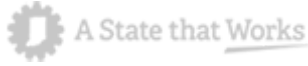


# Indiana State Board of Animal Health



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## ANIMAL-RELATED LAWS

The following is a compilation of Indiana state animal-related laws. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) created the list, but is **not** charged with enforcing many of the laws listed. While BOAH attempted to make the list comprehensive, it may not be complete. BOAH cannot provide legal advice. Individuals and organizations should consult an attorney for legal advice and for answers to questions about specific situations.

The list contains only Indiana state laws. The list does **not** contain city or county ordinances that regulate animals within a city or county.

The list contains some links to federal laws. BOAH did not attempt to include all federal animal-related laws.

Please contact BOAH with your suggestions for making this list more helpful, accurate and complete. [Contact here.](#)

"IC" refers to the Indiana Code.

"IAC" refers to the Indiana Administrative Code.

**SEARCH INSTRUCTIONS:** Clicking on the link for the IC or IAC will take you to the PDF document or webpage that the rule is on. Enter the IC or IAC number in the search document window. This will take you to the specific rule you are looking for.

### [I. Criminal Offenses Relating to Animals. IC 35-46-3.](#)

Sec. .5 to Sec. 4.5. Definitions

Sec. 1. Harboring a non-immunized dog

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#### **Neglect and Abandonment**

Sec. 7. Neglect or abandonment of an animal

#### **Animal Fighting**

Sec. 8. Purchase or possession of animals for fighting contests

Sec. 8.5. Possession of animal fighting paraphernalia

Sec. 9. Animal fighting contests prohibited

Sec. 9.5. Promoting an animal fighting contest

Sec. 10. Attending an animal fighting contest prohibited





- Sec. 12.5 Domestic violence and animal cruelty
- Sec. 13. Removal of trained attack dog's vocal cords
- Sec. 14. Bestiality
- Sec. 15. Electrocutation or decompression of animals

## II. Animal Control

### [a. Liability for Dog Bites. IC 15-20-1](#)

- Sec. 1. Limitations on agencies and political subdivisions
- Sec. 2. Owner defined
- Sec. 3. Liability of dog owner for damages
- Sec. 4. Failure to restrain dog
- Sec. 5. Wolf hybrids and coydogs
- Sec. 6. Dog bite liability, exceptions
- Sec. 7. Applicability of IC 35-46-3-6 to Sec. 4

### [b. Dogs that Injure or Kill Livestock. IC 15-20-2.](#)

- Sec. 1. Liability of dog owner or harbinger
- Sec. 2. Authority to kill a dog injuring livestock

### [c. County option dog tax IC 6-9-39](#)

### [d. Sale of Dog to Laboratories. IC 15-20-3.](#)

### [e. Limited Controlled Substances Permits for Animal Control Agencies. 856 IAC 2-7. Indiana State Board of Pharmacy](#)

## III. Commercial Dog Breeder Statute IC 15-21

### [a. Commercial Dog Breeder rule 345 IAC 13](#)

- b. Click [here](#) for the Indiana Commercial Dog Breeder program home page.

## IV. Animal Health. IC 15-17.

### a. Indiana State Board of Animal Health. IC 15-17.

- Chapter 1. Purpose
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- Chapter 4. Personnel
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- Chapter 8. Bovine Brucellosis
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- Chapter 11. Disposal of Dead Animals
- Chapter 12. Biological Products
- Chapter 13. Feeder Pigs
- Chapter 14. Livestock Dealers
- Chapter 15. Sales, Shipments, and Exhibitions
- Chapter 16. Licenses
- Chapter 17. Administrative Hearings
- Chapter 18. Crimes and Infractions
- Chapter 19. Enforcement

[Indiana State Board of Animal Health rules governing animal health programs \(345 IAC\)](#)

- Sec. 5. Impounding Area
- Sec. 6. Local Health Officers
- Sec. 7. Impoundment, Release, and Disposition of Animals
- Sec. 8. Expenses of Impoundment
- Sec. 9. Animals in Quarantine Area
- Sec. 10. Animals loose in violation of Quarantine Order
- Sec. 11. Authority of State Veterinarian and Local Health Officer
- Sec. 12. Duration of Emergency Order
- Sec. 13. Duty of State and Local Health Departments to Cooperate with the State Veterinarian
- Sec. 14. Local Ordinances

**[2. Rabies Vaccination Required for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets. 345 IAC 1-5.](#)**

- c. Livestock and Poultry Care IC 15-17-3-23
  - a. **[Standards of care for livestock and poultry 345 IAC 14](#)**

**[V. Meat and Poultry Products \(Indiana State Board of Animal Health. IC 15-17-5; IC 15-7-5.5.\)](#)**

**[a. Meat and Poultry Rules](#)**

- Meat and poultry products inspection (345 IAC 9)
- Poultry and poultry products inspection (345 IAC 10)
- Grading and certification programs (345 IAC 12)

**[VI. Dairy Products. IC 15-18.](#)**

- Chapter 1. Milk and Milk Products Permits (Indiana State Board of Animal Health)
- Chapter 2. Milk and Cream Purchases (Creamer Examining Board)
- Chapter 3. Prohibition on Local Governments Assessing Fees on Milk Producers
- Chapter 4. Claims Against Milk Processors, Priority in Insolvency
- Chapter 5. Indiana Dairy Industry Development (Dairy Industry Development Board)

**[a. Dairy products rules \(345 IAC 8\)](#)**

**[VII. Livestock and Horse Racing. IC 15-19.](#)**

- Chapter 1. Livestock Breeders Associations
- Chapter 2. Indiana Standardbred Advisory Board
- Chapter 3. Regulation of Horse Racing
- Chapter 4. Racing Pigeons
- Chapter 5. Livestock Certification
- Chapter 6. Livestock Brands

Horse racing is regulated by the **[Indiana Horse Racing Commission](#)**.

**[VIII. Animal Feed. IC 15-19-7.](#)**

- Chapter 7. Commercial Feed.
- Regulation of livestock feed and pet food manufacturing and distribution by the **[Office of the State Chemist](#)**.

**[IX. Veterinary Practice. IC 25-38.1.](#)**

Regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine, including licensing of veterinarians and registering of veterinary technicians, by the **[Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners \(IBVME\)](#)** in the Professional Licensing Agency.

- a. **[IBVME rules 888 IAC](#)**

**[X. Service Animals; public accommodations. IC 16-32-3.](#)**

Indiana State Department of Health **[Web site](#)**

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