

Chapter 30. Dogs and Other Animals

[HISTORY Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham as indicated in article histories.
Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article I. Horses

[Adopted 2-1-1972 by L.L. No. 1-1972]

§ 30-1. Riding or leading on sidewalks or private property.

No person shall ride or lead a horse or pony upon any sidewalk or public footpath in the Village of Chatham, and no person shall ride or lead any horse or pony upon any private property within the Village without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof.

§ 30-2. Penalties for offenses.

[Amended 5-11-1989 by L.L. No. 2-1989]

Any person who shall violate any provision of this article shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both, for each such violation.

Article II. Dogs

[Adopted 7-13-1978 by L.L. No. 3-1978]

§ 30-3. General restrictions.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person harboring any dog in the Village of Chatham to permit or allow such dog to:

- A. Run at large, unless said dog is restrained by an adequate collar and leash or unless accompanied by its owner or a responsible person able to control the animal. For the purposes of this article, a dog or dogs hunting in company with a hunter or hunters shall be considered as accompanied by its owner.
- B. Engage in habitual loud howling or barking or conduct itself in such manner so as to habitually annoy any person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.
- C. Cause damage or destruction to property or commit a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than the owner or person harboring such a dog.
- D. Chase or otherwise harass any person in such a manner as to reasonably cause intimidation or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm or injury.
- E. Habitually chase or bark at motor vehicles.

§ 30-4. Female dogs in heat.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or person harboring any female dog to permit such dog to run at large when in heat, and such dog shall be confined to the premises of such person during such period.

§ 30-5. Filing of information.

Any person who observes a dog causing damage or destruction to property of a person other than its owner or committing a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than its owner or otherwise violating the provisions of this article may file an information with the Village Justice of the Village of Chatham specifying the objectionable conduct of the dog, the date thereof, the damage caused, a description of the dog and the name and residence, if known, of the owner or other person harboring said dog.

§ 30-6. Enforcement.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 30-5 of this article, the provisions of this article may also be enforced by the local police authorities of the Village of Chatham and/or the Dog Warden, if any, of the Village of Chatham.

§ 30-7. Penalties for offenses.

[Amended 5-11-1989 by L.L. No. 2-1989]

Any person who violates this article or knowingly permits the violation of this article or any of the provisions thereof shall be punishable as set forth in § 119 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

Article III. (Reserved)

[1] *Editor's Note: Former Article III, Pit Bulls, adopted 5-11-1989 by L.L. No. 2-1989, was repealed 6-11-2015 by L.L. No. 4-2017.*

§ 30-8. through § 30-12. (Reserved)

Article IV. Removal of Canine Waste

[Adopted 5-14-2009 by L.L. No. 1-2009]

§ 30-13. Responsibility of owner to remove canine wastes.

It shall be the responsibility of each dog owner or person having possession, custody or control of a dog to remove any feces left by such dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, public area, or privately owned property (other than the property of the dog owner) within the Village of Chatham.

§ 30-14. Implement for removal to be carried.

Every person, while walking a dog along a public street, sidewalk or public place in the Village of Chatham, shall carry a device, commonly known as a "pooper scooper," or such other implement or material, to be utilized for the purpose of removing the feces and safely disposing of it in a sanitary manner.

§ 30-15. Penalties for offenses; enforcement.

- A. Any violation of this article shall constitute a violation punishable by a fine of \$25 for the first offense, a fine of \$50 for the second offense occurring within one year of the date of the first offense, and a fine of \$75 for a third and any subsequent offense occurring within one year of the date of the first offense.
- B. This article may be enforced by The Village of Chatham Police Department Community Service Officer, the Animal Control Officer (if any) of the Village of Chatham, or any other individual specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham.