

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0829
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Welch, D’Adamo, Clarke, Spector, Conaway, Middleton, Kraft
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Assigned to: Urban Affairs and Aging Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Baltimore Animal
Rescue and Care Shelter, Inc. (BARCS)

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Dangerous Animals – Required Restraints**

3 FOR the purpose of strengthening the restraint requirements for dangerous animals; and generally
4 relating to animal control and protection.

5 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

6 Article - Health
7 Section(s) 10-101(i)
8 Baltimore City Revised Code
9 (Edition 2000)

10 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

11 Article - Health
12 Section(s) 10-602
13 Baltimore City Revised Code
14 (Edition 2000)

15 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
16 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

17 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

18 **Article – Health**

19
20 **Title 10. Animal Control and Protection**

21 ***Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions***

22 **§ 10-101. Definitions.**

23 (i) *Dangerous animal.*

24 “Dangerous animal” means any animal that:

25 (1) has bitten or attacked a human being or another animal without provocation; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) presents a physical threat to human beings or to other animals due to a disposition
2 or propensity to cause injury or to behave in a way that could reasonably be
3 expected to cause injury, regardless of whether its behavior is hostile.

4 ***Subtitle 6. Wild and Dangerous Animals***

5 **§ 10-602. Dangerous animals.**

6 (a) *Restraints required.*

7 (1) Every dangerous animal must be:

8 (i) [(1) confined] MAINTAINED in a [building or] secure enclosure ON THE
9 PREMISES OF ITS OWNER OR KEEPER; and

10 (ii) [(2)] whenever [off the premises of its owner or keeper] OUTSIDE OF THE
11 ENCLOSURE:

12 (A) [(i)] securely caged; or

13 (B) [(ii)] muzzled and leashed.

14 (2) THE ENCLOSURE REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1)(i) OF THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE:

15 (I) AT LEAST 4' WIDE, 6' LONG, AND 4' TALL;

16 (II) CONSTRUCTED OF WIRE MESH FENCING ON A CONCRETE BASE;

17 (III) TOPPED WITH A ROOF THAT IS ANCHORED TO THE FRAME;

18 (IV) ATTACHED TO STEEL POLES ON ALL SIDES, INCLUDING THE ROOF; AND

19 (V) KEPT LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

20 (b) *Keeping for display prohibited.*

21 (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no person may keep or allow
22 to be kept on that person's premises any dangerous animal for display or exhibition
23 purposes, whether a fee is charged or not.

24 (2) This subsection does not apply to any animal show or zoological park licensed under
25 this title.

26 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
27 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
28 Ordinance.

29 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
30 after the date it is enacted.