

SECTION 11 – DOGS AND COYOTES THAT ARE A DANGER TO ANIMALS

11.1 Comal County adopts the provisions of 822.011 – 822.013 of the Texas Health and Safety Code regarding dogs and coyotes that are a danger to animals.

11.2 DOGS OR COYOTES THAT ATTACK DOMESTIC ANIMALS:

- a) A dog or coyote that is attacking, is about to attack, or has recently attacked livestock, domestic animals, or fowls may be killed by:
 - 1) any person witnessing the attack; or
 - 2) the attacked animal's owner or a person acting on behalf of the owner or person has knowledge of the attack.
- b) A person who kills a dog or coyote as provided by this section is not liable for damages to the owner, keeper, or person in control of the dog or coyote.
- c) A person who discovers on the person's property a dog or coyote known or suspected of having killed livestock, domestic animals, or fowls may detain or impound the dog or coyote and return it to its owner or deliver the dog or coyote to the Animal Control Office. The owner of the dog or coyote is liable for all costs incurred in the capture and care of the dog or coyote and all damage done by the dog or coyote.
- d) The owner, keeper, or person in control of a dog or coyote that is known to have attacked livestock, domestic animals, or fowls shall control the dog or coyote in a manner approved by the Animal Control Office.
- e) A person is not required to acquire a hunting license under Section 42.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, to kill a dog or coyote under this section.

11.3 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:

- a) The owner of a dog or coyote who permits the animal to run at large in violation of this Order commits an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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- b) Each time a dog or coyote runs at large in violation of this section constitutes a separate offense.