

TRENTON ANIMAL CODE

ARTICLE III. CRUELTY TO ANIMAL AND RELATED OFFENSES*

Sec. 14-81. Cruelty to animals.

It shall be unlawful to overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, mutilate or cruelly kill, or cause or procure to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or cruelly killed, any animal or bird, and no person having the charge or custody of any animal or bird, either as owner or otherwise, shall inflict unnecessary cruelty upon the animal or bird, or willfully fail to provide the animal or bird with proper food, drink, shelter or protection from the weather. The cropping of a dog's ears shall be considered to be mutilation or cruelty to an animal within the meaning of this section, unless such cropping is performed by a registered veterinary surgeon while the dog is under anesthetic.

(Code 1974, § 6-8)

Sec. 14-82. Coloring birds, rabbits or game.

It shall be unlawful for any person to artificially color, spray or paint any rabbit, bird, game or fowl, or sell, offer for sale, or otherwise dispose of any such colored rabbit, bird, game or fowl.

(Code 1974, § 6-3)

State law reference – Sale of artificially colored animals prohibited, MCL 752.91.

State law reference – Crime related to animals, MCL 750.49 et seq.

Sec. 14-83. Poisoning animals and fowl.

It shall be unlawful to throw or deposit poisoned meat, or any poison or harmful substances, in any street, alley or public place, or on any private premises within the city, for the purpose of destroying any animal or fowl.

(Code 1974, § 6-5)

State law reference – Similar provisions, MCL 750.437.

Sec. 14-84. Feeding animals unwholesome food or unclean water.

It shall be unlawful to feed any animal unwholesome or unsuitable food, or unclean water which is likely to cause or produce disease in the animal.

(Code 1974, § 6-6)

State law reference – Similar provisions, MCL 750.467.

Sec. 14-85. Sanitation of premises where animals or fowl are kept.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring any animal or bird, or any person having possession, care, custody or control of any animal or bird, to keep, permit or allow the excretions, manure and/or offal therefrom to be or remain upon any public or private property not owned, rented or otherwise occupied by such person, unless consented to by such owner, tenant or occupant.
- (b) Every person lawfully keeping or harboring any animal or bird, or any person having the possession, care, custody or control of any animal or bird, shall keep or cause to be kept all excretions, manure and/or offal therefrom which shall be deposited or accumulated from such animal or bird securely and closely confine to or buried upon his premises in such manner as will prevent it from being scattered onto public or private property not owned, rented or otherwise occupied by such person, and shall so cover and care for it as to prevent any malodorous or offensive conditions to exist and to prevent any nuisance to arise therefrom.
- (c) Violations of this section are a municipal civil infractions.

(Code 1974, §§ 2-306(a)(35), 6-7)

Secs. 14-86 – 14-110. Reserved.