of companion animal. Penalty. Liability.
- [Sec. 22-355](#) Damage by dogs to domestic animals.

- [Animal License Fees and Municipalities](#) - 2005-R-0264
- [Dog Breed Restrictions in Homeowners Insurance](#) - 2005-R-0399

Service Dogs

- [Service Dogs and the Law](#) - 2014-R-0025

Connecticut Case Law

- [Auster v. Norwalk United Methodist Church](#), 286 Conn. 152, 943 A.2d 391 (2008). The plaintiff commenced this action against the defendant seeking damages under the dog bite statute, General Statutes Sec. 22-357, pursuant to which an owner or keeper of a dog is strictly liable for any damage caused by the dog to the person or property of another. Specifically, the plaintiff sought to recover damages from the defendant as a keeper of the dog under Sec. 22-357.
- [Graff v. Zoning Board of Appeals](#), 277 Conn. 645 (2006)
Restricting number of dogs on residential property.

- [Sec. 22-357](#) Damage to person or property.
- [Sec. 22-358](#) Killing of dogs doing damage. Quarantine of biting dogs, cats, or other animals.
- [Sec. 22-362](#) Annoyance by dogs on highway.
- [Sec. 22-363](#) Nuisance
- [Sec. 22-364](#) Dogs roaming at large.
- [Sec. 22-364a](#) Intentional or reckless release of domestic animal which causes damage.
- [Sec. 22-364b](#) Control of dogs in proximity to guide dogs

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