



955.54 Possession of certain dogs by convicted felons prohibited.

(A) No person who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony offense of violence committed on or after the effective date of this section or a felony violation of any provision of Chapter 959., 2923., or 2925. of the Revised Code committed on or after the effective date of this section shall knowingly own, possess, have custody of, or reside in a residence with either of the following for a period of three years commencing either upon the date of release of the person from any period of incarceration imposed for the offense or violation or, if the person is not incarcerated for the offense or violation, upon the date of the person's final release from the other sanctions imposed for the offense or violation:

- (1) An unspayed or unneutered dog older than twelve weeks of age;
 - (2) Any dog that has been determined to be a dangerous dog under Chapter 955. of the Revised Code.
- (B) A person described in division (A) of this section shall microchip for permanent identification any dog owned, possessed by, or in the custody of the person.

- (C)
- (1) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any person who is confined in a correctional institution of the department of rehabilitation and correction.
 - (2) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any person with respect to any dog that the person owned, possessed, had custody of, or resided in a residence with prior to the effective date of this section.

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