

WCC 55.615- 55.800	Current Language	Amendment Focus
<p><b>New Section WCC 55.615: Quarantine of Biting Animals &amp; Animals Suspected of Rabies</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarifies that it's unlawful to refuse to quarantine/surrender for impoundment for purposes of quarantine a biting animal or animal suspected of rabies which rabies control authority has ordered to be quarantined.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WCC 55.750: Definition of Dangerous Dog</b></p>	<p>One Category= Dangerous</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Behaved menacingly two times in 18 months (without provocation + off owner's premises)</li> <li>2. Killed or inflicted substantial bodily harm upon human (on or off owner's premises)</li> <li>3. Killed or injured domestic animal (without provocation + off owner's premises)</li> </ol> <p>Law enforcement agency can declare dangerous if dog used to commit crime</p>	<p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More closely comply with state law</li> <li>• Ease compliance requirements for dog v. dog interactions that result in mild/moderate injury.</li> </ul> <p><u>Proposal:</u> Two Categories</p> <p><b>Dangerous:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Behaved menacingly two times in 18 months (without provocation + off owner's premises, or not confined in cage,pen, vehicle)</li> <li>2. Seriously injured a domestic animal (without provocation + off owner's premises)</li> <li>3. Bit human being 2 times in 18 months (w/o provocation + off owner's premises)</li> <li>4. Law enforcement agency can declare dangerous if dog used to commit crime</li> </ol> <p><b>Vicious:</b></p>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Killed or inflicted substantial bodily harm upon human (on or off owner’s premises)</li> <li>2. Killed domestic animal (without provocation + off owner’s premises)</li> <li>3. After declared dangerous, dog engaged in further DD behavior</li> </ol>
<b>New Subsection in WCC 55.750: Definitions</b>	N/A	Defining “animal”, “substantial bodily harm” (using NRS), “provocation”
<b>WCC 55.750: Exceptions</b>	Cannot declare dog dangerous “because of a defensive act against a person who was committing or attempting to commit a crime.”	<u>Goal:</u> Added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trespassers= Cannot declare a dog dangerous or vicious due to a person committing willful trespass upon the premises occupied by dog’s owner</li> <li>● Dog is on leash &amp; defending itself from attack by unrestrained animal</li> <li>● Dog is actively working as agricultural guardian on private property or open range, with permission of livestock owner</li> </ul>
<b>WCC 55.750: Exceptions</b>	Dangerous dog provisions do not apply to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Animal shelters</li> <li>● Commercial animal facilities</li> <li>● Rescue/sanctuary animal facilities which have qualified as commercial animal facilities</li> <li>● Licensed vet clinics</li> </ul>	<u>Goal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Change verbiage to “commercial animal establishments” (pet store, kennel, boarding facility)</li> <li>● Rescue/sanctuary facilities that have 501(c)(3)</li> </ul>
<b>WCC 55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: signage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clearly visible warning sign (letters 2 inches high) that dangerous dog on property +</li> </ul>	<u>Goal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Department issued signage</li> </ul>

	sign with warning symbol for children	
<b>WCC 55.760: Dangerous and vicious dog requirements: Enclosure</b>	<p>Kennel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 9 gauge chain link</li> <li>● Posts: concrete footings at least 24 inches deep</li> <li>● Perimeter walls: concrete at least 12 inches deep</li> <li>● Securely fixed roof</li> <li>● Fencing/gates at least 6 feet tall</li> <li>● Sheltered areas inside enclosure</li> <li>● Size/dimensions determined by weight of dog(s)</li> <li>● Gate secured by padlock</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a dwelling is the primary enclosure, WCRAS will inspect for acceptable measures to prevent the dog from escaping and prevent the entry of young children.</li> <li>● If the dog will be outside, unattended for any period of time, the dog shall be secured inside of an approved enclosure. Enclosure requirements are largely the same as previous DD kennel requirements, except: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 1 dog-minimum size is 10x5 feet</li> <li>2) Each additional dog, an additional 5 ft width per dog</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>WCC 55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: surety bond/liability insurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$250,000 surety bond or liability insurance per dangerous dog with WCRAS listed as an additional interest</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Separate requirements for dangerous vs. vicious dog that must be maintained for the life of animal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) \$150,000 for dangerous</li> <li>2) \$250,000 for vicious</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>WCC 55.760: Dangerous dog requirements: deadline for compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days of determination</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gives WCRAS option to extend deadline for compliance by additional 30 days if owner working toward compliance</li> </ul>
<b>WCC 55.760: Relocating a dangerous or vicious dog within Washoe County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days written notice</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u> Clarify requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days -written notice: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Name/description of dog</li> <li>2) Copy of determination order</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

		<p>3) Dog’s current address and proposed new one Submit new application to register the dog at new new address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Impound, if necessary, pending compliance (pay associated fees)</li> </ul>
<p><b>WCC 55.760: Introducing dog declared dangerous or vicious from another jurisdiction into Washoe County</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days -written notice</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days-written notice: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Name and description of dog</li> <li>2) A copy of the order from the other jurisdiction</li> <li>3) The dog’s current address and proposed new one</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>WCC 55.760: Transferring a dangerous or vicious dog outside of Washoe County</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days -written notice</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 30 days-written notice: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Name and description of dog</li> <li>2) A copy of the order, if applicable</li> <li>3) The dog’s current address and proposed new one</li> <li>4) Verification of removal (change of address, proof of license in new jurisdiction, microchip update with new information).</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>New subsection in WCC 55.760: Transferring ownership of a dangerous or pending dangerous dog</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approval by WCRAS</li> <li>● New owner must comply with all dangerous/vicious dog requirements if relocated within WC.</li> </ul>

<p><b>WCC 55.770: Unlawful Acts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Specifies leash/muzzle requirements for owner to take dangerous dog outside enclosure</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Add that at no time may a dangerous/vicious dog be left unattended while off owner/custodian’s premises or outside of enclosure</li> <li>● If taken out of enclosure, it must be restrained by a martingale collar which is securely attached to a lead &lt;6 ft.</li> <li>● Notifications to WCRAS if owner knows dog was at large, has attacked another animal or person or has died.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WCC 55.780: Impoundment of dangerous or vicious dog</b></p>	<p>Dangerous dog immediately impounded when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dog not validly registered</li> <li>● Owner does not secure and maintain surety bond/ insurance policy</li> <li>● Dog outside owner’s dwelling or enclosure &amp; not under required leash/muzzle</li> <li>● Dog attacks animal or person</li> <li>● Dog in violation of this “chapter”</li> </ul> <p>Dog may be impounded pending dangerous dog hearing in interests of public safety</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pending hearing:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) May be impounded for injury to animal;</li> <li>2) Shall be impounded for injury to human</li> <li>3) Costs for boarding will not be charged if dog not ultimately found dangerous/vicious</li> </ol> </li> <li>● <b>Post-determination, if declared:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) If dog is loose outside of approved enclosure</li> <li>2) If dog is re-located within WC or re-introduced from outside jurisdiction and the new address has not been verified to comply with registration req’s</li> <li>3) Failure to turn over dog for impoundment= misdemeanor</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

<p><b>WCC New section 55.785: Euthanasia of vicious dog</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● (1) If AHO declares dog vicious based on WCC 55.750(1)(b)(1) (dog has killed or inflicted SBI upon <u>human</u>), and WCRAS makes the request, AHO has authority to determine if dog should be euthanized.</li> <li>● Includes notice to dog owner &amp; opportunity to respond.</li> <li>● (2) If vicious dog attacks human or another animal through owner's demonstrated intentional, reckless or negligent behavior, WCRAS has the authority to immediately impound the dog &amp; may request court hearing for dog's humane euthanasia.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WCC 55.790: Harboring Vicious Dog</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Criminalizes harboring or transferring ownership of vicious dog</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Repeal, as unnecessary and duplicative of state law.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WCC 55.800: Process</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Process for adjudicating violations of WCC Chapter 55 and assessing penalties</li> </ul>	<p><u>Goal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update to reflect current practice &amp; use of Administrative Hearing Office</li> <li>● Add any exceptions to WCC Chapter 125</li> </ul>