

# Prince George's County Statute. Subtitle 3. Animal Control

## Animals: Domesticated and Wild

Def. (11) “ <b>Animal</b> shall mean every non-human species of animal, both <i>domesticated</i> and <i>wild</i> , ... “ Def. (77) “ <b>Wild animal</b> means any animal which is not included in the definition of ‘ <i>domesticated animal</i> ’ ... ”	Every non-human species		
	Domesticated	Wild	
Common Law Ownership	Personal Property Rights	Owned by “The State”.	
Def. (43) “ <b>Feral</b> shall mean animals existing in the wild or untamed state, i.e., <i>wild</i> . ”		Feral	Other
Def. (33) “ <b>Companion animal</b> shall mean any <i>domestic</i> or <i>feral</i> dog, <i>domestic</i> or <i>feral</i> cat, ... exotic or native animal, reptile, exotic or native bird, ... ”	Domestic dogs Domestic cats	Feral dogs Feral cats	Exotic or native animal or bird, reptile
Def. (27) “ <b>Cat</b> shall mean <i>domesticated</i> felines. The term ‘cat’ shall <b>not</b> include <i>wild</i> or exotic felines.”	Term applies to domestic cats only	(Not Applicable)	
Def. (38) “ <b>Dog</b> shall mean any member of the <i>domesticated</i> canine species, ... ”	Term applies to domestic dogs only	(Not Applicable)	
Def. (72) “ <b>Stray</b> shall mean any animal found roaming, ... off the property of its <i>owner</i> ... ”	Applies	Not Applicable (Owned by “The State”)	
Def. (12) “ <b>Animal at large</b> shall mean an animal not under restraint and off the premises of its <i>owner</i> . ”	Applies	Not Applicable (Owned by “The State”)	
Def. (50) “ <b>Keeping or harboring</b> shall mean the act of ... feeding or sheltering ... any <i>domesticated animal</i> ... ”	Applies	(Not Applicable)	
Sec. 3-145 (a) “A ferret, dog, or <i>cat</i> ... shall be licensed by the <i>owner</i> ... ”	Domestic cats only (see Def. 27)	Not Applicable (Owned by “The State”)	
Sec. 3-186 (a) “No person shall <i>own</i> or harbor a ferret, dog, or <i>cat</i> ... without a valid rabies vaccination.”	Domestic cats only (see Def. 27)	Not Applicable (Owned by “The State”)	

