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RCW 9.08.070

Pet animals—Taking, concealing, injuring, killing, etc.—Penalty.

(1) Any person who, with intent to deprive or defraud the owner thereof, does any of the following shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable according to chapter [9A.20](#) RCW and, for adult offenders, a mandatory fine of not less than five hundred dollars per pet animal shall be imposed, except as provided by subsection (2) of this section:

(a) Takes, leads away, confines, secretes or converts any pet animal, except in cases in which the value of the pet animal exceeds seven hundred fifty dollars;

(b) Conceals the identity of any pet animal or its owner by obscuring, altering, or removing from the pet animal any collar, tag, license, tattoo, or other identifying device or mark;

(c) Willfully or recklessly kills or injures any pet animal, unless excused by law.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person from also being convicted of separate offenses under RCW [9A.56.030](#), [9A.56.040](#), or [9A.56.050](#) for theft, under RCW [9A.56.150](#), [9A.56.160](#), or [9A.56.170](#) for possession of stolen property, or under chapter [16.52](#) RCW for animal cruelty.

[[2015 c 265 § 10](#); [2015 c 235 § 5](#); [2003 c 53 § 9](#); [1989 c 359 § 2](#); [1982 c 114 § 1](#).]

NOTES:

Reviser's note: This section was amended by [2015 c 235 § 5](#) and by [2015 c 265 § 10](#), each without reference to the other. Both amendments are incorporated in the publication of this section under RCW [1.12.025](#)(2). For rule of construction, see RCW [1.12.025](#)(1).

Finding—Intent—2015 c 265: See note following RCW [13.50.010](#).

Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53: See notes following RCW [2.48.180](#).

Application of Consumer Protection Act: RCW [19.86.145](#).

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