

55.140 Cruelty to animals; generally.

1. It is unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Fail to provide an animal with sufficient and wholesome food;
- (b) Fail to provide an animal with sufficient and potable water;
- (c) Fail to provide an animal with accessible and necessary shelter;
- (d) Fail to provide an animal with reasonable veterinary care when needed;
- (e) Beat, overdrive, overload, overwork, torment, torture, or unjustifiably injure, maim, mutilate, poison or kill any animal whether belonging to himself or another;
- (f) Intentionally allow an animal to fight with another animal or person;
- (g) Abandon an animal;
- (h) Crop a dog's ears without assistance from a licensed veterinarian;
- (i) Dock a dog's tail that is more than five days old;
- (j) Restrain an animal in violation of NRS 574.100; or
- (k) Engage in the practice of horse tripping in violation of NRS 574.100.

2. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit or interfere with an animal control officer or law enforcement officer's exercise and performance of his or her duties.

3. Any violation of this section of the Washoe County Code for cruelty to animals shall be punished as misdemeanor pursuant to NRS 244.359.