

ORDINANCE NO. 1983-002

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOMESTIC
ANIMALS AND PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF WILD
ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF PARKER.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the City of Parker, Armstrong County,
Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the
same as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, as used in this ordinance, shall have
the meanings hereby respectively ascribed thereto, except where the context
clearly indicates a different meaning:

- A. ANIMAL - any domestic animal or fowl, any wild animal or any household pet.
- B. DOMESTIC ANIMAL - any animal as hereinafter defined as a household pet, a large animal, or a small animal.
- C. HOUSEHOLD PET - any dog, cat, or other domestic animal normally and ordinarily kept in or permitted to be at large in the dwelling of its owner.
- D. LARGE ANIMAL - any domestic animal of the bovine, equine, sheep or hog family.
- E. PERSON - any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation.
- F. SMALL ANIMAL - any domestic animal such as a rabbit, hare, guinea-pig, rat, mouse, or chinchilla; and any domestic fowl such as a chick, turkey, goose, duck, or pigeon (excepting homing pigeons).
- G. WILD ANIMAL - any animal, bird, fowl, or reptile not normally or ordinarily domesticated; not normally or ordinarily raised in this area and climate as livestock or for work or breeding purposes; or not normally or ordinarily kept as a household pet.

In this ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

SECTION 2. Certain Animals Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any wild animal at any place within the City of Parker except in a park, zoological garden, or similar establishment for exhibit to the public or to any portion thereof.

SECTION 3. Violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any domestic animals, except household pets, except as provided in this section:

1. Large animals shall be confined in quarters no part of which shall be closer than two hundred (200) feet from the exterior limits of any dwelling or of any property line.
2. Small animals shall be kept in such manner as to insure that no public nuisance shall be created or maintained and that no threat to the health of persons living elsewhere than in said dwelling shall be created.
3. The keeper of every such domestic animal shall confine the same in an enclosure sufficient to prevent such animal from running at large, and such enclosure shall be of a size conducive to good sanitation practices and adequate and sanitary drainage facilities shall be provided.
4. Every keeper of a domestic animal shall cause the litter and droppings therefrom to be collected daily in a container or receptacle of such type that, when closed, it shall be rat-proof and fly-tight, and after every such collection shall cause such container or receptacle to be kept closed. At least once a week, every such keeper shall cause all litter and droppings so collected to be disposed of in such manner as not to permit the presence of fly larvae.
5. Every keeper of a domestic animal shall cause all feed provided therefor to be stored and kept in a rat-proof and fly-tight building, box, container, or receptacle.

SECTION 4. Household Pets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any household pet, except as provided in this section:

1. If any such pet shall be kept in a dwelling owned or occupied by its owner, such owner shall be required to follow such procedures and practices, as to the number of such pets to be kept there, and as to sanitation, to insure that no public nuisance shall be created or maintained and no threat to the health of persons living elsewhere than in such dwelling shall be created.
2. If any such pet shall be kept in an enclosure outside such dwelling, the provisions of the third section of this ordinance, insofar as the same applies to small animals, shall be applicable to the keeping of such household pet.

SECTION 5. Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) together with costs of prosecution, or, to undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Provided: each violation of any provision of this ordinance, and each day the same continues, shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 6. Validity.

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, clause, or part of this ordinance, it being the intent of the City of Parker that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the date of passage and shall remain in full force until modified, amended, or rescinded by the City.

DONE ORDAINED AND ENACTED, at a regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 1983.

CITY OF PARKER

By _____
Dean Shakely, Mayor

ATTEST:

Josephine Carwein, Secretary