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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to creating the offenses of negligent handling of a dog and reckless handling of a dog, and to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the requirement that dogs be restrained, adding additional offenses and penalties for negligent and reckless handling of dogs, and requiring signage at all parks that dogs must be restrained unless otherwise noted

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 "Penny's law".  
3 § 2. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding five new  
4 sections 123-c, 123-d, 123-e, 123-f, and 123-g to read as follows:  
5 § 123-c. Negligent handling of a dog. 1. A person is guilty of negli-  
6 gent handling of a dog if such person, on three or more occasions,  
7 violates any local law, rule, or regulation regarding the running at  
8 large of a dog outside of designated areas. Records of such violations  
9 shall run with the person handling the dog, regardless of if different  
10 dogs are involved. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, allowing  
11 multiple dogs running at large in violation of a local law, rule, or  
12 regulation at the same time shall be considered one violation.  
13 2. No provision in this section shall apply to law enforcement dogs  
14 when a leash or tether would interfere with the dog's work.  
15 Negligent handling of a dog is a violation.  
16 § 123-d. Reckless handling of a dog in the third degree. 1. A person  
17 is guilty of reckless handling of a dog in the third degree if such

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 person handling a dog allows such dog to injure a person, cat, or other  
2 dog without justification.

3 2. The responding police officer shall provide the victim or owner of  
4 the victimized cat or dog written notice of their right to make a  
5 dangerous dog complaint pursuant to section one hundred twenty-three of  
6 this chapter.

7 3. It shall be an affirmative defense that (a) the handler was in  
8 compliance with all local laws, rules, and regulations for restraining  
9 an animal and the handler of the injured dog or cat was not in compli-  
10 ance with such local laws, rules, and regulations; or (b) the conduct of  
11 the dog was justified under subdivision four of section one hundred  
12 twenty-three of this article.

13 4. The handler of the attacking dog shall be liable for all medical or  
14 veterinary expenses incurred by the victim or victim-owner relating to  
15 the attack.

16 Reckless handling of a dog in the third degree is a violation.

17 § 123-e. Reckless handling of a dog in the second degree. 1. A person  
18 is guilty of reckless handling of a dog in the second degree if such  
19 person handling a dog allows such dog to injure a person, cat, or other  
20 dog, requiring hospitalization or resulting in death, including medical-  
21 ly-recommended humane euthanasia of an animal.

22 2. Any dog implicated in a violation of this section shall be declared  
23 a dangerous dog pursuant to section one hundred twenty-three of this  
24 article.

25 3. It shall be an affirmative defense that (a) the handler was in  
26 compliance with all local laws, rules, and regulations for restraining  
27 an animal and the handler of the injured dog or cat was not in compli-  
28 ance with such local laws, rules, and regulations; or (b) the conduct of  
29 the dog was justified under subdivision four of section one hundred  
30 twenty-three of this article.

31 4. The handler of the attacking dog shall be liable for all medical or  
32 veterinary expenses incurred by the victim or victim-owner relating to  
33 the attack.

34 5. No provision in this section shall apply to law enforcement dogs.

35 Reckless handling of a dog in the second degree is a misdemeanor.

36 § 123-f. Reckless handling of a dog in the first degree. 1. A person  
37 is guilty of reckless handling of a dog in the first degree if such dog  
38 injures or kills a cat or another dog, or injures a person, under the  
39 instruction of such person handling the dog using verbal command, bodily  
40 gesture, or other command without threat of imminent danger.

41 2. Any dog implicated in a violation of this section shall be declared  
42 a dangerous dog pursuant to section one hundred twenty-three of this  
43 article.

44 3. A person who commits reckless handling of a dog in the first degree  
45 shall have any dog under such person's care or residing in such person's  
46 household seized and impounded by the municipality. Such person as well  
47 as any person residing in the same household shall not be eligible for a  
48 dog license.

49 4. The handler of the attacking dog shall be liable for all medical or  
50 veterinary expenses incurred by the victim or victim-owner relating to  
51 the attack.

52 5. No provision in this section shall apply to law enforcement dogs.

53 Reckless handling of a dog in the first degree is a misdemeanor.

54 § 123-g. Leaving the scene of injury to companion animals without  
55 reporting. Any person who commits a violation of section one hundred  
56 twenty-three-d, one hundred twenty-three-e, or one hundred

1 twenty-three-f of this article against a companion animal, as defined by  
2 subdivision five of section three hundred fifty of this chapter, and is  
3 not the custodian of such animal which was injured or killed shall  
4 endeavor to locate the owner or custodian of such animal, or, if such  
5 owner or custodian cannot be located, such person shall inform a police  
6 or peace officer in the vicinity and take any other reasonable and  
7 appropriate action so that the animal may receive necessary attention.  
8 Such person shall promptly report the matter to such owner, custodian,  
9 or officer and give such person's full name and address, including  
10 street, street number, and unit number, if applicable.

11 Leaving the scene of injury to companion animals without reporting is  
12 a violation.

13 § 3. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 123 of the agriculture  
14 and markets law, as amended by section 18 of part T of chapter 59 of the  
15 laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

16 (e) maintenance of a liability insurance policy in an amount deter-  
17 mined by the court [~~, but in no event in excess of one hundred thousand~~  
18 ~~dollars~~] for [~~personal~~] injury or death to a person or companion animal  
19 resulting from an attack by such dangerous dog.

20 § 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 and subdivisions 6, 7, 8,  
21 and 9 of section 123 of the agriculture and markets law, the opening  
22 paragraph of subdivision 2 as amended and such section as renumbered by  
23 section 18 of part T of chapter 59 of the laws of 2010, subdivisions 6  
24 and 9 as amended by chapter 392 of the laws of 2004, and subdivisions 7  
25 and 8 as amended by chapter 526 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 Any person who witnesses an attack or threatened attack, or in the  
28 case of a minor, an adult acting on behalf of such minor, may, and any  
29 dog control officer or police officer as provided in subdivision one of  
30 this section shall, make a complaint under oath or affirmation to any  
31 municipal judge or justice of such attack or threatened attack. There-  
32 upon, the judge or justice shall immediately determine if there is prob-  
33 able cause to believe the dog is a dangerous dog and, if so, shall issue  
34 an order to any dog control officer, peace officer, acting pursuant to  
35 [~~his or her~~] their special duties, or police officer directing such  
36 officer to immediately seize such dog and hold the same pending judicial  
37 determination as provided in this section. Whether or not the judge or  
38 justice finds there is probable cause for such seizure, [~~he or she~~] they  
39 shall, within five days and upon written notice of not less than two  
40 days to the owner of the dog, hold a hearing on the complaint. The peti-  
41 tioner shall have the burden at such hearing to prove the dog is a  
42 "dangerous dog" by clear and convincing evidence. If satisfied that the  
43 dog is a dangerous dog, the judge or justice shall then order neutering  
44 or spaying of the dog at a facility established by or under contract  
45 with the municipality at no cost to the owner before the dog is returned  
46 to the owner, microchipping of the dog, and one or more of the following  
47 as deemed appropriate under the circumstances and as deemed necessary  
48 for the protection of the public:

49 6. The owner of a dog who [~~, through any act or omission, negligently~~  
50 ~~permits his or her dog to bite a person, service dog, guide dog or hear-~~  
51 ~~ing dog causing physical injury~~] commits a violation of section one  
52 hundred twenty-three-d or one hundred twenty-three-g of this article  
53 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed four hundred dollars  
54 in addition to any other applicable penalties.

55 7. The owner of a dog who [~~, through any act or omission, negligently~~  
56 ~~permits his or her dog to bite a person causing serious physical injury~~]

1 commits a violation of section one hundred twenty-three-e of this arti-  
2 cle shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand five  
3 hundred dollars in addition to any other applicable penalties. Any such  
4 penalty may be reduced by any amount which is paid as restitution by the  
5 owner of the dog to the person or persons or the owner of an animal  
6 suffering serious physical injury as compensation for unreimbursed  
7 medical or veterinary expenses, lost earnings and other damages result-  
8 ing from such injury.

9 8. The owner of a dog who [~~through any act or omission, negligently~~  
10 ~~permits his or her dog, which had previously been determined to be~~  
11 ~~dangerous pursuant to this article, to bite a person causing serious~~  
12 ~~physical injury,~~] commits a violation of section one hundred twenty-  
13 three-f of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a  
14 fine of not more than three thousand dollars, or by a period of impri-  
15 sonment not to exceed ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment  
16 in addition to any other applicable penalties. Any such fine may be  
17 reduced by any amount which is paid as restitution by the owner of the  
18 dog to the person or persons or owner of an animal suffering serious  
19 physical injury as compensation for unreimbursed medical or veterinary  
20 expenses, lost earnings and other damages resulting from such injury.

21 9. If any dog, which had previously been determined by a judge or  
22 justice to be a dangerous dog, as defined in section one hundred eight  
23 of this article, shall without justification [~~kill or cause the death of~~  
24 ~~any person who is peaceably conducting himself or herself in any place~~  
25 ~~where he or she may lawfully be~~] violate section one hundred twenty-  
26 three-d, one hundred twenty-three-e, or one hundred twenty-three-f of  
27 this article, regardless of whether such dog escapes without fault of  
28 the owner, the owner shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor in addi-  
29 tion to any other penalties.

30 § 5. Section 123 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by  
31 adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

32 15. (a) In any proceeding brought pursuant to this section, except for  
33 subdivisions eight and nine of this section, the judge or justice may,  
34 in their discretion, suspend the defendant's eligibility to obtain a dog  
35 license, pursuant to section one hundred nine of this article, for a set  
36 or indefinite period of time, and revoke any existing license. Such  
37 eligibility shall be reinstated if such defendant is found not liable or  
38 the case is dismissed.

39 (b) In any proceeding brought pursuant to subdivisions eight or nine  
40 of this section, such defendant and any member of such defendant's  
41 household, while residing in such household, shall be immediately  
42 rendered ineligible for a dog license indefinitely, and any existing  
43 license shall be revoked.

44 (c) Any dog seized pursuant to this subdivision shall be retained by  
45 the municipality and shall not be euthanized or adopted until dispensa-  
46 tion of the proceeding and all appeals, if applicable. Upon dismissal of  
47 the case or upon a judge or justice's order, any dog seized pursuant to  
48 this subdivision shall be returned to its owner upon reinstatement of  
49 such owner's dog license.

50 § 6. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by  
51 adding five new sections 17-349, 17-349-a, 17-349-b, 17-349-c and  
52 17-349-d to read as follows:

53 § 17-349 Negligent handling of a dog. a. A person is guilty of negli-  
54 gent handling of a dog if such person, on three or more occasions,  
55 violates section 17-820 of this title regarding the running at large of  
56 a dog outside of designated areas. Records of such violations shall run

1 with the person handling the dog, regardless of if different dogs are  
2 involved. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, allowing multiple  
3 dogs running at large in violation of a local law, rule, or regulation  
4 at the same time shall be considered one violation.

5 b. No provision in this section shall apply to law enforcement dogs  
6 when a leash or tether would interfere with the dog's work.

7 Negligent handling of a dog is a violation.

8 § 17-349-a Reckless handling of a dog in the third degree. a. A person  
9 is guilty of reckless handling of a dog in the third degree if such  
10 person handling a dog allows such dog to injure a person, cat, or other  
11 dog unless such behavior was excused pursuant to section 17-347 of this  
12 subchapter.

13 b. The responding police officer shall provide the victim or owner of  
14 the victimized cat or dog written notice of their right to make a  
15 dangerous dog complaint pursuant to this title.

16 c. It shall be an affirmative defense that (1) the handler was in  
17 compliance with section 17-820 of this title and the handler of the  
18 injured dog or cat was not in compliance with such section; or (2) the  
19 conduct of the dog was excused behavior under section 17-347 of this  
20 subchapter.

21 d. The handler of the attacking dog shall be liable for all medical or  
22 veterinary expenses incurred by the victim or victim-owner relating to  
23 the attack.

24 Reckless handling of a dog in the third degree is a violation.

25 § 17-349-b Reckless handling of a dog in the second degree. a. A  
26 person is guilty of reckless handling of a dog in the second degree if  
27 such person handling a dog allows such dog to injure a person, cat, or  
28 other dog, requiring hospitalization or resulting in death, including  
29 medically-recommended humane euthanasia of an animal.

30 b. Any dog implicated in a violation of this section shall be declared  
31 a dangerous dog pursuant to this subchapter.

32 c. It shall be an affirmative defense that (1) the handler was in  
33 compliance with section 17-820 of this title relating to restraining an  
34 animal and the handler of the injured dog or cat was not in compliance  
35 with such section; or (2) the conduct of the dog was excused behavior  
36 under section 17-347 of this subchapter.

37 d. The handler of the attacking dog shall be liable for all medical or  
38 veterinary expenses incurred by the victim or victim-owner relating to  
39 the attack.

40 e. No provision in this section shall apply to law enforcement dogs.

41 Reckless handling of a dog in the second degree is a misdemeanor.

42 § 17-349-c Reckless handling of a dog in the first degree. a. A person  
43 is guilty of reckless handling of a dog in the first degree if such dog  
44 injures or kills a cat or another dog, or injures a person under the  
45 instruction of such person handling the dog using verbal command, bodily  
46 gesture, or other command without threat of imminent danger.

47 b. Any dog implicated in a violation of this section shall be declared  
48 a dangerous dog pursuant to this subchapter.

49 c. A person who commits reckless handling of a dog in the first degree  
50 shall have any dog under such person's care or residing in such person's  
51 household seized and impounded by the department or a police officer.  
52 Such person as well as any person residing in the same household shall  
53 not be eligible for a dog license.

54 d. The handler of the attacking dog shall be liable for all medical or  
55 veterinary expenses incurred by the victim or victim-owner relating to  
56 the attack.

1 e. No provision in this section shall apply to law enforcement dogs.  
2 Reckless handling of a dog in the first degree is a misdemeanor.

3 § 17-349-d Leaving the scene of injury to companion animals without  
4 reporting. Any person who commits a violation of section 17-349,  
5 17-349-a, 17-349-b or 17-349-c of this subchapter against a companion  
6 animal, as defined by section 17-802 of this title, and is not the  
7 custodian of such animal which was injured or killed shall endeavor to  
8 locate the owner or custodian of such animal, or, if such owner or  
9 custodian cannot be located, such person shall inform a police or peace  
10 officer in the vicinity and take any other reasonable and appropriate  
11 action so that the animal may receive necessary attention. Such person  
12 shall promptly report the matter to such owner, custodian, or officer  
13 and give such person's full name and address, including street, street  
14 number, and unit number, if applicable.

15 Leaving the scene of injury to companion animals without reporting is  
16 a violation.

17 § 7. Section 17-344 of the administrative code of the city of New  
18 York, as added by local law number 2 of the city of New York for the  
19 year 1991, is amended to read as follows:

20 § 17-344 Humane destruction. The commissioner may order the humane  
21 destruction of any dog that kills or causes severe injury to a human  
22 being or companion animal.

23 § 8. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by  
24 adding a new section 14-167-a to read as follows:

25 § 14-167-a Reports of dog related incidents. An employee of the  
26 department shall prepare a report relating to the facts of an incident  
27 of a dog attack of a human being or companion animal in violation of  
28 section 17-820 of this chapter or any provision of subchapter six of  
29 chapter 3 of title seventeen of this chapter, and shall make a copy of  
30 such report available to an individual named in such report.

31 § 9. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by  
32 adding a new section 17-820 to read as follows:

33 § 17-820 Dogs to be restrained. a. Except as specified in subdivision  
34 b of this section, a person who owns, possesses or controls a dog shall  
35 not permit it to be in any public place or in any open or unfenced area  
36 abutting on a public place unless the dog is effectively restrained by a  
37 leash or other restraint not more than six feet long.

38 b. 1. Dogs within areas and facilities under the jurisdiction and  
39 control of the department of parks and recreation ("DOPR"), or successor  
40 agency, shall be restrained except as otherwise permitted in accordance  
41 with the rules of the DOPR. Such rules shall include provisions that  
42 prohibit unrestrained dogs in unenclosed DOPR controlled areas and  
43 facilities except during a specified range of time, that shall not begin  
44 earlier than nine o'clock pm and not extend past nine o'clock am. Such  
45 rules shall also specify that persons in control of dogs allowed to be  
46 off the leash in such areas and facilities maintain and provide, on  
47 demand, proof of current dog licensure and current rabies vaccination  
48 when dogs are allowed to be off the leash. In addition, DOPR shall make  
49 available to the public, in a manner acceptable to the department,  
50 information concerning rabies vaccination and dog licensure require-  
51 ments, and the specific locations where and times when dogs may be  
52 allowed off the leash in DOPR areas and facilities.

53 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph one of this subdivi-  
54 sion, the department may, based on epidemiologic evidence indicating an  
55 increase in preventable off leash dog bites during off leash hours in  
56 areas open to off leash use, or a risk of zoonotic disease transmission,

1 limit or eliminate the use of or access to specific areas or facilities,  
2 or parts thereof, under DOPR jurisdiction, by unrestrained dogs.

3 c. Notices of violation for failure to comply with subdivision a of  
4 this section may be issued by any authorized employee, officer or agent  
5 of the department, the department of sanitation, the department of parks  
6 and recreation, or successor agencies, or by special patrol officers who  
7 have been delegated such duties by their employers.

8 § 10. Section 17-345 of the administrative code of the city of New  
9 York, as added by local law number 2 of the city of New York for the  
10 year 1991, is amended to read as follows:

11 § 17-345 Determination of a dangerous dog. The commissioner shall  
12 [~~have the authority~~] be responsible to make a determination that a dog  
13 is dangerous, as defined in subdivision [~~(e)~~] c of section 17-342 of  
14 this subchapter, upon the complaint of any person that a dog is danger-  
15 ous. The commissioner shall make such determination after a hearing,  
16 written notice of which shall be given to the complainant and to the  
17 owner of the dog, within fifteen days after seizure when seizure of the  
18 dog has been ordered by the department, where the owner's address can be  
19 reasonably ascertained by the commissioner. The hearing shall be held no  
20 less than ten days nor more than twenty days after such notice is mailed  
21 to the owner of the dog. At such hearing all interested persons shall  
22 have the opportunity to present evidence on the issue of the dog's  
23 dangerousness. In the event that the dog in question has caused severe  
24 injury to any person or companion animal, the commissioner [~~may~~] shall  
25 impound the dog, [~~at the owner's expense~~] and charge reasonable fees to  
26 the owner, pending the hearing and determination of the complaint. If,  
27 after the hearing, the commissioner determines that the dog is danger-  
28 ous, [~~he or she~~] the commissioner may order the owner to comply with one  
29 or more of the following requirements, in any combination thereof:

30 a. Registration. The commissioner may order the owner of a dangerous  
31 dog to register such dog with the department. The application for such  
32 registration shall contain the name and address of the owner, the breed,  
33 age, sex, color, and any other identifying marks of the dog, the  
34 location where the dog is to be kept if not at the address of the owner  
35 and any other information which the commissioner may require. The appli-  
36 cation for registration pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied  
37 by a registration fee of twenty-five dollars. Each dog registered pursu-  
38 ant hereto shall be assigned an official registration number by the  
39 department. Such registration number shall be inscribed on a metal tag  
40 which shall be attached to the dog's collar at all times. The tag and a  
41 certificate of registration shall be of such form and design and shall  
42 contain such information as the commissioner shall prescribe and shall  
43 be issued to the owner upon payment of the registration fee and the  
44 presentment of sufficient evidence that the owner has complied with all  
45 of the orders of the commissioner as prescribed at the determination  
46 hearing.

47 a-1. Upon a determination of a dangerous dog the commissioner shall  
48 provide notice through electronic and written means to the council  
49 member, the state senator, the member of the assembly, and the community  
50 board that represents the respective district in which the owner of the  
51 dangerous dog resides, as well as any in which the dangerous dog is  
52 known to frequent. Such notification shall contain specific information  
53 to permit the public to identify the owner and the dog determined to be  
54 dangerous, including photographs and any information which would distin-  
55 guish the dangerous dog and/or its owner.

1 b. Muzzling or confinement. The commissioner may order the owner of a  
2 dangerous dog to muzzle the dog or confine the dog, at all times,  
3 indoors or in a proper enclosure for a dangerous dog which shall consist  
4 of a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent  
5 the entry of young children, or any part of their bodies or other  
6 foreign objects, and designed to prevent the animal from escaping. Such  
7 pen or structure shall have secure sides and prevent the dog from  
8 digging [~~his~~] their way out through the bottom. The pen or structure  
9 shall also provide the dog with protection from the elements. The owner  
10 shall also conspicuously display a sign designed with a warning symbol  
11 approved by the commissioner which indicates to both children and adults  
12 the presence of a dangerous dog, on the pen or structure and on or near  
13 the entrance to the residence where the dog is kept. At any time that  
14 the dog is not confined as required herein, the dog shall be muzzled in  
15 such a manner as to prevent it from biting or injuring any person, and  
16 kept on a leash no longer than six feet with the owner or some other  
17 responsible person attending such dog.

18 c. Liability insurance. The commissioner may order the owner of a  
19 dangerous dog to maintain, in full force and effect, a liability insur-  
20 ance policy [~~of one hundred thousand dollars~~] for [~~personal~~] injury or  
21 death of any person or companion animal, resulting from an attack of  
22 such dangerous dog.

23 d. Humane destruction. The commissioner may order the humane  
24 destruction of any dog that kills or causes severe injury to a human  
25 being, based upon the severity of the injury and the circumstances of  
26 the injury.

27 e. Other remedies. The commissioner may order (i) that the dog be  
28 permanently removed from the city; [~~or~~] (ii) that the owner and the dog  
29 complete a course of obedience and/or anti-bite training approved by the  
30 commissioner; or (iii) that custody of the dog be transferred to another  
31 individual, including an individual who resides in another jurisdiction,  
32 upon the consent of such individual. Where an owner of a dangerous dog  
33 owns more than one dog, the commissioner may order that custody of such  
34 dogs may be transferred to separate individuals.

35 In the event that the owner or keeper of the dangerous dog is a minor,  
36 the parent or guardian or such minor shall be liable for all injuries  
37 and property damage sustained by any person or domestic animal caused by  
38 an unprovoked attack by such dangerous dog.

39 § 11. Subdivision a of section 17-346 of the administrative code of  
40 the city of New York, as added by local law number 2 of the city of New  
41 York for the year 1991, is amended to read as follows:

42 a. In the event that the owner of a dangerous dog violates any order  
43 of the commissioner as prescribed at the determination hearing, such  
44 owner's dog [~~may~~] shall be confiscated and impounded by the proper  
45 authorities [~~upon the order of the commissioner~~]. In addition, any dog  
46 determined to be dangerous shall be immediately confiscated by the prop-  
47 er authorities if the dog bites or attacks a human being or companion  
48 animal and causes injury, or if the dog, at the sufferance of its owner,  
49 is engaged in or apparently engaged in a dog fight contest or is prox-  
50 imately near the area in which such a contest is being conducted.

51 § 12. Section 17-351 of the administrative code of the city of New  
52 York, as added by local law number 2 of the city of New York for the  
53 year 1991, is amended to read as follows:

54 § 17-351 Enforcement. Authorized officers, veterinarians and employees  
55 of the department, and of the police department, and any other persons  
56 designated by the commissioner, shall be empowered to enforce the

1 provisions of this subchapter or any rule or regulation promulgated  
2 hereunder. Employees of the police department shall accept a criminal  
3 complaint of a violation of this subchapter and assist in the filing of  
4 a dangerous dog complaint.

5 § 13. Subdivision a of section 14-182 of the administrative code of  
6 the city of New York, as added by local law number 205 of the city of  
7 New York for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. For the purposes of this section, the term "animal cruelty" means a  
9 violation of sections 17-197 [~~ex~~], 17-330, 17-349, 17-349-a, 17-349-b,  
10 17-349-c or 17-349-d of this code or of any of the provisions of article  
11 [~~26~~] twenty-six of the agriculture and markets law.

12 § 14. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by  
13 adding a new section 18-166 to read as follows:

14 § 18-166 Requiring signage to keep dogs restrained. a. The department  
15 shall place at all entrances to all parks operated by or under the  
16 jurisdiction of the department, including those for which the department  
17 has an agreement with a conservancy or other not-for-profit organization  
18 with respect to operation of any aspect of a playground a sign reading,  
19 "No Dogs Off Leash Anywhere in the Park At Any Time Unless Otherwise  
20 Noted. Violators may be subject to fine or arrest."

21 b. Such signs shall be placed at all entrances of all parks where  
22 presently there is not a sign requiring dogs to be restrained at all  
23 entrances. Such signs shall also be placed at the entrances to all other  
24 parks upon replacement of a sign requiring dogs to be restrained in any  
25 such park. All signs shall be securely affixed at such entrances. All  
26 signs shall be in English and, where appropriate, additional languages.  
27 For purposes of this section, "securely affixed" shall mean that at a  
28 minimum the signs shall be tethered to not less than two stationary  
29 fixtures.

30 c. There shall be at least one sign at any unenclosed, unpaved park  
31 space that is one tenth of an acre in area or larger stating  
32 restrictions on off leash dogs, including any hours that dogs are  
33 permitted off leash, and include information for reporting an off leash  
34 dog. Such a sign shall also be displayed at the head of any unpaved  
35 trail leading to an unenclosed space. Any unenclosed, unpaved area one  
36 half of an acre in area or larger must have at least one sign for every  
37 one half of an acre, spaced at least ten feet apart. Any enclosed area  
38 designated as a dog run shall display a sign at each entrance noting off  
39 leash hours.

40 § 15. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause,  
41 phrase or other portion of this local law is, for any reason, declared  
42 unconstitutional or invalid, in whole or in part, by any court of compe-  
43 tent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed severable, and such  
44 unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the  
45 remaining portions of this law, which remaining portions shall continue  
46 in full force and effect.

47 § 16. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
48 have become a law; provided, however, that section fourteen of this act  
49 shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.