



## Animals

### *Do you know about Altavista's rules on Animals?*

- Owners shall not allow animals in Town to:
  - Attack passersby, passing vehicles, other animals, or interfere with traffic
  - Trespass on school grounds or interfere with school activities
  - Damage private or public property
  - Cause loud noises or foul odors that affects surrounding properties
  - Run at large throughout Town
- It shall be unlawful for any person to own an animal that is a public nuisance within the boundaries of the town.
- If an animal disturbs any person, and the Police Department receives a complaint from such person, the department shall serve the owner notice of the complaint. Upon the receipt of the second and third complaints within a period of 60 days, the owner shall be served with similar notices, the third notice stating that the offending animal appears to constitute a public nuisance and is subject to abatement.
- If the owner does not abate the nuisance by the given deadline, or if the owner disputes the existence of a nuisance, they shall be offered a hearing before Town Council.
- Failure to abate the nuisance by the deadline given by Town Council shall result in abatement by Town officials in accordance with [§ 34-32](#).
- Any unpaid charges or fees shall be applied as a lien against the property owner.

*For more info, please refer to [§ 34-33](#) of the Altavista Town Code.*

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To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:



Town of Altavista Police Department

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