

§ 90.02 ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of any domesticated or vicious animal to drop, release, leave, place or deposit such animal in Gallatin County for the purpose of abandonment of the animal.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to assist another in the abandonment of a domesticated or vicious animal in Gallatin County, or to solicit another person or offer anything of value to another person to abandon a domesticated or vicious animal in this county.

(C) As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

(1) **POSSESSION** shall not apply to the brief apprehension or detaining of a domesticated or vicious animal in order to determine its nature, kind, health or the owner or keeper of same, without intent to take charge of it.

(2) **DOMESTICATED** refers to such animals as are habituated to live in or about the habitations of man.

(3) **VICIOUS** means having a tendency or propensity to do any act which might endanger the safety of persons or property.

(D) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined at a sum not to exceed \$500.00 or incarcerated in the county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days or both.
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