

UAPPEAL IOWA CITY EXOTIC ANIMAL LAW SUMMARIES

City	Ord. Date	Notes	Not Listed	Other	Bears	Cats	Dogs	Herp	Marsupial	Mustelid	NHP	Procyonid	Ungulate
Adel	6/29/05												
Afton													
Alburnett		Need written permission from Animal Control Board	R	PR	R	R	R	PR	R	R	PR		
Altoona		Bans dangerous animals except vet, shelter, wildlife rescue, museum or zoo, education/ research; escapes of constrictors 6'+ and lizards 2'+ must be reported within 2 hours		PB	B	B	PB	PB		B	PB		
Ames	12/20/88	Bans bears, large cats and wolves; registration for rest with caging standards; 2 years experience required for venomous reptiles and large non-venomous reptiles		R	B	PB; PR	PB; PR	R	R	R	R		
Ankeny	6/16/08	Bans mustelids except ferrets, black widows and scorpions, raccoons, oposums and skunks for any purpose		PB					PB	PB		PB	
Atlantic City		Bans dangerous animals except vet, shelter, wildlife rescue, museum or zoo, education/ research, game breeders, scientific collectors			PB	PB		PB					
Bettendorf	4/20/99	Bans listed species except zoos, educational or medical, museum, vet hospital, wildlife rescue or rehab, state permits or circus or carnival			B	B	B	PB		PB		B	
Bloomfield		Bans farm, wild or untamed animals as accessory use in R-1 district	B										
Bondurant													
Buffalo		Bans wild, exotic or dangerous animals; poisonous reptile, Gila monster, crocodilian owners must be 18 and have degree or taken course in husbandry and permit from humane society			B	B	B	PB; PR		PB	B	B	
Burlington		*ban repealed in May 2008											
Cedar Falls													
Cedar Rapids	7/27/05	Bans dangerous animals (cats, bears, crocodilians, venomous & constricting snakes); defines wild/exotic animals		R	B	B	R	PB	R	R	R	R	R
Centerville	6/30/05	Bans dangerous animals	PB		B	B	B			PB		PB	
Charles City	3/19/07												
Cherokee													
Clear Lake		Bans dangerous animals	B										
Clinton													

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Clive	7/19/07	Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, circus, carnival, exhibit, vet hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR		PB	B	B	PB	PB	PB	B	PB	PB	PB
Conrad		Bans nondomestic carnivores over 20# and listed species		PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	
Coralville		dangerous, potentially dangerous, carnivorous or poisonous wild animal must be confined and owner liable	R										
Correctionville		Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum with permission			B	PB	PB	PB		PB	PB		
Council Bluffs	6/26/05	Bans dangerous animals except circus, educational or medical institution, museum, domestic swine and cows, circus, carnival, exhibit or pet shop, vet hospital, DNR		PB	B	B	B	PB		PB		B	B
Davenport	6/22/05	Bans wild, exotic and dangerous animals; Poisonous reptiles, Gila monsters, crocodilians must be 18 and have degree or training in husbandry and register with humane society	PB		B	PB	B	PB; PR		PB	B	B	
De Soto		Bans dangerous animals except circus, carnival or exhibit, veterinary hospital and DNR		PB	B	PB	PB	PB			PB	PB	
Decorah	12/4/06												
Denver		Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, humane society, museum, law enforcement, guard dogs		PB	B	PB	PB	PB		PB	PB	PB	
Des Moines		Bans illegal animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, humane society, museum, veterinary hospital, wildlife rescue; Venomous reptiles and constrictors over 6' must be 18 and have degree or training in husbandry and permit with city council		PB	B	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	
Dubuque	1/18/93	Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, circus, carnival, exhibit, vet hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR		PB	B	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	
Dyersville		Bans list of animals with no exception			B	PB	PB	PB					
Eagle Grove													
Elberon		Bans carnivores over 20# and illegal animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, circus, carnival, exhibit, vet hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR		PB	B	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	

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Iowa City	7/15/97	Bans prohibited animals except rehab, vet or circus; Permit for restricted animals		PB	B	B	B	PB; PP	PB; PP	PB; PP	B	B	P
Knoxville		Bans illegal animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, humane society, museum, circus, carnival, exhibit, veterinary hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR; Venomous reptiles and constrictors over 6' must be 18 and have degree or training in husbandry and permit with city council		PB	B	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	
Mason City	3/5/02	Bans bears, large cats and wolves; registration for rest with caging standards		PR	B	PB; PR	PB; PR	PB; PR	PR	R	R	R	
Mount Pleasant	1/10/96	Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, circus, carnival, exhibit, vet hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR, dog shows with special requirements		PB	B	PB	PB	PB		PB	PB	PB	
Mount Vernon													
Nevada		Bans exotic animals except circus, carnival, show or exhibit, vet hospital, DNR		PB	B	PB	PB	PB		PB	B	PB	
Ottumwa	2/4/03	Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, circus, carnival, exhibit, vet hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR, guard dog and shows with special requirements		PB	B	PB	PB	PB		PB	PB	PB	
Pella		Bans dangerous, vicious or wild animal with no exceptions	B										
Pleasant Hill													
Spencer	8/18/08	Bans wild or dangerous animals except retail establishments, zoos, circuses if comply with zoning and no residents within 100' where kept		PB	B	PB	PB	PB			PB		PB
Wahpeton		Bans wild and untamed animals in residential districts	B										
Waterloo	3/3/08	Bans dangerous animals except vet, humane society, DNR, zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, religious practice, circus, carnival, exhibit; Farm animals, constrictors under 6' and certain pocket pets legal if follow zoning		PB	B	B	B	PB; PR		PB	B		R
West Des Moines	6/7/05	Bans dangerous animals except zoo, educational/ medical institution, museum, traveling show, vet hospital, wildlife rescue, DNR		PB	B	B	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB

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