

§ 2327.20. Tethering animals - COLUMBUS

Latest version.

(A)

No person shall allow an animal to be tethered outdoors:

(1)

unattended between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

2)

in an environment that violates the provisions of section 2327.15 of the Columbus City Codes;

(3)

in an environment that violates the provisions of section 2327.19 of the Columbus City Codes;

(4)

if a heat or cold advisory or a severe weather warning has been issued by a local or state authority or the national weather service for the area in which the animal is kept or harbored.

(5)

with a pinch, prong, or choke-type collar;

(6)

with a tow chain, log chain, padlock chain, or any type of tether unsuitable for the animal's size and weight.

(7)

with a tether that is entangled or does not allow free movement of the animal for the full length of the tether

(8)

in a manner that will allow it to reach within the property of another person, a public walkway, or a road;

(9)

in a manner that could allow it to become entangled with a fence or other tethered animals;

(B)

Columbus Humane (formerly Capital Area Humane Society), incorporated under ORC 1717.05 as the humane society with jurisdiction in Franklin County, may appoint agents for the purpose of prosecuting any person guilty of a violation of this section, or any other section in the Columbus City Codes pertaining to the protection of animals from acts of cruelty or neglect. Such agents may arrest any person found violating this section.

Upon making an arrest the agent forthwith shall convey the person arrested before some court or magistrate having jurisdiction of the offense, and there make complaint against the person on oath or affirmation of the offense.

(C)

Whoever violates subsection 2327.20(A)(2) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, according to the provisions of subsections 2327.15(F) of the Columbus City Codes. Whoever violates subsection 2327.20(A)(3) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, according to the provisions of subsection 2327.19(B) of the Columbus City Codes. Whoever violates any other provisions of Section 2327.20 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the first degree on the third or any subsequent offense.

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