

Sec. 72.11 Confinement of domestic animals in heat.

- (a) An owner shall humanely and securely confine a domestic animal in heat indoors or in an enclosed and locked structure which prevents the entry of a male domestic animal and prevents the female in heat from escaping. Confinement solely by a leash, tether or other similar restraint, or within a fence, open kennel, open cage or run, is not presumed to be in compliance with this section.
- (b) If a female domestic animal is to be released for an acceptable reason from the secured enclosure, then the owner of the female domestic animal in heat shall have physical control over the domestic animal at a distance of six feet or less, and be able to physically restrain the animal from coming into contact with a male domestic animal. Acceptable reasons for release from confinement are limited to excretion and veterinary visits.
- (c) A person intentionally breeding a female domestic animal in a controlled environment, with the consent of the owner of the male domestic animal, is exempt from this section during breeding.
- (d) A person who owns a ferret is exempt from this section.

Sec. 72.12 Physical control of dogs off owner's property.

- (a) An owner shall have physical control of a dog at all times when off the owner's property, unless the property holder or the designee, or lessee consents to the removal of the physical control. Off the owner's property means on any public or private property including but not limited to public streets, sidewalks, school grounds, parks, or private property of others. For property owned or controlled by a government entity, it is presumed that consent is not given unless posted.
- (b) Dogs which are exempt from this section include:
 - (1) a police dog, as defined in F.S. § 843.19, when the dog is engaged by a law enforcement agency in an official capacity, such as aiding in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of offenders; or
 - (2) a dog that is a trained and certified animal service dog used to assist persons with disabilities when it is performing those services; or
 - (3) a dog involved in organized training or exhibiting including obedience trials, conformation shows, field trials, hunting trials, and herding trials; or
 - (4) a dog involved in any legal hunt in an authorized area, and when the owner possesses a valid hunting license.

Sec. 72.13 Removal of dog excreta.

The owner of a dog shall remove any excreta deposited by the dog on any property other than the owner's including but not limited to public property, streets, sidewalks, recreation areas or parks,