



Compendium of U.S. Animal Protection Laws

Oregon



SUBSTANTIVE PROHIBITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Definition of “animal”
2. General Cruelty
3. Animal Fighting
4. Sexual Assault
5. Cruelty to Working Animals
6. Laws Specific to Farmed Animals
7. Cruel Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing

REPORTING LAWS

8. Cross Reporting
9. Veterinary Reporting
10. “Ag-Gag” Laws

CIVIL AND CIVILIAN INTERVENTION

11. Emergency Rescue and Relief
12. Civil Enforcement
13. Domestic Relations

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERVENTION

14. Maximum Penalties and Statute of Limitations
15. Law Enforcement Policies
16. Seizure
17. Courtroom Animal Advocate Program
18. Restitution and Reimbursement
19. Forfeiture and Possession Bans
20. Rehabilitative Sentencing

This chapter contains Oregon’s general animal protection and related statutes with an effective date on or before September 1, 2025. It begins with a detailed overview of the provisions contained in these laws, followed by the full text of the statutes themselves. The various provisions are organized into categories with the relevant part of each statute italicized.

Oregon may employ similar provisions within other non-animal-specific criminal and civil statutes, may have other more specific statutes in addition to those included, and may have a variety of animal-related regulations in effect. Because the law is continually evolving, always review an official source for the most current language of any statute.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

Oregon Laws

SUBSTANTIVE PROHIBITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Definition of "Animal"	<p>"[A]ny nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or fish." OR. REV. STAT. § 167.310(3)</p>
2. General Cruelty	<p>Threatening to unlawfully cause physical injury to an animal, to induce a person to abstain or engage in certain conduct. OR. REV. STAT. § 163.275 <i>Coercion and Class C felony</i></p> <p>Legislative findings and declarations. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.305</p> <p>Definitions. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.310</p> <p>Animal abuse in the second degree. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.315 <i>Class B misdemeanor</i></p> <p>Animal abuse in the first degree. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.320 <i>Class A misdemeanor or Class C felony</i></p> <p>Aggravated animal abuse in the first degree. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.322 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Animal neglect in the second degree. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.325 <i>Class A misdemeanor or Class C felony</i></p> <p>Animal neglect in the first degree. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.330 <i>Class A misdemeanor or Class C felony</i></p> <p>Animal abandonment. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.340 <i>Class B misdemeanor</i></p>

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

Unlawful tethering.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.343

Class B misdemeanor

Encouraging animal abuse.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.349

Class C misdemeanor

Violation of standard of care for breeding dogs.

OR. REV. STAT. §§ 167.374, 167.376

Class B misdemeanor

Exemptions:

Accepted farm animal husbandry practices.

OR. REV. STAT. §§ 167.315(2), 167.320(2), 167.332(3)

Veterinary practice, research animals, lawful hunting, accepted farm animal husbandry practices, slaughter, pest control, rodeos, other.

Exemption provisions do not protect acts that are committed with gross negligence.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.335

Hunting, activity that requires state licensure, transportation, other.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.343

3. Animal Fighting

NOTE: Statutes pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of animals used in animal fights may be found in those respective sections of this document.

Involvement in animal fighting.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.355

Class C felony

Dogfighting definitions.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.360

Dogfighting.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.365

Class C felony

Participation in dogfighting.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.370

Class C felony

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

	<p>Possessing dogfighting paraphernalia. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.372 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Cockfighting definitions. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.426</p> <p>Cockfighting. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.428 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Participation in cockfighting. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.431 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Forcible recovery of a fighting bird. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.439 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Animal fighting violations are qualifying offenses under state RICO laws. OR. REV. STAT. § 166.715</p>
<p>4. Sexual Assault</p>	<p>NOTE: <i>Statute permitting psychiatric/psychological evaluation for an individual who is convicted of sexually assaulting an animal is available in the Rehabilitative Sentencing section of this document.</i></p> <p>Sexually assaulting an animal is a sex crime, and individuals who are convicted of it are labeled as ‘sex offenders.’ OR. REV. STAT. § 163A.005(5)(s),(6)</p> <p>Sexually assaulting an animal. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.333 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Encouraging sexual assault of an animal is a misdemeanor. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.341</p>
<p>5. Cruelty to Working Animals</p>	<p>Definitions. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.310</p>

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

	<p>Assaulting a law enforcement animal. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.339 <i>Class C felony</i></p> <p>Interfering with an assistance, search and rescue, or therapy animal. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.352 <i>Class A misdemeanor</i></p>
<p>6. Laws Specific to Farmed Animals</p>	<p>Trading in nonambulatory livestock. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.351 <i>Class A misdemeanor</i></p> <p>Exemptions: Delivery to, or acceptance by, a licensed veterinarian for the purpose of humane euthanasia. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.351(2)</p> <p>Horse tripping. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.383 <i>Class B misdemeanor</i></p> <p>Exemptions: A person who trips an equine for the purpose of allowing veterinary care for the equine. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.383(3)</p>
<p>7. Cruel Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing</p>	<p>Penalties. OR. REV. STAT. § 496.992</p> <p>Protection of wildlife as state property; taking wildlife is subject to state law or rules. OR. REV. STAT. § 498.002</p> <p>Unlawful actions toward wildlife. OR. REV. STAT. § 498.006</p> <p>Unlawful to make toxic substances available to wildlife. OR. REV. STAT. § 498.046</p> <p>Control or taking of wildlife by cyanide device. OR. REV. STAT. § 498.048</p>

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

Unlawful to use live birds for competitive shooting.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.112

Unlawful to take black bears or cougars, using dogs or bait.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.164

Trap check requirements.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.172

Unlawful to use electricity or foreign substances to take game fish.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.208

REPORTING LAWS

8. Cross Reporting

Certain professionals may report suspected or imminent aggravated animal cruelty and are immune from civil liability or exertion of professional privilege.

OR. REV. STAT. § 40.252

Animal control officers are public or private officials who must report suspected child abuse.

OR. REV. STAT. §§ 419B.005, 419B.010

Certain public and private officials may report suspected aggravated animal abuse and are immune from civil and criminal liability for such reporting that is done in good faith.

OR. REV. STAT. § 609.654

Regulated social workers may report animal abuse or neglect, and are immune from civil and criminal liability for such reporting that is done in good faith.

OR. REV. STAT. § 609.656

9. Veterinary Reporting

The Legislature finds that a direct link exists between animal abuse and human abuse, and that it is in the public interest to require mandatory veterinarian reporting of aggravated animal abuse.

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.442

Veterinarians may report suspected mistreatment of any animal to peace officers, animal control officers, or officers of private organizations that are devoted to humane treatment of animals; veterinarians are immune from civil and criminal liability by reason of making such a report.

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.445

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 686.450</p> <p>A veterinarian who has reasonable cause to believe an animal has suffered aggravated animal abuse shall immediately report the suspected abuse to a law enforcement agency.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 686.455</p> <p>A veterinarian who acts in good faith and has reasonable grounds for making a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse is immune from civil and criminal liability as a result of making such a report.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 686.465</p> <p>Failure of a veterinarian to report suspected aggravated animal abuse is a Class A violation.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 686.990</p>
10. “Ag-Gag” Laws	[None]
CIVIL AND CIVILIAN INTERVENTION	
11. Emergency Rescue and Relief	<p>A civilian may, under certain circumstances, remove a domestic animal who is left unattended in a motor vehicle, without being subject to criminal and civil liability.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 30.813</p> <p>With probable cause to believe an animal is subjected to mistreatment, peace officers, after obtaining a warrant or in any other manner authorized by law, may enter a motor vehicle and impound the animal.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345</p>
12. Civil Enforcement	<p>Animal cruelty is an abatable nuisance.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 105.597</p>
13. Domestic Relations	<p>The court may order relief that is necessary to protect companion/service/therapy animals, but not any animal who is kept for an economic purpose.</p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. § 107.718(1)(h)(B)</p>
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERVENTION	
14. Maximum Penalties and Statute of Limitations	<p>Class C misdemeanor.</p> <p><i>30 days imprisonment and/or \$1,250 fine</i></p> <p>OR. REV. STAT. §§ 161.615(3), 161.635(1)</p>

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

Class B misdemeanor.
6 months imprisonment and/or \$2,500 fine
 OR. REV. STAT. §§ 161.615(2), 161.635(1)(b)

Class A misdemeanor.
365 days imprisonment and/or \$6,250 fine
 OR. REV. STAT. §§ 161.615(1), 161.635(1)(a)

Class C felony.
5 years imprisonment and/or \$125,000 fine
 OR. REV. STAT. §§ 161.605(3), 161.625(1)(d)

Statute of limitations.
Misdemeanor: 2 years
Felony: 3 years
 OR. REV. STAT. § 131.125

The Governor may appoint special state agents, to collect evidence and to affect the apprehension and conviction of criminals.
 OR. REV. STAT. § 131.805

Humane special agents are included in the definition of ‘peace officers’ and have the same powers as other peace officers.
 OR. REV. STAT. § 133.005(3)

Any person who is violating the animal protection laws may be arrested and held without a warrant; the person making the arrest shall use reasonable diligence to notify any owners of animals who are found in the charge of the person who is arrested and shall properly care for them; any peace officer who cares for such animals is immune from civil and criminal liability.
 OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377

Peace officers have a duty to arrest and prosecute any person who is violating the animal protection laws.
 OR. REV. STAT. § 133.379

A peace officer may enter premises, under a search warrant or in any lawful manner, where animals are being mistreated, and provide them with necessary sustenance and aid and may impound them; the officer is not liable for damages for their entry unless they cause the damage by unnecessary actions that were intentional or reckless.
 OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345

**15. Law
 Enforcement
 Policies**

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

	<p>Appointment of humane special officers. OR. REV. STAT. § 181A.340</p> <p>A law enforcement agency that receives a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse from a veterinarian or public or private official shall investigate and process the case. OR. REV. STAT. § 686.460</p>
<p>16. Seizure</p>	<p>Animals, who are within the possession or charge of a person who is arrested for violating animal protection laws, may be impounded. OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377(1),(2)</p> <p>A peace officer, after obtaining a search warrant or in any other lawful manner, may impound an animal if they have probable cause to believe mistreatment of the animal is occurring. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345</p> <p>Seizure of an alleged fighting bird. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.433</p> <p>Constructive possession of a bird by a peace officer. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.437</p>
<p>17. Courtroom Animal Advocate Program</p>	<p>[None]</p>
<p>18. Restitution and Reimbursement</p>	<p>A person or governmental agency that transports, pastures, feeds, cares for, or provides treatment to an impounded animal has a lien on the animal and may retain possession of the animal until the lien is satisfied. OR. REV. STAT. § 87.159(1)</p> <p>Any person who has an ownership interest in an impounded animal may file a written petition for a hearing before the circuit court. OR. REV. STAT. § 87.159(2)</p> <p>When animals, who are within the possession of a person who is arrested for violating animal protection laws, are impounded, the person making the arrest shall have a lien upon the animals for their costs of care. OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377(3)</p>

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

	<p>The court may require the defendant to post a security bond for the costs of care of their seized animal(s), from impoundment to the date of trial, which may be used for actual reasonable costs of care. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.347(3),(4),(5)</p> <p>Upon conviction, the court may order the defendant to repay all reasonable costs of care for the seized animals who were involved in the case. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.350(1),(3)</p>
<p>19. Forfeiture and Possession Bans</p>	<p>A person who is wconvicted of a misdemeanor violation of the animal protection laws may not possess or reside with a domestic animal, or any animal of the same genus, for five years; or for fifteen years following a felony conviction. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.332(1)</p> <p>Violating a possession ban is a Class C misdemeanor and may result in the removal of the animal. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.332(2)</p> <p>Procedure for pre-conviction forfeiture. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.347</p> <p>Placement of a forfeited animal. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.348</p> <p>Permissive post-conviction forfeiture. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.350</p> <p>Mandatory post-conviction forfeiture in cockfighting cases. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.435</p>
<p>20. Rehabilitative Sentencing</p>	<p>The court may order a psychiatric or psychological evaluation for the defendant, if the defendant is convicted of sexual assault of an animal(s). OR. REV. STAT. § 167.334</p> <p>The court may order participation in counseling or cruelty prevention programs at the defendant's expense. OR. REV. STAT. § 167.350(4)</p> <p>The court may order psychological counseling for a juvenile who is convicted of committing animal cruelty. OR. REV. STAT. § 419C.441</p>

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

1. DEFINITION OF “ANIMAL”

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.310. Definitions.

As used in ORS 167.310 to 167.351:

- (1) “Adequate bedding” means bedding of sufficient quantity and quality to permit a domestic animal to remain dry and reasonably clean and maintain a normal body temperature.
- (2)
 - (a) “Adequate shelter” includes a barn, doghouse or other enclosed structure sufficient to protect a domestic animal from wind, rain, snow or sun, that has adequate bedding to protect against cold and dampness and that is maintained to protect the domestic animal from weather and physical injury.
 - (b) “Adequate shelter” does not include:
 - (A) Crawl spaces under buildings or parts of buildings, such as steps, decks, or stoops;
 - (B) The space under a vehicle;
 - (C) The inside of a vehicle if the domestic animal is kept in the vehicle in a manner or for a length of time that is likely to be detrimental to the domestic animal’s health or safety;
 - (D) Shelters made from cardboards or other materials that are easily degraded by the elements;
 - (E) Animal carriers or crates that are designed to provide temporary housing;
 - (F) Shelters with wire or chain-link floors, unless the domestic animal is a bird; or
 - (G) Shelters surrounded by waste, debris, obstructions or impediments that could adversely affect an animal’s health.
- (3) “Animal” means any nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or fish.
- (4) “Domestic animal” means an animal, other than livestock or equines, that is owned or possessed by a person.
- (5) “Equine” means a horse, pony, donkey, mule, hinny, zebra or a hybrid of any of these animals.
- (6) “Good animal husbandry” includes, but is not limited to, the dehorning of cattle, the docking of horses, sheep or swine, and the castration or neutering of livestock, according to accepted practices of veterinary medicine or animal husbandry.
- (7) “Law enforcement animal” means a dog or horse used in law enforcement work under the control of a corrections officer, parole and probation officer, police officer or youth correction officer, as those terms are defined in ORS 181.610, who has successfully completed at least 360 hours of training in the care and use of a law enforcement animal, or who has passed the demonstration of minimum standards established by the Oregon Police Canine Association or other accredited and recognized animal handling organization.
- (8)
 - (a) “Livestock,” except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, has the meaning provided in ORS 609.125.
 - (b) “Livestock” does not include psittacines.
- (9) “Maliciously” means intentionally acting with depravity of mind and reckless and wanton disregard of

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

life.

- (10) “Minimum care” means care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner, includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:
- (a) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight.
 - (b) Open or adequate access to potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal’s needs. Access to snow or ice is not adequate access to potable water.
 - (c) For a domestic animal other than a dog engaged in herding or protecting livestock, access to adequate shelter.
 - (d) Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease.
 - (e) For a domestic animal, continuous access to an area:
 - (A) With adequate space for exercise necessary for the health of the animal;
 - (B) With air temperature suitable for the animal; and
 - (C) Kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animal’s health.
 - (f) For a livestock animal that cannot walk or stand without assistance:
 - (A) Humane euthanasia; or
 - (B) The provision of immediate and ongoing care to restore the animal to an ambulatory state.
- (11) “Physical injury” means physical trauma, impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.
- (12) “Physical trauma” means fractures, cuts, punctures, bruises, burns or other wounds.
- (13) “Possess” has the meaning provided in ORS 161.015.
- (14) “Serious physical injury” means physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a limb or bodily organ.
- (15)
- (a) “Tethering” means to restrain a domestic animal by tying the domestic animal to any object or structure by any means.
 - (b) “Tethering” does not include using a handheld leash for the purpose of walking a domestic animal.
- (16) “Torture” means an action taken for the primary purpose of inflicting pain.
- (17) “Visual recording” includes, but is not limited to, photographs, films, videotapes and computer and other digital pictures, regardless of the manner in which the recording is stored.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

2. GENERAL CRUELTY

OR. REV. STAT. § 163.275. Coercion.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of coercion when the person compels or induces another person to engage in conduct from which the other person has a legal right to abstain, or to abstain from engaging in conduct in which the other person has a legal right to engage, by means of instilling in the other person a fear that, if the other person refrains from the conduct compelled or induced or engages in conduct contrary to the compulsion or inducement, the actor or another will:*
- (a) Unlawfully cause physical injury to some person;
 - (b) *Unlawfully cause physical injury to some animal;*
 - (c) Unlawfully cause damage to property;
 - (d) Engage in conduct constituting a crime;
 - (e) Falsely accuse some person of a crime or cause criminal charges to be instituted against the person;
 - (f) Cause or continue a strike, boycott or other collective action injurious to some person's business, except that such a threat is not deemed coercive when the act or omission compelled is for the benefit of the group in whose interest the actor purports to act;
 - (g) Testify falsely or provide false information or withhold testimony or information with respect to another's legal claim or defense; or
 - (h) Unlawfully use or abuse the person's position as a public servant by performing some act within or related to official duties, or by failing or refusing to perform an official duty, in such manner as to affect some person adversely.
- (2) *Coercion is a Class C felony.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.305. Legislative findings and declarations.

The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:

- (1) *Animals are sentient beings capable of experiencing pain, stress and fear;*
- (2) *Animals should be cared for in ways that minimize pain, stress, fear and suffering;*
- (3) *The suffering of animals can be mitigated by expediting the disposition of abused animals that would otherwise languish in cages while their defendant owners await trial;*
- (4) *The suffering of animals at the hands of unlicensed animal rescue organizations that are unable to provide sufficient food and care for the animals can be reduced by requiring such organizations to comply with regulations;*
- (5) *The State of Oregon has an interest in facilitating the mitigation of costs of care incurred by a government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person that provides treatment for impounded animals;*
- (6) *A government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person that provides care and treatment for impounded or seized animals:*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (a) *Has an interest in mitigating the costs of the care and treatment in order to ensure the swift and thorough rehabilitation of the animals; and*
- (b) *May mitigate the costs of the care and treatment through funding that is separate from, and in addition to, any recovery of reasonable costs that a court orders a defendant to pay while a forfeiture proceeding is pending or subsequent to a conviction;*
- (7) *Use of preconviction civil remedies is not an affront to the presumption of innocence; and*
- (8) *Amendments to current law are needed to ensure that interested parties are afforded adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard and thus cannot unduly delay or impede animal lien foreclosure and preconviction forfeiture processes through unfounded due process claims.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.310. Definitions.

As used in ORS 167.310 to 167.351:

- (1) *“Adequate bedding” means bedding of sufficient quantity and quality to permit a domestic animal to remain dry and reasonably clean and maintain a normal body temperature.*
- (2)
 - (a) *“Adequate shelter” includes a barn, doghouse or other enclosed structure sufficient to protect a domestic animal from wind, rain, snow or sun, that has adequate bedding to protect against cold and dampness and that is maintained to protect the domestic animal from weather and physical injury.*
 - (b) *“Adequate shelter” does not include:*
 - (A) *Crawl spaces under buildings or parts of buildings, such as steps, decks or stoops;*
 - (B) *The space under a vehicle;*
 - (C) *The inside of a vehicle if the domestic animal is kept in the vehicle in a manner or for a length of time that is likely to be detrimental to the domestic animal's health or safety;*
 - (D) *Shelters made from cardboard or other materials that are easily degraded by the elements;*
 - (E) *Animal carriers or crates that are designed to provide temporary housing;*
 - (F) *Shelters with wire or chain-link floors, unless the domestic animal is a bird; or*
 - (G) *Shelters surrounded by waste, debris, obstructions or impediments that could adversely affect an animal's health.*
- (3) *“Animal” means any nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or fish.*
- (4) *“Domestic animal” means an animal, other than livestock or equines, that is owned or possessed by a person.*
- (5) *“Equine” means a horse, pony, donkey, mule, hinny, zebra or a hybrid of any of these animals.*
- (6) *“Good animal husbandry” includes, but is not limited to, the dehorning of cattle, the docking of horses, sheep or swine, and the castration or neutering of livestock, according to accepted practices of veterinary medicine or animal husbandry.*
- (7) *“Law enforcement animal” means a dog or horse used in law enforcement work under the control of a corrections officer, parole and probation officer, police officer or youth correction officer, as those terms are defined in ORS 181A.355, who has successfully completed at least 360 hours of training in the care and use of a law enforcement animal, or who has passed the demonstration of minimum standards*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

established by the Oregon Police Canine Association or other accredited and recognized animal handling organization.

(8)

(a) "Livestock," except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, has the meaning provided in ORS 609.125.

(b) "Livestock" does not include psittacines.

(9) *"Minimum care" means care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner, includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:*

(a) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight.

(b) Open or adequate access to potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs. Access to snow or ice is not adequate access to potable water.

(c) For a domestic animal other than a dog engaged in herding or protecting livestock, access to adequate shelter.

(d) Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease.

(e) For a domestic animal, continuous access to an area:

(A) With adequate space for exercise necessary for the health of the animal;

(B) With air temperature suitable for the animal; and

(C) Kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animal's health.

(f) For a livestock animal that cannot walk or stand without assistance:

(A) Humane euthanasia; or

(B) The provision of immediate and ongoing care to restore the animal to an ambulatory state.

(10) *"Physical injury" means physical trauma, impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.*

(11) *"Physical trauma" means fractures, cuts, punctures, bruises, burns or other wounds.*

(12) *"Possess" has the meaning provided in ORS 161.015.*

(13) *"Serious physical injury" means physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a limb or bodily organ.*

(14)

(a) "Tethering" means to restrain a domestic animal by tying the domestic animal to any object or structure by any means.

(b) "Tethering" does not include using a handheld leash for the purpose of walking a domestic animal.

(15) *"Visual recording" includes, but is not limited to, photographs, films, videotapes and computer and other digital pictures, regardless of the manner in which the recording is stored.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.315. Animal abuse in the second degree.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of animal abuse in the second degree if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to an animal.*
- (2) Any practice of good animal husbandry is not a violation of this section.
- (3) *Animal abuse in the second degree is a Class B misdemeanor.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.320. Animal abuse in the first degree.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of animal abuse in the first degree if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person recklessly causes serious physical injury or death to an animal.*
- (2) Any practice of good animal husbandry is not a violation of this section.
- (3) *Animal abuse in the first degree is a Class A misdemeanor.*
- (4) *Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, animal abuse in the first degree is a Class C felony if:*
 - (a) *The person committing the animal abuse has previously been convicted of one or more of the following offenses:*
 - (A) *Any offense under ORS 163.160, 163.165, 163.175, 163.185 or 163.187 or the equivalent laws of another jurisdiction, if the offense involved domestic violence as defined in ORS 135.230 or the offense was committed against a minor child; or*
 - (B) *Any offense under this section or ORS 167.322, or the equivalent laws of another jurisdiction; or*
 - (b) *The person knowingly commits the animal abuse in the immediate presence of a minor child. For purposes of this paragraph, a minor child is in the immediate presence of animal abuse if the abuse is seen or directly perceived in any other manner by the minor child.*
- (5) When animal abuse in the first degree is a felony, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall classify the offense as crime category 6 of the sentencing guidelines grid.
- (6) *Notwithstanding subsection (5) of this section, when animal abuse in the first degree is a felony because of circumstances described in subsection (4)(b) of this section, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall classify the offense as crime category 7 of the sentencing guidelines grid.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.322. Aggravated animal abuse in the first degree.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of aggravated animal abuse in the first degree if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally or knowingly:*
 - (a) *Tortures an animal;*
 - (b) *Causes serious physical injury or death to an animal; or*
 - (c) *Intentionally or knowingly creates a visual recording of an act described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.*
- (2) Any practice of good animal husbandry is not a violation of this section.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (3) *Aggravated animal abuse in the first degree is a Class C felony* and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall classify the offense as crime category 6 of the sentencing guidelines grid.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall classify the offense of aggravated animal abuse in the first degree as crime category 7 of the sentencing guidelines grid if:
 - (a) The person committing the animal abuse has previously been convicted of one or more of the following offenses:
 - (A) Any offense under ORS 163.160, 163.165, 163.175, 163.185 or 163.187 or the equivalent laws of another jurisdiction, if the offense involved domestic violence as defined in ORS 135.230 or the offense was committed against a minor child; or
 - (B) Any offense under this section or ORS 167.320, or the equivalent laws of another jurisdiction; or
 - (b) The person knowingly commits the animal abuse in the immediate presence of a minor child. For purposes of this paragraph, a minor child is in the immediate presence of animal abuse if the abuse is seen or directly perceived in any other manner by the minor child.
- (5) As used in this section, “torture” means an action taken for the primary purpose of inflicting pain.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.325. Animal neglect in the second degree.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of animal neglect in the second degree if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence:*
 - (a) *fails to provide minimum care for an animal in such person’s custody or control; or*
 - (b) *Tethers a domestic animal in the person’s custody or control and the tethering results in serious physical injury or death to the domestic animal.*
- (2) *Animal neglect in the second degree is a Class B misdemeanor.*
- (3) *Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, animal neglect in the second degree is a Class C felony if:*
 - (a) *The person committing the offense has previously been convicted of two or more offenses under this section, ORS 167.330 or the equivalent laws of another jurisdiction;*
 - (b) *The offense was part of a criminal episode involving 11 or more animals; or*
 - (c) *The person knowingly commits the offense in the immediate presence of a minor child and the person has one or more previous convictions for an offense involving domestic violence as defined in ORS 135.230. For purposes of this paragraph, a minor child is in the immediate presence of animal neglect if the neglect is seen or directly perceived in any other manner by the minor child.*
- (4) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall classify animal neglect in the second degree under subsection (3) of this section:
 - (a) As crime category 6 if 11 to 40 animals were the subject of the neglect.
 - (b) As crime category 7 if more than 40 animals were the subject of the neglect or if the offense is a felony because of circumstances described in subsection (3)(a) or (c) of this section.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.330. Animal neglect in the first degree.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of animal neglect in the first degree if, except as otherwise authorized by law, the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence:*
 - (a) *fails to provide minimum care for an animal in the person's custody or control and the failure to provide care results in serious physical injury or death to the animal; or*
 - (b) *Tethers a domestic animal in the person's custody or control and the tethering results in serious physical injury or death to the domestic animal.*
- (2) *Animal neglect in the first degree is a Class A misdemeanor.*
- (3) *Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, animal neglect in the first degree is a Class C felony if:*
 - (a) *The person committing the offense has previously been convicted of one or more offenses under this section, ORS 167.325 or the equivalent laws of another jurisdiction;*
 - (b) *The offense was part of a criminal episode involving 10 or more animals;*
 - (c) *The person committing the offense acts intentionally, knowingly or recklessly as to the serious physical injury or death of the animal; or*
 - (d) *The person knowingly commits the offense in the immediate presence of a minor child. For purposes of this paragraph, a minor child is in the immediate presence of animal neglect if the neglect is seen or directly perceived in any other manner by the minor child.*
- (4) *The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall classify animal neglect in the first degree under subsection (3) of this section:*
 - (a) *As crime category 6 if 10 to 40 animals were the subject of the neglect.*
 - (b) *As crime category 7 if more than 40 animals were the subject of the neglect or if the offense is a felony because of circumstances described in subsection (3)(a) or (d) of this section.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.335. Exemption from ORS 167.315 to 167.333.

- (1) *Unless gross negligence can be shown, the provisions of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, other than the provisions of ORS 167.332, do not apply to:*
 - (a) *The treatment of livestock being transported by owner or common carrier;*
 - (b) *Animals involved in rodeos or similar exhibitions;*
 - (c) *Commercially grown poultry;*
 - (d) *Animals subject to good animal husbandry practices;*
 - (e) *The killing of livestock according to the provisions of ORS 603.065;*
 - (f) *Animals subject to good veterinary practices as described in ORS 686.030;*
 - (g) *Lawful fishing, hunting and trapping activities;*
 - (h) *Wildlife management practices under color of law;*
 - (i) *Lawful scientific or agricultural research or teaching that involves the use of animals;*
 - (j) *Reasonable activities undertaken in connection with the control of vermin or pests; and*
 - (k) *Reasonable handling and training techniques.*
- (2) *The provisions of section 4 and 5 of this 2024 Act do not apply to any exemption listed in subsection (1) of this section or to:*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (a) Any activity undertaken in the course of bona fide law enforcement activity;
- (b) Any activity necessary to the proper functioning of the criminal justice system;
- (c) The disclosure of a visual recording of an act described in ORS 167.322(1)(a) or (b):
 - (A) In the course of reporting conduct to a law enforcement agency; or
 - (B) If the disclosure serves a lawful public interest;
- (d) Obtaining, viewing, or possessing a visual recording of an act described in ORS 167.322(1)(a) or (b) as part of a bona fide treatment program for sexual offenders; or
- (e) A public library, as defined in ORS 357.400, or a library exempt from taxation under ORS 307.090 or 307.130.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.340. Animal abandonment.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of animal abandonment if the person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence leaves a domestic animal or an equine at a location without providing minimum care.*
- (2) *It is no defense to the crime defined in subsection (1) of this section that the defendant abandoned the animal at or near an animal shelter, veterinary clinic or other place of shelter if the defendant did not make reasonable arrangements for the care of the animal.*
- (3) *Animal abandonment is a Class B misdemeanor.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.343. Unlawful tethering.

- (1) *A person commits the offense of unlawful tethering if the person tethers a domestic animal in the person's custody or control:*
 - (a) *With a tether that is not a reasonable length given the size of the domestic animal and available space and that allows the domestic animal to become entangled in a manner that risks the health or safety of the domestic animal;*
 - (b) *With a collar that pinches or chokes the domestic animal when pulled;*
 - (c) *For more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period; or*
 - (d) *For more than 15 hours in a 24-hour period if the tether is attached to a running line, pulley or trolley system.*
- (2) *A person does not violate this section if the person tethers a domestic animal:*
 - (a) *While the domestic animal remains in the physical presence of the person who owns, possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of the domestic animal;*
 - (b) *Pursuant to the requirements of a campground or other recreational area;*
 - (c) *For the purpose of engaging in an activity that requires licensure in this state, including but not limited to hunting;*
 - (d) *To allow the person to transport the domestic animal; or*
 - (e) *That is a dog kept for herding, protecting livestock or dogsledding.*
- (3) *Unlawful tethering is a Class B violation.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.349. Encouraging animal abuse.

- (1) A person commits the crime of encouraging animal abuse if the person:
 - (a) Obtains a previously abused, neglected or abandoned animal from an animal care agency under ORS 167.348 or the court under ORS 167.350; and
 - (b) Knowingly allows the person from whom the animal was forfeited to possess the animal.
- (2) Encouraging animal abuse is a Class C misdemeanor.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.374. Breeding dogs; possession; records.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Boarding kennel" means a facility that provides care for a fee to dogs that stay at the facility an average of less than 30 days.
 - (b) "Dog" means a member of the subspecies *Canis lupus familiaris* or a hybrid of that subspecies.
 - (c) "Litter" means one or more dogs, sold individually or together, that are all or part of a group of dogs born to the same mother at the same time.
- (2) A person may not possess, control or otherwise have charge of at the same time more than 50 sexually intact dogs that are two years of age or older for the primary purpose of reproduction. It is prima facie evidence that a person possesses dogs for the primary purpose of reproduction if during a 12-month period the person sells, offers for sale, barter or exchanges more than three litters of dogs that are less than eight months of age.
- (3) A person that possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of 50 or more sexually intact dogs that are eight months of age or older shall maintain a record for each of those dogs that identifies:
 - (a) The date of birth for the dog or, if the date of birth is unknown, the date the person acquired possession, control or charge of the dog and the source of the dog;
 - (b) The dates on which the dog has been bred;
 - (c) For a female, the number of dogs in each litter produced; and
 - (d) The disposition the person makes of each dog possessed by, controlled by or in the charge of the person, including the date of disposition, manner of disposition and the name and address information for any person taking possession, control or charge of a dog.
- (4) A person shall retain a record required under subsection (3) of this section for a period of three years following the death of the dog or a date on which the person permanently ceased to have possession, control or charge of the dog.
- (5) Subsections (2) to (4) of this section do not apply to:
 - (a) An animal control agency, humane society or animal shelter;
 - (b) A person who provides care for dogs at the request of a unit of government, government agency, humane society or animal shelter;
 - (c) A veterinary facility;
 - (d) A person that is transporting dogs; or
 - (e) A boarding kennel.
- (6) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor. However, a court shall suspend sentence under

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

this subsection for a violation of subsection (2) of this section if the person agrees to have a sufficient number of dogs spayed or neutered to remedy the violation.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.376. Breeding dogs; standard of care.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) “Boarding kennel” means a facility that provides care for a fee to dogs that stay at the facility an average of less than 30 days.
- (b) “Dog” means a member of the subspecies *Canis lupus familiaris* or a hybrid of that subspecies.
- (c) “Litter” means one or more dogs, sold individually or together, that are all or part of a group of dogs born to the same mother at the same time.
- (d) “Regular exercise” means the removal of the dog from the dog’s primary enclosure and:
 - (A) Walking the dog on a leash;
 - (B) Allowing the dog to move about freely within a building or an outdoor space at least one hour per day; or
 - (C) Allowing the dog to walk on a treadmill, jenny mill, slat mill or similar device, if use of the device is prescribed for the dog by a veterinarian to accommodate a specific medical condition.

(2) *A person that possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of at the same time 10 or more sexually intact dogs that are eight months of age or older shall, in addition to providing minimum care as defined in ORS 167.310:*

- (a) *Provide each dog with sufficient space to turn about freely, stand and sit and to lie down without the head, face, tail, legs or feet of the dog touching the sides of the enclosure or touching any other dog.*
- (b) *Provide each dog with an enclosure that:*
 - (A) *Has a solid floor without slats or gaps;*
 - (B) *Is six inches higher than the head of the tallest dog in that enclosure when the tallest dog is in a normal standing position;*
 - (C) *If elevated above the floor of a room, is placed so that the floor of the enclosure is no more than 42 inches above the floor of the room; and*
 - (D) *Is not stacked or otherwise placed above or below any other dog enclosure.*
- (c) *Provide each dog that is more than four months of age with at least one hour of regular exercise each day, unless a veterinarian has certified that the dog is medically precluded from exercise.*
- (d) *Remove waste and contaminants from the enclosure at least once each day.*
- (e) *Remove the dog from the enclosure when cleaning the enclosure of waste and contaminants.*
- (f) *Maintain a record for each sexually intact dog that is eight months of age or older that identifies:*
 - (A) *The date of birth for the dog or, if the date of birth is unknown, the date on which the person acquired possession, control or charge of the dog and the source of the dog;*
 - (B) *Any veterinary care provided for the dog; and*
 - (C) *The disposition the person makes of each dog possessed by, controlled by or in the charge of the person, including the date of disposition, manner of disposition and the*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

name and address information for any person taking possession, control or charge of a dog.

- (3) A person shall retain a record required under subsection (2) of this section for a period of three years following the death of the dog or a date on which the person permanently ceased to have possession, control or charge of the dog.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to:
- (a) An animal control agency, humane society or animal shelter;
 - (b) A person who provides care for dogs at the request of a unit of government, government agency, humane society or animal shelter;
 - (c) A veterinary facility;
 - (d) A person that is transporting dogs; or
 - (e) A boarding kennel.
- (5) *A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

3. ANIMAL FIGHTING

EDITOR'S NOTE: Statutes pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of animals used in animal fights may be found in those respective sections of this document.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.355. Involvement in animal fighting.

- (1) A person commits the crime of involvement in animal fighting if the person:
 - (a) Owns or trains an animal with the intention that the animal engage in an exhibition of fighting;
 - (b) Promotes, conducts, participates in or is present as a spectator at an exhibition of fighting or preparations thereto;
 - (c) Keeps or uses, or in any way is connected with or interested in the management of, or receives money for the admission of any person to any place kept or used for the purpose of an exhibition of fighting; or
 - (d) Knowingly suffers or permits any place over which the person has possession or control to be occupied, kept or used for the purpose of an exhibition of fighting.
- (2) For purposes of this section:
 - (a) "Animal" means any bird, reptile, amphibian, fish or nonhuman mammal, other than a dog or a fighting bird as defined in ORS 167.426.
 - (b) "Exhibition of fighting" means a public or private display of combat between two or more animals in which the fighting, killing, maiming or injuring of animals is a significant feature. "Exhibition of fighting" does not include demonstrations of the hunting or tracking skills of an animal or the lawful use of animals for hunting, tracking or self-protection.
- (3) Involvement in animal fighting is a Class C felony.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.360. Definitions.

As used in ORS 167.360 to 167.372:

- (1) "Breaking stick" means a device designed for insertion behind the molars of a dog for the purpose of breaking the dog's grip on another animal or object.
- (2) "Cat mill" means a device that rotates around a central support with one arm designed to secure a dog and one arm designed to secure a cat, rabbit or other small animal beyond the grasp of the dog.
- (3) "Dogfight" means a fight, arranged by any person, between two or more dogs the purpose or probable result of which fight is the infliction of injury by one dog upon another.
- (4) "Dogfighting paraphernalia" means:
 - (a) A breaking stick;
 - (b) A springpole;
 - (c) A cat mill;
 - (d) A treadmill;
 - (e) A fighting pit;

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (f) *A leather or mesh collar with a strap more than two inches in width;*
- (g) *A weighted or unweighted chain collar weighing 10 pounds or more; or*
- (h) *An unprescribed veterinary medicine that is a prescription drug as defined in ORS 689.005.*
- (5) *“Fighting dog” means a dog that is intentionally bred or trained to be used in, or that is actually used in, a dogfight. A dog does not constitute a fighting dog solely on account of its breed.*
- (6) *“Fighting pit” means a walled area designed to contain a dogfight.*
- (7) *“Springpole” means a biting surface attached to a stretchable device, suspended at a height sufficient to prevent a dog from reaching the biting surface while touching the ground.*
- (8) *“Treadmill” means:*
 - (a) *A carpet mill made of narrow sections of carpet;*
 - (b) *A modified electric treadmill for the purpose of conditioning dogs; or*
 - (c) *A slat mill with a running surface constructed of slats made of wood, fiberglass, plastic or other similar material.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.365. Dogfighting.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of dogfighting if the person knowingly does any of the following:*
 - (a) *Owens, possesses, keeps, breeds, trains, buys, sells or offers to sell a fighting dog, including but not limited to any advertisement by the person to sell such a dog.*
 - (b) *Promotes, conducts or participates in, or performs any service in the furtherance of, an exhibition of dogfighting, including but not limited to refereeing of a dogfight, handling of dogs at a dogfight, transportation of spectators to a dogfight, organizing a dogfight, advertising a dogfight, providing or serving as a stakes holder for any money wagered on a fight.*
 - (c) *Keeps, uses or manages, or accepts payment of admission to, any place kept or used for the purpose of dogfighting.*
 - (d) *Suffers or permits any place over which the person has possession or control to be occupied, kept or used for the purpose of an exhibition of dogfighting.*
- (2) *Dogfighting is a Class C felony.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.370. Participation in dogfighting.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of participation in dogfighting if the person knowingly:*
 - (a) *Attends or has paid admission at any place for the purpose of viewing or betting upon a dogfight.*
 - (b) *Advertises or otherwise offers to sell equipment that the person knows or reasonably should know will be used for the purpose of training and handling a fighting dog.*
- (2) *Participation in dogfighting is a Class C felony.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.372. Possessing dogfighting paraphernalia.

- (1) A person commits the crime of possessing dogfighting paraphernalia if the person owns or possesses dogfighting paraphernalia with the intent that the paraphernalia be used to train a dog as a fighting dog or be used in the furtherance of a dogfight.
- (2) Possessing dogfighting paraphernalia is a Class C felony.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.426. Definitions.

As used in ORS 167.426 to 167.439:

- (1) “Cockfight” means a fight between two or more birds that is arranged by a person and that has the purpose or probable result of one bird inflicting injury to another bird.
- (2) “Constructive possession” means an exercise of dominion and control over the location and treatment of property without taking physical possession of the property.
- (3) “Fighting bird” means a bird that is intentionally reared or trained for use in, or that actually is used in, a cockfight.
- (4) “Gaff” means an artificial steel spur designed for attachment to the leg of a fighting bird in replacement of the bird’s natural spurs.
- (5) “Slasher” means a steel weapon resembling a curved knife blade designed for attachment to the foot of a fighting bird.
- (6) “Source bird” means:
 - (a) A hen used to produce one or more chicks intended for eventual use as fighting birds; or
 - (b) A chick being reared with the intent that the chick eventually be used as a fighting bird or as a hen described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.428. Crime of cockfighting.

- (1) A person commits the crime of cockfighting if the person knowingly:
 - (a) Owns, possesses, keeps, rears, trains, buys, sells or advertises or otherwise offers to sell a fighting bird.
 - (b) Promotes or participates in, or performs services in furtherance of, the conducting of a cockfight. As used in this paragraph, “services in furtherance” includes, but is not limited to, transporting spectators to a cockfight, handling fighting birds, organizing, advertising or refereeing a cockfight and providing, or acting as stakeholder for, money wagered on a cockfight.
 - (c) Keeps, uses or manages, or accepts payment of admission to, a place for the conducting of a cockfight.
 - (d) Suffers or permits a place in the possession or control of the person to be occupied, kept or used for the conducting of a cockfight.
- (2) Subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply to the owning, possessing, keeping, rearing, buying,

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

selling, advertising or otherwise offering for sale of a bird for purposes other than training the bird as a fighting bird, using or intending to use the bird in cockfighting or supplying the bird knowing that the bird is intended to be used in cockfighting.

(3) *Cockfighting is a Class C felony.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.431. Crime of participation in cockfighting.

(1) *A person commits the crime of participation in cockfighting if the person knowingly:*

(a) *Attends a cockfight or pays admission at any location to view or bet on a cockfight; or*

(b) *Manufactures, buys, sells, barter, exchanges, possesses, advertises or otherwise offers to sell a gaff, slasher, or other sharp implement designed for attachment to a fighting bird, or other equipment, with the intent that the gaff, slasher, implement or equipment be used in training or handling a fighting bird or for enhancing the fighting ability of a fighting bird.*

(2) *Participation in cockfighting is a Class C felony.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.439. Forcible recovery of fighting bird.

(1) *A person commits the crime of forcible recovery of a fighting bird if the person knowingly dispossesses, or knowingly attempts to dispossess, a law enforcement agency of constructive possession of a fighting bird, a source bird or an alleged fighting bird or source bird.*

(2) *Forcible recovery of a fighting bird is a Class C felony.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 166.715. Definitions.

NOTE: *Unrelated statutory text has been omitted.*

As used in ORS 166.715 to 166.735, unless the context requires otherwise:

(4) *“Pattern of racketeering activity” means engaging in at least two incidents of racketeering activity that have the same or similar intents, results, accomplices, victims or methods of commission or otherwise are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics, including a nexus to the same enterprise, and are not isolated incidents, provided at least one of such incidents occurred after November 1, 1981, and that the last of such incidents occurred within five years after a prior incident of racketeering activity. Notwithstanding ORS 131.505 to 131.525 or 419A.190 or any other provision of law providing that a previous prosecution is a bar to a subsequent prosecution, conduct that constitutes an incident of racketeering activity may be used to establish a pattern of racketeering activity without regard to whether the conduct previously has been the subject of a criminal prosecution or conviction or a juvenile court adjudication, unless the prosecution resulted in an acquittal or the adjudication resulted in entry of an order finding the youth not to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (5) *“Person” means any individual or entity capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in real or personal property.*
- (6) *“Racketeering activity” includes conduct of a person committed both before and after the person attains the age of 18 years, and means to commit, to attempt to commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce or intimidate another person to commit:*
- (a) *Any conduct that constitutes a crime, as defined in ORS 161.515, under any of the following provisions of the Oregon Revised Statutes:*

- (T) ORS 164.377 (2) to (4), as punishable under ORS 164.377 (5)(b), 167.007 to 167.017, 167.057, 167.062 to 167.080, 167.090, 167.122 to 167.137, 167.147, 167.164, 167.167, 167.212, 167.355, 167.365, 167.370, 167.428, 167.431 and 167.439, relating to prostitution, obscenity, sexual conduct, gambling, computer crimes involving the Oregon State Lottery, *animal fighting, forcible recovery of a fighting bird and related offenses;*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

4. SEXUAL ASSAULT

OR. REV. STAT. § 163A.005. Definitions for ORS 163A.005 to 163A.235.

As used in ORS 163A.005 to 163A.235:

- (1) “Another United States court” means a federal court, a military court, the tribal court of a federally recognized Indian tribe or a court of:
 - (a) A state other than Oregon;
 - (b) The District of Columbia;
 - (c) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
 - (d) Guam;
 - (e) American Samoa;
 - (f) The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; or
 - (g) The United States Virgin Islands.
- (2) “Attends” means is enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis.
- (3)
 - (a) “Correctional facility” means any place used for the confinement of persons:
 - (A) Charged with or convicted of a crime or otherwise confined under a court order.
 - (B) Found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for having committed an act that if committed by an adult would constitute a crime.
 - (b) “Correctional facility” applies to a state hospital or a secure intensive community inpatient facility only as to persons detained therein charged with or convicted of a crime, or detained therein after being found guilty except for insanity under ORS 161.290 to 161.370.
- (4) “Institution of higher education” means a public or private educational institution that provides a program of post-secondary education.
- (5) “Sex crime” means:
 - (a) Rape in any degree;
 - (b) Sodomy in any degree;
 - (c) Unlawful sexual penetration in any degree;
 - (d) Sexual abuse in any degree;
 - (e) Incest with a child victim;
 - (f) Using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct;
 - (g) Encouraging child sexual abuse in any degree;
 - (h) Transporting child pornography into the state;
 - (i) Paying for viewing a child’s sexually explicit conduct;
 - (j) Compelling prostitution;
 - (k) Promoting prostitution;
 - (l) Kidnapping in the first degree if the victim was under 18 years of age;
 - (m) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor;
 - (n) Sexual misconduct if the offender is at least 18 years of age;
 - (o) Possession of materials depicting sexually explicit conduct of a child in the first degree;
 - (p) Kidnapping in the second degree if the victim was under 18 years of age, except by a parent or

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- by a person found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;
- (q) Online sexual corruption of a child in any degree if the offender reasonably believed the child to be more than five years younger than the offender;
 - (r) Luring a minor, if:
 - (A) The offender reasonably believed the child to be more than five years younger than the offender or under 16 years of age; and
 - (B) The court designates in the judgment that the offense is a sex crime;
 - (s) *Sexual assault of an animal*;
 - (t) Public indecency or private indecency, if the person has a prior conviction for a crime listed in this subsection;
 - (u) Trafficking in persons as described in ORS 163.266(1)(b) or (c);
 - (v) Purchasing sex with a minor if the court designates the offense as a sex crime pursuant to ORS 163.413(3)(d), or the offense is the defendant's second or subsequent conviction under ORS 163.413(3)(b)(B);
 - (w) Invasion of personal privacy in the first degree, if the court designates the offense as a sex crime pursuant to ORS 163.701(3);
 - (x) Sexual abuse by fraudulent representation;
 - (y) Abuse of a corpse in the first degree as described in ORS 166.087(1)(a);
 - (z) Any attempt to commit any of the crimes listed in paragraphs (a) to (y) of this subsection;
 - (aa) Burglary, when committed with intent to commit any of the offenses listed in paragraphs (a) to (y) of this subsection; or
 - (bb) Criminal conspiracy if the offender agrees with one or more persons to engage in or cause the performance of an offense listed in paragraphs (a) to (y) of this subsection.
- (6) *"Sex offender" means a person who:*
- (a) *Has been convicted of a sex crime;*
 - (b) *Has been found guilty except for insanity of a sex crime;*
 - (c) *Has been convicted in another United States court of a crime:*
 - (A) *That would constitute a sex crime if committed in this state; or*
 - (B) *For which the person would have to register as a sex offender in that court's jurisdiction, or as required under federal law, regardless of whether the crime would constitute a sex crime in this state; or*
 - (d) *Is described in ORS 181.809(1).*
- (7) *"Works" or "carries on a vocation" means full-time or part-time employment for more than 14 days within one calendar year whether financially compensated, volunteered or for the purpose of governmental or educational benefit.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.333. Sexual assault of animal.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of sexual assault of an animal if the person:*
- (a) *Touches or contacts, or causes an object or another person to touch or contact, the mouth, anus or sex organs of an animal or animal carcass for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a person; or*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (b) Causes an animal or animal carcass to touch or contact the mouth, anus or sex organs of a person for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a person.*
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the use of products derived from animals.*
- (3) Sexual assault of an animal is a Class C felony.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.341. Encouraging sexual assault of an animal.

- (1) A person commits the crime of encouraging sexual assault of an animal if the person:
 - (a) Knowingly possesses or controls, for the purpose of arousing or satisfying the sexual desires of the person or another person, a visual recording of a person engaged in sexual conduct with an animal; and*
 - (b) Knows or is aware of and consciously disregards the fact that the creation of the visual recording involved the sexual assault of an animal as described in ORS 167.333.**
- (2) Encouraging sexual assault of an animal is a Class A misdemeanor.*
- (3) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Sexual conduct" means touching or contacting the mouth, anus or sex organs of an animal or animal carcass, or causing an animal or animal carcass to touch or contact the mouth, anus or sex organs of a person, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a person.*
 - (b) "Visual recording" includes, but is not limited to, photographs, films, videotapes and computer and other digital pictures, regardless of the manner in which the recording is stored.**

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

5. CRUELTY TO WORKING ANIMALS

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.310. Definitions.

As used in ORS 167.310 to 167.351:

- (1) “Adequate bedding” means bedding of sufficient quantity and quality to permit a domestic animal to remain dry and reasonably clean and maintain a normal body temperature.
- (2)
 - (a) “Adequate shelter” includes a barn, doghouse or other enclosed structure sufficient to protect a domestic animal from wind, rain, snow or sun, that has adequate bedding to protect against cold and dampness and that is maintained to protect the domestic animal from weather and physical injury.
 - (b) “Adequate shelter” does not include:
 - (A) Crawl spaces under buildings or parts of buildings, such as steps, decks, or stoops;
 - (B) The space under a vehicle;
 - (C) The inside of a vehicle if the domestic animal is kept in the vehicle in a manner or for a length of time that is likely to be detrimental to the domestic animal’s health or safety;
 - (D) Shelters made from cardboards or other materials that are easily degraded by the elements;
 - (E) Animal carriers or crates that are designed to provide temporary housing;
 - (F) Shelters with wire or chain-link floors, unless the domestic animal is a bird; or
 - (G) Shelters surrounded by waste, debris, obstructions or impediments that could adversely affect an animal’s health.
- (3) “Animal” means any nonhuman mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or fish.
- (4) “Domestic animal” means an animal, other than livestock or equines, that is owned or possessed by a person.
- (5) “Equine” means a horse, pony, donkey, mule, hinny, zebra or a hybrid of any of these animals.
- (6) “Good animal husbandry” includes, but is not limited to, the dehorning of cattle, the docking of horses, sheep or swine, and the castration or neutering of livestock, according to accepted practices of veterinary medicine or animal husbandry.
- (7) “Law enforcement animal” means a dog or horse used in law enforcement work under the control of a corrections officer, parole and probation officer, police officer or youth correction officer, as those terms are defined in ORS 181.610, who has successfully completed at least 360 hours of training in the care and use of a law enforcement animal, or who has passed the demonstration of minimum standards established by the Oregon Police Canine Association or other accredited and recognized animal handling organization.
- (8)
 - (a) “Livestock,” except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, has the meaning provided in ORS 609.125.
 - (b) “Livestock” does not include psittacines.
- (9) “Maliciously” means intentionally acting with a depravity of mind and reckless and wanton disregard of

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

life.

- (10) “Minimum care” means care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner, includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:
- (a) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight.
 - (b) Open or adequate access to potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal’s needs. Access to snow or ice is not adequate access to potable water.
 - (c) For a domestic animal other than a dog engaged in herding or protecting livestock, access to adequate shelter.
 - (d) Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease.
 - (e) For a domestic animal, continuous access to an area:
 - (A) With adequate space for exercise necessary for the health of the animal;
 - (B) With air temperature suitable for the animal; and
 - (C) Kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animal’s health.
 - (f) For a livestock animal that cannot walk or stand without assistance:
 - (A) Humane euthanasia; or
 - (B) The provision of immediate and ongoing care to restore the animal to an ambulatory state.
- (11) “Physical injury” means physical trauma, impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.
- (12) “Physical trauma” means fractures, cuts, punctures, bruises, burns or other wounds.
- (13) “Possess” has the meaning provided in ORS 161.015.
- (14) “Serious physical injury” means physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a limb or bodily organ.
- (15)
- (a) “Tethering” means to restrain a domestic animal by tying the domestic animal to any object or structure by any means.
 - (b) “Tethering” does not include using a handheld leash for the purpose of walking a domestic animal.
- (16) “Torture” means an action taken for the primary purpose of inflicting pain.
- (17) “Visual recording” includes, but is not limited to, photographs, films, videotapes and computer and other digital pictures, regardless of the manner in which the recording is stored.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.339. Assault of a law enforcement animal.

- (1) *A person commits the crime of assaulting a law enforcement animal if:*
- (a) *The person knowingly causes serious physical injury to or the death of a law enforcement animal, knowing that the animal is a law enforcement animal; and*
 - (b) *The injury or death occurs while the law enforcement animal is being used in the lawful*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

discharge of the animal's duties.

(2) Assaulting a law enforcement animal is a Class C felony.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.352. Interfering with assistance, search and rescue or therapy animal.

(1) A person commits the crime of interfering with an assistance, a search and rescue or a therapy animal if the person intentionally or knowingly:

(a) Injures or attempts to injure an animal the person knows or reasonably should know is an assistance animal, a search and rescue animal or a therapy animal;

(b) Interferes with an assistance animal while the assistance animal is being used to provide assistance to a person with a disability; or

(c) Interferes with a search and rescue animal or a therapy animal while the animal is being used for search and rescue or therapy purposes.

(2) As used in this section, "assistance animal" has the meaning given that term in ORS 659A.143.

(3) As used in this section and ORS 30.822:

(a) "Search and rescue animal" means that the animal has been professionally trained for, and is actively used for, search and rescue purposes.

(b) "Therapy animal" means an animal other than an assistance animal that has been professionally trained for, and is actively used for, therapy purposes.

(4) Interfering with an assistance, a search and rescue or a therapy animal is a Class A misdemeanor.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

6. LAWS SPECIFIC TO FARMED ANIMALS

EDITOR'S NOTE: This section does **not** contain all state or territorial laws regarding farmed animals. This section contains only criminal statutes with the primary purpose of preventing individual farmed animals from suffering unnecessary pain or suffering.

OR. REV. STAT. 167.351. Definitions.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Nonambulatory" means unable to stand or walk unassisted.
 - (b) "Livestock auction market" has the meaning given that term in ORS 599.205.
- (2) A person commits the crime of trading in nonambulatory livestock if the person knowingly delivers or accepts delivery of a nonambulatory livestock animal at a livestock auction market. This subsection does not apply to the delivery to, or acceptance by, a licensed veterinarian at a livestock auction market for the purpose of humanely euthanizing or providing appropriate medical care to the animal.
- (3) The crime of trading in nonambulatory livestock is a Class A misdemeanor.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.383. Equine tripping.

- (1) As used in this section, "equine" means any member of the family Equidae.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a person commits the offense of equine tripping if, for purposes of a rodeo, contest, exhibition, entertainment or sport or as practice for a rodeo, contest, exhibition, entertainment or sport, the person intentionally ropes or lassos the legs of an equine, intentionally causing the equine to trip or fall.
- (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to a person who causes an equine to trip or fall for the purpose of allowing veterinary care for the equine.
- (4) The offense of equine tripping is a Class B misdemeanor.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

7. CRUEL HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This section does **not** contain all state or territorial laws regarding hunting, trapping, and fishing. This section contains only criminal statutes with the primary purpose of preventing individual wild animals from suffering unnecessary pain or suffering.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 496.992. Penalties.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by this section or other law, a violation of any provision of the wildlife laws, or any rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed with a culpable mental state.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided by this section or other law, a violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, that does not involve the taking of wildlife is a Class D violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (3) A violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, that involves the taking of wildlife, other than nongame mammals and game birds, is a Class A violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (4) A violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, that involves the taking of nongame mammals or game birds is a Class C violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (5) A violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, that involves the size or quantity limits for salmon, steelhead trout and sturgeon is a Class A violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (6) A violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, relating to the size or quantity limits for fish or shellfish, other than size and quantity limits for salmon, steelhead trout and sturgeon, is a Class C violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (7) A violation of the nonresident licensing provisions of ORS 497.102 or 497.121 is a Class A violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (8) A violation of ORS 496.994 is a Class A violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (9) A violation of ORS 498.136, 498.142 or 498.146 is a Class A violation if the offense is committed without a culpable mental state.
- (10) The second and each subsequent conviction within a 10-year period for the taking of a raptor or the taking of game fish with a total value of \$200 or more or the taking of antelope, black bear, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat or mountain sheep in violation of any provision of the wildlife laws, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto, that occurs more than one hour prior to, or more than one hour subsequent to, a season established for the lawful taking of such game mammals or game fish is a Class C felony if the offense is committed with a culpable mental state.
- (11) A violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, is a Class C felony if the offense involves any of the following and is committed intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (a) The unlawful taking of wildlife with the intent to sell or to barter, trade, import, export or otherwise exchange the wildlife or a part of the wildlife.
 - (b) Except as provided in this paragraph, the second and each subsequent unlawful taking of a game mammal during a 12-month period. This paragraph does not apply to the taking of silver gray squirrel.
 - (c) The unlawful taking of a moose, mountain sheep, Rocky Mountain goat or wolf.
 - (d) The third and each subsequent taking of a game fish in excess of a bag limit during a 12-month period.
 - (e) The second and each subsequent unlawful taking of nonadipose clipped steelhead during a 12-month period.
 - (f) The unlawful taking of members of the family Acipenseridae that are commonly known as green sturgeon or that are oversized and commonly known as white sturgeon.
 - (g) The unlawful taking of wildlife that is a threatened species or endangered species.
- (12) If a person is convicted of a Class A misdemeanor under subsection (1) of this section, in addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall impose a fine that is:
- (a) Equal to the maximum fine described in ORS 161.635 (1)(a), if the person has two or more previous convictions for a Class A misdemeanor under subsection (1) of this section or if the offense involves taking three or more times the daily bag limit of any wildlife.
 - (b) Not less than one-half of the maximum fine described in ORS 161.635 (1)(a), if the offense involves:
 - (A) Failing to release a sturgeon more than six feet in length;
 - (B) Unlawfully taking wildlife to sell, barter, trade, import or export the wildlife, or parts thereof, or selling, bartering, trading, importing or exporting unlawfully taken wildlife, or parts thereof; or
 - (C) Taking a raptor and the person has a previous conviction for taking a raptor.
 - (c) Not less than one-fourth of the maximum fine described in ORS 161.635 (1)(a), if the offense involves taking a raptor and the person does not have a previous conviction for taking a raptor.
- (13) If more than one minimum fine described in subsection (12) of this section applies, the court shall impose a fine in an amount that is not less than the highest of the applicable minimum fines.
- (14)
- (a) If a court imposes a fine as penalty for an offense under the wildlife laws that involves the unlawful taking or killing of wildlife listed under ORS 496.705 (2), the court shall order that the defendant pay all or a portion of the fine separately to the clerk of the court for paying over to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. The clerk shall pay over to the commission the amount that the court ordered the defendant to pay separately for that purpose. The amount that the court orders to be paid separately to the clerk for paying over to the commission shall be the lesser of:
 - (A) The amount of the fine imposed; or
 - (B) The amount that the commission could recover under ORS 496.705 (2) as damages for the unlawful taking or killing.
 - (b) If the amount that the commission could recover under ORS 496.705 (2) as damages for the unlawful taking or killing of wildlife is more than the maximum fine established for the offense under ORS 153.018, 161.625 or 161.635 or a specific fine statute, notwithstanding ORS

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

153.018, 161.625 or 161.635 or any specific fine statute, the maximum fine for the offense is the amount that the commission could recover under ORS 496.705 (2) as damages for the unlawful taking or killing.

- (c) If an amount paid over to the commission under this subsection is less than the amount that the commission could recover under ORS 496.705 (2) as damages for the unlawful taking or killing of wildlife, payment of the amount does not prevent the commission from bringing an action under ORS 496.705 (2) to recover damages for the unlawful taking or killing. However, notwithstanding ORS 496.705, the amount recoverable under ORS 496.705 (2) by the commission as damages for the unlawful taking or killing shall be reduced by the amount paid to the commission under this subsection from a fine imposed for the unlawful taking or killing.

(15)

- (a) If a court imposes a fine as penalty for an offense under the wildlife laws that involves a violation of a rule related to the list of prohibited species, as defined in section 3 of this 2022 Act, the court shall order that the defendant pay all or a portion of the fine separately to the clerk of the court for paying over to the commission. The clerk shall pay over to the commission the amount that the court ordered the defendant to pay separately for that purpose, which shall be the lesser of:
- (A) The amount of the fine imposed; or
 - (B) The amount that the commission could recover under section 4 of this 2022 Act as civil damages.
- (b) The amount recoverable under section 4 of this 2022 Act shall be reduced by the amount paid to the commission under this subsection.

(16)

- (a) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall order the commission to revoke all licenses, tags and permits issued to a person in the manner provided for in ORS 497.415 (3), (5) and (6) if the person is convicted of:
- (A) A Class A misdemeanor under subsection (1) of this section if the offense involves:
 - (i) A violation of ORS 498.042; or
 - (ii) The unlawful taking of wildlife to sell, barter, trade, import or export the wildlife, or parts thereof, or selling, bartering, trading, importing or exporting unlawfully taken wildlife, or parts thereof; or
 - (B) A Class C felony under subsection (10) of this section.
- (b) Notwithstanding ORS 497.415 (5), upon having a license, tag or permit revoked under paragraph (a)(A)(i) of this subsection for the second time in a 10-year period, a person is prohibited from applying for or obtaining another such license, tag or permit.

- (17) Upon the third conviction within a 10-year period for violation of a provision of the wildlife laws, or a rule adopted pursuant to the wildlife laws, the court shall order all guns, boats, vehicles, traps, fishing apparatus, electronic devices and other implements used in committing the third or subsequent offense to be seized and forfeited to the State of Oregon, to be turned over to the commission for disposal in the manner provided for in ORS 496.680.

(18) As used in this section:

- (a) "Culpable mental state" has the meaning given that term in ORS 161.085.
- (b) "Previous conviction" includes a conviction entered in the same sentencing proceeding if the

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

conviction is for a separate criminal episode as defined in ORS 131.505.

- (c) “Raptor” means a member of the order Falconiformes or Strigiformes and includes owls, hawks, falcons, eagles, osprey and harriers.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.002. Wildlife declared to be state property; prohibition against angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rules.

- (1) *Wildlife is the property of the state. No person shall angle for, take, hunt, trap or possess, or assist another in angling for, taking, hunting, trapping or possessing any wildlife in violation of the wildlife laws or of any rule promulgated pursuant thereto.*
- (2) *No person shall angle for, take, hunt or trap, or assist another in angling for, taking, hunting or trapping any wildlife while intentionally violating ORS 164.245 to 164.270 or 498.120.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.006. Unlawful to chase, harass, molest, worry, or disturb wildlife.

Except as the State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule may provide otherwise, no person shall chase, harass, molest, worry or disturb any wildlife except while engaged in lawfully angling for, taking, hunting or trapping such wildlife.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.046. Unlawful to make toxic substances accessible to wildlife.

No person shall place any toxic substance where it is accessible to wildlife unless the substance used and the method of application is approved by the state governmental agencies having authority to prescribe or implement environmental control programs.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.048. Control of or taking of wildlife by cyanide device.

A person may not use an M44 cyanide device, cyanide trap, cyanide gun or similar device designed to propel a dose of sodium cyanide into an animal for the purpose of taking the animal.

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.112. Unlawful to use live birds for competitive shooting.

No person shall use any live bird as a target for the purpose of competitive shooting.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.164. Unlawful to take black bear or cougar using dogs or bait; exceptions; suspension of hunting license.

- (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, *a person may not use bait to attract or take black bears or use one or more dogs to hunt or pursue black bears or cougars.*
- (2) *Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits the use of bait or one or more dogs by employees or agents of county, state or federal agencies while acting in their official capacities.*
- (3) *Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits the use of bait or dogs by persons for the taking of black bears or cougars in accordance with the provisions of ORS 498.012 relating to taking wildlife that is causing damage.*
- (4) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a Class A misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall in addition to appropriate criminal penalties have the person's privilege to apply for any hunting license suspended for a period of five years for a first offense and permanently suspended for any subsequent offense.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, *“bait” means any material placed for the purpose of attracting or attempting to attract bears.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 498.172. Trap check requirements.

- (1) *A person holding a license issued under ORS 497.142 may not set a trap for fur-bearing mammals without checking the trap at least once during each 48-hour period.*
- (2) *A person may not set a trap for a predatory animal, as defined in ORS 610.002, without checking the trap on a regular basis.*

OR. REV. STAT § 498.208. Unlawful to use electricity or foreign substances to take game fish.

- (1) *Except as the State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule may provide otherwise, no person shall:*
 - (a) *Use in any body of water any electric current that may attract, frighten, retard, stun, kill or obstruct the movement of any game fish.*
 - (b) *Place in any body of water any foreign substance such as blood or fish offal or any gas, chemical, drug or powder that may attract, frighten, retard, stun, kill or obstruct the movement of any game fish.*
 - (c) *Use in any body of water any explosive device for the purpose of taking game fish.*
- (2) *No person shall possess any game fish that the person knows or has reason to know was taken in violation of subsection (1) of this section.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

8. CROSS REPORTING

OR. REV. STAT. § 40.252. Rule 504-5. Communications revealing intent to commit certain crimes.

- (1) In addition to any other limitations on privilege that may be imposed by law, there is no privilege under ORS 40.225, 40.230, 40.250, 40.264 or 40.274 for communications if:
 - (a) In the professional judgment of the person receiving the communications, the communications reveal that the declarant has a clear and serious intent at the time the communications are made to subsequently commit a crime involving physical injury, a threat to the physical safety of any person, sexual abuse or death or involving an act described in ORS 167.322;
 - (b) In the professional judgment of the person receiving the communications, the declarant poses a danger of committing the crime; and
 - (c) The person receiving the communications makes a report to another person based on the communications.
- (2) The provisions of this section do not create a duty to report any communication to any person.
- (3) A person who discloses a communication described in subsection (1) of this section, or fails to disclose a communication described in subsection (1) of this section, is not liable to any other person in a civil action for any damage or injury arising out of the disclosure or failure to disclose.

OR. REV. STAT. § 419B.005. Definitions.

NOTE: Statutory text effective January 1, 2026.

As used in ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1)
 - (a) “Abuse” means:
 - (A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any physical injury to a child that has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury that appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.
 - (B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only cruel or unconscionable acts or statements made, or threatened to be made, to a child if the acts, statements or threats result in severe harm to the child's psychological, cognitive, emotional or social well-being and functioning.
 - (C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS chapter 163.
 - (D) Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.
 - (E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS chapter 163, and any other conduct that allows, employs, authorizes, permits, induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to observe or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition that, in whole

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct that is part of any investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or that is designed to serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and
- (ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413 or to engage in commercial sexual solicitation as described in ORS 167.008.
- (F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.
- (G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.
- (H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS 163.537.
- (I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.
- (J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS 475.005, or to the unlawful manufacturing of a cannabinoid extract, as defined in ORS 475B.015, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or safety.
- (K) The restraint or seclusion of the child in violation of ORS 339.285, 339.288, 339.291, 339.303, or 339.308.
- (L) The infliction of corporal punishment in violation of ORS 339.250 (9).
- (b) "Abuse" does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (2) "Child" means an unmarried person who:
- Is under 18 years of age; or
 - Is a child in care, as defined in ORS 418.257.
- (3) "Higher education institution" means:
- A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;
 - A public university listed in ORS 352.002;
 - The Oregon Health and Science University; and
 - A private institution of higher education located in Oregon.
- (4)
- "Investigation" means a detailed inquiry into or assessment of the safety of a child alleged to have experienced abuse.
 - "Investigation" does not include screening activities conducted upon the receipt of a report.
- (5) "Law enforcement agency" means:
- A city or municipal police department.
 - A county sheriff's office.
 - The Oregon State Police.
 - A police department established by a university under ORS 352.121 or 353.125.
 - A county juvenile department.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

(6) *“Public or private official” means:*

- (a) Physician or physician associate licensed under ORS chapter 677 or naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident.
- (b) Dentist.
- (c) School employee, including an employee of a higher education institution.
- (d) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.
- (e) Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Early Learning Division, Department of Education, Youth Development Division, Office of Child Care, the Oregon Youth Authority, a local health department, a community mental health program, a community developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a child-caring agency as that term is defined in ORS 418.205 or an alcohol and drug treatment program.
- (f) Peace officer.
- (g) Psychologist.
- (h) Member of the clergy.
- (i) Regulated social worker.
- (j) Optometrist.
- (k) Chiropractor.
- (l) Certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof.
- (m) Attorney.
- (n) Licensed professional counselor.
- (o) Licensed marriage and family therapist.
- (p) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.
- (q) Court appointed special advocate, as defined in ORS 419A.004.
- (r) Child care provider registered or certified under ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450.
- (s) Elected official of a branch of government of this state or a state agency, board, commission or department of a branch of government of this state or of a city, county or other political subdivision in this state.
- (t) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.
- (u) Audiologist.
- (v) Speech-language pathologist.
- (w) Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission directly involved in investigations or discipline by the commission.
- (x) Pharmacist.
- (y) Operator of a preschool recorded program under ORS 329A.255.
- (z) Operator of a school-age recorded program under ORS 329A.255.
- (aa) Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the provision of respite services, as defined in ORS 418.205, for parents pursuant to a properly executed power of attorney under ORS 109.056.
- (bb) Employee of a public or private organization providing child-related services or activities:
 - (A) Including but not limited to an employee of a:
 - (i) Youth group or center;
 - (ii) Scout group or camp;

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (iii) Summer or day camp;
- (iv) Survival camp; or
- (v) Group, center or camp that are operated under the guidance, supervision or auspices of religious, public or private educational systems or community service organizations; and
- (B) Excluding an employee of a qualified victim services program as defined in ORS 147.600 that provides confidential, direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.
- (cc) Coach, assistant coach or trainer of an amateur, semiprofessional or professional athlete, if compensated and if the athlete is a child.
- (dd) Personal support worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.
- (ee) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.
- (ff) *Animal control officer, as defined in ORS 609.500.*
- (gg) Member of a school district board, an education service district board or a public charter school governing body.
- (hh) Individual who is paid by a public body, in accordance with ORS 430.215, to provide a service identified in an individualized written service plan of a child with a developmental disability.
- (ii) Referral agent, as defined in ORS 418.351.
- (jj) Parole and probation officer, as defined in ORS 181A.355.
- (kk) Behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst licensed under ORS 676.810 or behavior analysis interventionist registered under ORS 676.815.
- (LL) Massage therapist, as defined in ORS 687.011.

OR. REV. STAT. § 419B.010. Duty of officials to report child abuse; exception; violations.

- (1) *Any public or private official having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the official comes in contact has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the official comes in contact has abused a child shall immediately report or cause a report to be made in the manner required in ORS 419B.015. Nothing contained in ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6) affects the duty to report imposed by this section, except that a psychiatrist, psychologist, member of the clergy, attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under ORS 419B.231 is not required to report such information communicated by a person if the communication is privileged under ORS 40.225 to 40.295 or 419B.234 (6). An attorney is not required to make a report under this section by reason of information communicated to the attorney in the course of representing a client if disclosure of the information would be detrimental to the client.*
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a report need not be made under this section if the public or private official acquires information relating to abuse by reason of a report made under this section, or by reason of a proceeding arising out of a report made under this section, and the public or private official reasonably believes that the information is already known by a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services.
- (3) The duty to report under this section is personal to the public or private official alone, regardless of whether the official is employed by, a volunteer of or a representative or agent for any type of entity

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

or organization that employs persons or uses persons as volunteers who are public or private officials in its operations.

- (4) The duty to report under this section exists regardless of whether the entity or organization that employs the public or private official or uses the official as a volunteer has its own procedures or policies for reporting abuse internally within the entity or organization.
- (5) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a Class A violation. Prosecution under this subsection shall be commenced at any time within 18 months after commission of the offense.

OR. REV. STAT. § 609.654. Public or private official reporting of aggravated animal abuse; immunity.

- (1) *Notwithstanding ORS 40.225 to 40.295, a public or private official who has reasonable cause to believe that an animal with which the official has come in contact has suffered aggravated animal abuse, or that any person with whom the official has come in contact has committed aggravated animal abuse, may immediately report the suspected aggravated animal abuse in the manner prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.*
- (2) *A report of suspected aggravated animal abuse authorized under subsection (1) of this section may be made to a law enforcement agency, either orally or in writing, and may include, if known:*
 - (a) *The name and description of each animal involved;*
 - (b) *The address and telephone number of the owner or other person responsible for the care of the animal;*
 - (c) *The nature and extent of the suspected abuse;*
 - (d) *Any evidence of previous aggravated animal abuse;*
 - (e) *Any explanation given for the suspected abuse; and*
 - (f) *Any other information that the person making the report believes may be helpful in establishing the cause of the suspected abuse or the identity of the person causing the abuse.*
- (3) *A public or private official who acts in good faith and has reasonable grounds for making a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse under this section is not liable in any civil or criminal proceeding brought as a result of making the report.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 609.656. Regulated social worker reporting of abuse or neglect; immunity.

- (1) *As used in this section:*
 - (a) *“Abuse or neglect” means:*
 - (A) *Animal abuse in the second degree as described in ORS 167.315;*
 - (B) *Animal abuse in the first degree as described in ORS 167.320;*
 - (C) *Aggravated animal abuse in the first degree as described in ORS 167.322;*
 - (D) *Animal neglect in the second degree as described in ORS 167.325; or*
 - (E) *Animal neglect in the first degree as described in ORS 167.330.*
 - (b) *“Regulated social worker” means a person authorized under ORS 675.510 to 675.600 to perform regulated social work.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (2) *Notwithstanding ORS 40.250, in addition to the authorization under ORS 609.654 to report aggravated animal abuse in the first degree, a regulated social worker who is an employee of the Department of Human Services and has reasonable cause to believe that an animal with which the social worker has come in contact as an employee of the department has suffered abuse or neglect, or that any person with whom the social worker has come in contact as an employee of the department has committed abuse or neglect of an animal, may immediately report the suspected abuse or neglect in the manner prescribed in subsection (3) of this section.*
- (3) *A report under subsection (2) of this section may be made to a law enforcement agency, either orally or in writing, and may include, if known:*
- (a) The name and description of each animal involved;*
 - (b) The address and telephone number of the owner or other person responsible for the care of the animal;*
 - (c) The nature and extent of the suspected abuse or neglect;*
 - (d) Any evidence of previous abuse or neglect or of previous aggravated animal abuse in the first degree as described in ORS 167.322;*
 - (e) Any explanation given for the suspected abuse or neglect; and*
 - (f) Any other information that the regulated social worker believes may be helpful in establishing the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect or the identity of a person causing abuse or neglect.*
- (4) *A regulated social worker who acts in good faith and has reasonable grounds for making a report under this section of suspected abuse or neglect is not liable in any civil or criminal proceeding brought as a result of making the report.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

9. VETERINARY REPORTING

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.442. Link between animal abuse and human abuse, mandatory reporting of aggravated animal abuse.

The Legislative Assembly finds that there is a direct link between the problems of animal abuse and human abuse and further finds that for the purposes of identifying and prosecuting individuals who have committed crimes against animals, preventing further abuse of animals and preventing animal abuse from escalating to abuse against humans, it is necessary and in the public interest to require mandatory reporting of aggravated animal abuse by veterinarians.

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.445. Reports of abandoned, neglected or abused animals or animals injured in trapping devices; immunity from liability.

- (1) *Except as provided in ORS 686.455, licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians may report to peace officers, animal control officers or officers of private organizations devoted to humane treatment of animals any animal that the veterinarian or veterinary technician knows or reasonably believes to be abandoned, neglected or abused. Any veterinarian or veterinary technician making a report under this section is immune from any civil or criminal liability by reason of making the report.*
- (2) *Veterinarians licensed and practicing in Oregon shall report to the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, in a form established by the dean, incidences of treating animals purported to have been injured by a trapping device.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.450. Definitions.

As used in ORS 686.450 to 686.465 and 686.990 (3):

- (1)
 - (a) *“Aggravated animal abuse” means any animal abuse as described in ORS 167.322.*
 - (b) *“Aggravated animal abuse” does not include:*
 - (A) *Good animal husbandry, as defined in ORS 167.310; or*
 - (B) *Any exemption listed in ORS 167.335.*
- (2) *“Law enforcement agency” means:*
 - (a) *Any city or municipal police department.*
 - (b) *A police department established by a university under section 1 of this 2011 Act.*
 - (c) *Any county sheriff’s office.*
 - (d) *The Oregon State Police.*
 - (e) *A law enforcement division of a humane society in Oregon that employs special agents authorized under ORS 131.805 or humane special agents commissioned under section 1 of this 2012 Act.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

(f) A law enforcement division of a county or municipal animal control agency that employs sworn officers.

(3) "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under ORS chapter 686.

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.455. Veterinarian reports.

- (1) A veterinarian who has reasonable cause to believe that an animal with which the veterinarian has come in contact has suffered aggravated animal abuse, or that any person with whom the veterinarian has come in contact has committed aggravated animal abuse, shall immediately report the suspected aggravated animal abuse in the manner prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.*
- (2) A report of suspected aggravated animal abuse required under subsection (1) of this section shall be made to a law enforcement agency, either orally or in writing, and shall include, if known:*
- (a) The name and description of each animal involved;*
 - (b) The address and telephone number of the owner or other person responsible for the care of the animal;*
 - (c) The nature and extent of the suspected aggravated animal abuse;*
 - (d) Any evidence of previous aggravated animal abuse;*
 - (e) Any explanation given for the suspected aggravated animal abuse; and*
 - (f) Any other information that the person making the report believes may be helpful in establishing the cause of the suspected aggravated animal abuse or the identity of the person causing the aggravated animal abuse.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.465. Veterinarian liability.

A veterinarian who acts in good faith and has reasonable grounds for making a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse under ORS 686.455 is not liable in any civil or criminal proceeding brought as a result of making the report.

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.990. Penalties.

- (1) Violation of ORS 686.020 (1)(a) is a Class A misdemeanor.*
- (2) In addition to any other sanction imposed by law, the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation of ORS 686.020 (1).*
- (3) Failure to file a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse as required by ORS 686.455 is a Class A violation.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

10. "AG-GAG" LAWS

[None]

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

11. EMERGENCY RESCUE AND RELIEF

OR. REV. STAT. § 30.813. Entrance into motor vehicle to remove unattended child or domestic animal; limitation on liability.

- (1) As used in this section, “motor vehicle” has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.360.
- (2) *A person who enters a motor vehicle, by force or otherwise, to remove a child or domestic animal left unattended in the motor vehicle is not subject to criminal or civil liability if the person:*
 - (a) *Before entering the motor vehicle, determines that the motor vehicle is locked or there is no reasonable method for the child or animal to exit the motor vehicle without assistance;*
 - (b) *Has a good faith and reasonable belief, based upon the circumstances, that entry into the motor vehicle is necessary because the child or animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm;*
 - (c) *Before or as soon as is reasonably practicable after entering the motor vehicle, notifies law enforcement or emergency services;*
 - (d) *Uses no more force than is necessary to enter the motor vehicle and remove the child or animal; and*
 - (e) *Remains with the child or animal in a safe location, in reasonable proximity to the motor vehicle, until law enforcement, emergency services or the owner or operator of the motor vehicle arrives.*
- (3) This section does not limit the liability of a person for gross negligence or for reckless, wanton or intentional misconduct.
- (4) This section does not limit the liability of a peace officer as defined in ORS 161.015.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345. Search and seizure; impoundment; liability.

- (1) *As used in this section, ‘peace officer’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 161.015.*
- (2) *If there is probable cause to believe that any animal is being subjected to treatment in violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428, a peace officer, after obtaining a search warrant or in any other manner authorized by law, may enter the premises or motor vehicle where the animal is located to provide the animal with food, water and emergency medical treatment and may impound the animal. If after reasonable effort the owner or person having custody of the animal cannot be found and notified of the impoundment, the notice shall be conspicuously posted on the premises or motor vehicle and within 72 hours after the impoundment the notice shall be sent by certified mail to the address, if any, where the animal was impounded.*
- (3) *A peace officer is not liable for any damages for an entry under subsection (2) of this section, unless the damages were caused by the unnecessary actions of the peace officer that were intentional or reckless.*
- (4)
 - (a) *A court may order an animal impounded under subsection (2) of this section to be held at any animal care facility in the state. A facility receiving the animal shall provide adequate food and water and may provide veterinary care.*
 - (b) *A court may order a fighting bird impounded under subsection (2) of this section to be held on*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

the property of the owner, possessor or keeper of the fighting bird in accordance with ORS 167.433.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

12. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT

OR. REV. STAT. § 105.597. Nuisance properties; action to enjoin and abate.

In addition to any places described in ORS 105.555, the following are declared to be nuisances and shall be enjoined and abated as provided in ORS 105.550 to 105.600:

- (1) Any place being used on a continuous, regular or sporadic basis for carrying out any of the following activities, except with regard to activities and animals described under ORS 167.335, whether or not carried out with a particular mental state:

 - (a) Causing physical injury or serious physical injury, both as defined in ORS 167.310, or causing death.*
 - (b) Committing torture as defined in ORS 167.322.*
 - (c) Failing to provide minimum care as defined in ORS 167.310.*
 - (d) Possession of or residing with a domestic animal as defined in ORS 167.310 by a person described under ORS 167.332.**
- (2) Any place appearing to be vacant at which a domestic animal or equine, both as defined in ORS 167.310, are present and have been left without provision for minimum care as defined in ORS 167.310.*
- (3) Any place being used on a continuous, regular or sporadic basis for carrying out any of the following activities, whether or not carried out with a particular mental state:

 - (a) Training or keeping an animal for use in an exhibition of fighting as defined in ORS 167.355.*
 - (b) Preparing for, occupation for, promoting, conducting or participating in an exhibition of fighting as defined in ORS 167.355.*
 - (c) Possessing, keeping, breeding, training, buying, selling or offering for sale a fighting dog as defined in ORS 167.360.*
 - (d) Promoting, conducting, participating in or performing services in furtherance of a dogfight as defined in ORS 167.360.*
 - (e) Occupation, keeping or use of the place for a dogfight as defined in ORS 167.360.*
 - (f) Exchanging for commerce raw fur of a domestic cat or dog as defined in ORS 167.390, or products that include the fur of a domestic cat or dog, if the fur is obtained through a process that kills or maims the domestic cat or dog.*
 - (g) Possessing, keeping, rearing, training, buying, selling or offering for sale a fighting bird as defined in ORS 167.426.*
 - (h) Promoting, conducting, participating in or performing services in furtherance of a cockfight as defined in ORS 167.426.*
 - (i) Occupation, keeping or use of the place for a cockfight as defined in ORS 167.426.**
- (4) Any place being used on a continuous, regular or sporadic basis for carrying out any of the following activities:

 - (a) Sexual assault of an animal as described in ORS 167.333.*
 - (b) Possession of dogfighting paraphernalia as described under ORS 167.372.*
 - (c) Selling or offering for sale equipment other than paraphernalia described in paragraph (b) of this subsection with the intent that the equipment be used to train a fighting dog as defined in ORS 167.360.**

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (d) Possessing, controlling or otherwise having charge at the same time of more than 50 sexually intact dogs that are two or more years of age for the primary purpose of reproduction.*
- (e) Manufacturing, buying, selling, bartering, exchanging, possessing or offering for sale a gaff or slasher as those terms are defined in ORS 167.426, or other sharp implement designed for attachment to the leg of a fighting bird as defined in ORS 167.426, with the intent that the gaff, slasher or other sharp implement be used in a cockfight as defined in ORS 167.426.*
- (f) Manufacturing, buying, selling, bartering, exchanging, possessing or offering for sale equipment other than equipment described in paragraph (e) of this subsection with the intent that the equipment be used to train or handle a fighting bird as defined in ORS 167.426 or to enhance the fighting ability of a fighting bird.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

13. DOMESTIC RELATIONS

OR. REV. STAT. § 107.718. Court order when petitioner in imminent danger of abuse; contents of petition, order and related forms.

- (1) *When a person files a petition under ORS 107.710, the circuit court shall hold an ex parte hearing in person or by telephone on the day the petition is filed or on the following judicial day. Upon a showing that the petitioner has been the victim of abuse committed by the respondent within 180 days preceding the filing of the petition, that there is an imminent danger of further abuse to the petitioner and that the respondent represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the petitioner or the petitioner's child, the court shall, if requested by the petitioner, order:*
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, that temporary custody of the children of the parties be awarded to the petitioner or, at the request of the petitioner, to the respondent, subject to reasonable parenting time rights of the noncustodial parent, which the court shall order, unless such parenting time is not in the best interest of the child;
 - (b) That the respondent be required to move from the petitioner's residence, if in the sole name of the petitioner or if it is jointly owned or rented by the petitioner and the respondent, or if the parties are married to each other;
 - (c) That the respondent be restrained from entering, or attempting to enter, a reasonable area surrounding the petitioner's current or subsequent residence if the respondent is required to move from petitioner's residence;
 - (d) That a peace officer accompany the party who is leaving or has left the parties' residence to remove essential personal effects of the party or the party's children, or both, including but not limited to clothing, toiletries, diapers, medications, Social Security cards, certified copies of records of live birth, identification and tools of the trade;
 - (e) That the respondent be restrained from intimidating, molesting, interfering with or menacing the petitioner, or attempting to intimidate, molest, interfere with or menace the petitioner;
 - (f) That the respondent be restrained from intimidating, molesting, interfering with or menacing any children in the custody of the petitioner, or attempting to intimidate, molest, interfere with or menace any children in the custody of the petitioner;
 - (g) That the respondent be restrained from entering, or attempting to enter, on any premises and a reasonable area surrounding the premises when it appears to the court that such restraint is necessary to prevent the respondent from intimidating, molesting, interfering with or menacing the petitioner or children whose custody is awarded to the petitioner;
 - (h) *Other relief that the court considers necessary to:*
 - (A) Provide for the safety and welfare of the petitioner and the children in the custody of the petitioner, including but not limited to emergency monetary assistance from the respondent; and
 - (B) *Prevent the neglect and protect the safety of any service or therapy animal or any animal kept for personal protection or companionship, but not an animal kept for any business, commercial, agricultural or economic purpose; or*
 - (i) Except as described in subsection (12) of this section or parenting time ordered under this

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

section, that the respondent have no contact with the petitioner in person, by telephone or by mail.

- (2) If the court determines that exceptional circumstances exist that affect the custody of a child, the court shall order the parties to appear and provide additional evidence at a hearing to determine temporary custody and resolve other contested issues. Pending the hearing, the court may make any orders regarding the child's residence and the parties' contact with the child that the court finds appropriate to provide for the child's welfare and the safety of the parties. The court shall set a hearing time and date as provided in ORS 107.716 (2) and issue a notice of the hearing at the same time the court issues the restraining order.
- (3) The court's order under subsection (1) of this section is effective for a period of two years or until the order is withdrawn or amended, or until the order is superseded as provided in ORS 107.722, whichever is sooner.
- (4) If respondent is restrained from entering, or attempting to enter, an area surrounding petitioner's residence or any other premises, the order restraining respondent shall specifically describe the area.
- (5) Imminent danger under this section includes but is not limited to situations in which the respondent has recently threatened petitioner with additional bodily harm.
- (6) If the court awards parenting time to a parent who committed abuse, the court shall make adequate provision for the safety of the child and of the petitioner. The order of the court may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (a) That exchange of a child between parents shall occur at a protected location.
 - (b) That parenting time be supervised by another person or agency.
 - (c) That the perpetrator of the abuse be required to attend and complete, to the satisfaction of the court, a program of intervention for perpetrators or any other counseling program designated by the court as a condition of the parenting time.
 - (d) That the perpetrator of the abuse not possess or consume alcohol or controlled substances during the parenting time and for 24 hours preceding the parenting time.
 - (e) That the perpetrator of the abuse pay all or a portion of the cost of supervised parenting time, and any program designated by the court as a condition of parenting time.
 - (f) That no overnight parenting time occur.
- (7) The State Court Administrator shall prescribe the content and form of the petition, order and related forms for use under ORS 107.700 to 107.735. The clerk of the court shall make available the forms and an instructional brochure explaining the rights set forth under ORS 107.700 to 107.735.
- (8) If the court orders relief:
 - (a) The clerk of the court shall provide without charge the number of certified true copies of the petition and order necessary to provide the petitioner with one copy and to effect service and shall have a true copy of the petition and order delivered to the county sheriff for service upon the respondent, unless the court finds that further service is unnecessary because the respondent appeared in person before the court. In addition and upon request by the petitioner, the clerk shall provide the petitioner, without charge, two exemplified copies of the petition and order.
 - (b) The county sheriff shall serve the respondent personally unless the petitioner elects to have the respondent served personally by a private party or by a peace officer who is called to the scene of a domestic disturbance at which the respondent is present, and who is able to obtain a copy

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

of the order within a reasonable amount of time. Proof of service shall be made in accordance with ORS 107.720. When the order does not contain the respondent's date of birth and service is effected by the sheriff or other peace officer, the sheriff or officer shall verify the respondent's date of birth with the respondent and shall record that date on the order or proof of service entered into the Law Enforcement Data System under ORS 107.720.

(c) No filing fee, service fee or hearing fee shall be charged for proceedings seeking only the relief provided under ORS 107.700 to 107.735.

(9) If the county sheriff:

(a) Determines that the order and petition are incomplete, the sheriff shall return the order and petition to the clerk of the court. The clerk of the court shall notify the petitioner, at the address provided by the petitioner, of the error or omission.

(b) After accepting the order and petition, cannot complete service within 10 days, the sheriff shall notify the petitioner, at the address provided by the petitioner, that the documents have not been served. If the petitioner does not respond within 10 days, the sheriff shall hold the order and petition for future service and file a return to the clerk of the court showing that service was not completed.

(10)

(a) Within 30 days after a restraining order is served under this section, the respondent therein may request a court hearing upon any relief granted. The hearing request form shall be available from the clerk of the court in the form prescribed by the State Court Administrator.

(b) If the respondent requests a hearing under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the clerk of the court shall notify the petitioner of the date and time of the hearing, and shall supply the petitioner with a copy of the respondent's request for a hearing. The petitioner shall give to the clerk of the court information sufficient to allow such notification.

(c) The hearing shall not be limited to the issues raised in the respondent's request for hearing form. If the respondent seeks to raise an issue at the hearing not previously raised in the request for hearing form, or if the petitioner seeks relief at the hearing not granted in the original order, the other party shall be entitled to a reasonable continuance for the purpose of preparing a response to the issue.

(11) If the respondent fails to request a hearing within 30 days after a restraining order is served, the restraining order is confirmed by operation of law. The provisions of this section are sufficient to meet the due process requirements of 18 U.S.C. 922(g) in that the respondent received actual notice of the right to request a hearing and the opportunity to participate at the hearing but the respondent failed to exercise those rights.

(12) Service of process or other legal documents upon the petitioner is not a violation of this section if the petitioner is served as provided in ORCP 7 or 9.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

14. MAXIMUM PENALTIES AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

OR. REV. STAT. § 131.125. Limitation periods for certain crimes.

- (1) A prosecution for aggravated murder, murder, attempted murder or aggravated murder, conspiracy or solicitation to commit aggravated murder or murder or any degree of manslaughter may be commenced at any time after the commission of the attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit aggravated murder or murder, or the death of the person killed.
- (2) A prosecution for any of the following felonies may be commenced within 20 years after the commission of the crime or, if the victim at the time of the crime was under 18 years of age, anytime before the victim attains 30 years of age, whichever occurs later:
 - (a) Rape in the first degree under ORS 163.375.
 - (b) Sodomy in the first degree under ORS 163.405.
 - (c) Unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree under ORS 163.411.
 - (d) Sexual abuse in the first degree under ORS 163.427.
- (3) A prosecution for any of the following felonies may be commenced within six years after the commission of the crime or, if the victim at the time of the crime was under 18 years of age, anytime before the victim attains 30 years of age or within 12 years after the offense is reported to a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services, whichever occurs first:
 - (a) Strangulation under ORS 163.187 (4).
 - (b) Criminal mistreatment in the first degree under ORS 163.205.
 - (c) Rape in the third degree under ORS 163.355.
 - (d) Rape in the second degree under ORS 163.365.
 - (e) Sodomy in the third degree under ORS 163.385.
 - (f) Sodomy in the second degree under ORS 163.395.
 - (g) Unlawful sexual penetration in the second degree under ORS 163.408.
 - (h) Sexual abuse in the second degree under ORS 163.425.
 - (i) Using a child in a display of sexual conduct under ORS 163.670.
 - (j) Encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree under ORS 163.684.
 - (k) Incest under ORS 163.525.
 - (L) Promoting prostitution under ORS 167.012.
 - (m) Compelling prostitution under ORS 167.017.
 - (n) Luring a minor under ORS 167.057.
- (4) A prosecution for any of the following misdemeanors may be commenced within four years after the commission of the crime or, if the victim at the time of the crime was under 18 years of age, anytime before the victim attains 22 years of age or within four years after the offense is reported to a law enforcement agency or the Department of Human Services, whichever occurs first:
 - (a) Strangulation under ORS 163.187 (3).
 - (b) Sexual abuse in the third degree under ORS 163.415.
 - (c) Exhibiting an obscene performance to a minor under ORS 167.075.
 - (d) Displaying obscene materials to minors under ORS 167.080.
- (5) In the case of crimes described in subsection (3)(i) of this section, the victim is the child engaged in

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

sexual conduct. In the case of the crime described in subsection (3)(k) of this section, the victim is the party to the incest other than the party being prosecuted. In the case of crimes described in subsection (3)(L) and (m) of this section, the victim is the child whose acts of prostitution are promoted or compelled.

- (6) A prosecution for arson in any degree may be commenced within six years after the commission of the crime.
- (7) A prosecution for any of the following felonies may be commenced within six years after the commission of the crime if the victim at the time of the crime was 65 years of age or older:
 - (a) Theft in the first degree under ORS 164.055.
 - (b) Aggravated theft in the first degree under ORS 164.057.
 - (c) Extortion under ORS 164.075.
 - (d) Robbery in the third degree under ORS 164.395.
 - (e) Robbery in the second degree under ORS 164.405.
 - (f) Robbery in the first degree under ORS 164.415.
 - (g) Forgery in the first degree under ORS 165.013.
 - (h) Fraudulent use of a credit card under ORS 165.055 (4)(b).
 - (i) Identity theft under ORS 165.800.
- (8) *Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section or as otherwise expressly provided by law, prosecutions for other offenses must be commenced within the following periods of limitations after their commission:*
 - (a) *For any other felony, three years.*
 - (b) *For any misdemeanor, two years.*
 - (c) *For a violation, six months.*
- (9) If the period prescribed in subsection (8) of this section has expired, a prosecution nevertheless may be commenced as follows:
 - (a) If the offense has as a material element either fraud or the breach of a fiduciary obligation, prosecution may be commenced within one year after discovery of the offense by an aggrieved party or by a person who has a legal duty to represent an aggrieved party and who is not a party to the offense, but in no case shall the period of limitation otherwise applicable be extended by more than three years;
 - (b) If the offense is based upon misconduct in office by a public officer or employee, prosecution may be commenced at any time while the defendant is in public office or employment or within two years thereafter, but in no case shall the period of limitation otherwise applicable be extended by more than three years; or
 - (c) If the offense is an invasion of personal privacy under ORS 163.700 or 163.701, prosecution may be commenced within one year after discovery of the offense by the person aggrieved by the offense, by a person who has a legal duty to represent the person aggrieved by the offense or by a law enforcement agency, but in no case shall the period of limitation otherwise applicable be extended by more than three years; or
 - (d) If the offense is sexual abuse by fraudulent representation under section 1 of this 2023 Act, prosecution may be commenced within six years after the victim becomes aware or reasonably should have become aware of the criminal nature of the conduct.
- (10) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section, if the defendant is identified after the period

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

described in subsection (2) or (3) of this section on the basis of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) sample comparisons, a prosecution for:

- (a) Rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree or sexual abuse in the first degree may be commenced at any time after the commission of the crime.
 - (b) Rape in the second degree, sodomy in the second degree or unlawful sexual penetration in the second degree may be commenced within 25 years after the commission of the crime.
- (11) Notwithstanding subsection (10) of this section, if a prosecution for a felony listed in subsection (10) of this section would otherwise be barred by subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the prosecution must be commenced within two years of the DNA-based identification of the defendant.
- (12)
- (a) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, if a prosecuting attorney obtains corroborating evidence of the crimes of rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree or sexual abuse in the first degree, after the period described in subsection (2) of this section, the prosecution may be commenced at any time after the commission of the crime.
 - (b) The corroborating evidence described in paragraph (a) of this subsection must consist of one of the following:
 - (A) Physical evidence other than a DNA sample, including but not limited to audio, video or other electronic recordings, text messages, guest book logs, telephone recordings and photographs.
 - (B) A confession, made by the defendant, to the crime the victim reported.
 - (C) An oral statement, made by the victim to another person in temporal proximity to the commission of the crime, corroborating the victim's report of the crime to a law enforcement agency.
 - (D) A written statement, created by the victim in temporal proximity to the commission of the crime and subsequently delivered to another person or to a law enforcement agency, corroborating the victim's report of the crime to a law enforcement agency.
 - (E) A report made by a different victim to a law enforcement agency, made either before or after the victim's report, alleging that the defendant committed another crime of the same or similar character such that the two crimes could be charged in the same charging instrument under ORS 132.560.
- (13)
- (a) A prosecuting attorney commencing a prosecution pursuant to subsection (12) of this section shall present any evidence reasonably tending to negate the guilt of the defendant to the grand jury considering the indictment for the offense.
 - (b) The failure to present evidence reasonably tending to negate guilt as required by paragraph (a) of this subsection does not affect the validity of an indictment or prosecution.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 161.605. Maximum prison terms for felonies.

The maximum term of an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment for a felony is as follows:

- (1) For a Class A felony, 20 years.
- (2) For a Class B felony, 10 years.
- (3) For a Class C felony, 5 years.
- (4) For an unclassified felony as provided in the statute defining the crime.

OR. REV. STAT. § 161.615. Prison terms for misdemeanors.

Sentences for misdemeanors shall be for a definite term. The court shall fix the term of imprisonment within the following maximum limitations:

- (1) For a Class A misdemeanor, 364 days.
- (2) For a Class B misdemeanor, 6 months.
- (3) For a Class C misdemeanor, 30 days.
- (4) For an unclassified misdemeanor, as provided in the statute defining the crime.

OR. REV. STAT. § 161.625. Felonies; fines.

- (1) *A sentence to pay a fine for a felony shall be a sentence to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not exceeding:*
 - (a) \$500,000 for murder or aggravated murder.
 - (b) \$375,000 for a Class A felony.
 - (c) \$250,000 for a Class B felony.
 - (d) \$125,000 for a Class C felony.
- (2) A sentence to pay a fine for an unclassified felony shall be a sentence to pay an amount, fixed by the court, as provided in the statute defining the crime.
- (3)
 - (a) If a person has gained money or property through the commission of a felony, then upon conviction thereof the court, in lieu of imposing the fine authorized for the crime under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, may sentence the defendant to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not exceeding double the amount of the defendant's gain from the commission of the crime.
 - (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection do not apply to the felony theft of a companion animal, as defined in ORS 164.055, or a captive wild animal.
- (4) As used in this section, "gain" means the amount of money or the value of property derived from the commission of the felony, less the amount of money or the value of property returned to the victim of the crime or seized by or surrendered to lawful authority before the time sentence is imposed. "Value" shall be determined by the standards established in ORS 164.115.
- (5) When the court imposes a fine for a felony the court shall make a finding as to the amount of the

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

defendant's gain from the crime. If the record does not contain sufficient evidence to support a finding the court may conduct a hearing upon the issue.

(6) Except as provided in ORS 161.655, this section does not apply to a corporation.

OR. REV. STAT. § 161.635. Misdemeanors; fines.

- (1) *A sentence to pay a fine for a misdemeanor shall be a sentence to pay an amount, fixed by the court, not exceeding:*
 - (a) *\$6,250 for a Class A misdemeanor.*
 - (b) *\$2,500 for a Class B misdemeanor.*
 - (c) *\$1,250 for a Class C misdemeanor.*
- (2) A sentence to pay a fine for an unclassified misdemeanor shall be a sentence to pay an amount, fixed by the court, as provided in the statute defining the crime.
- (3) If a person has gained money or property through the commission of a misdemeanor, then upon conviction thereof the court, instead of imposing the fine authorized for the offense under this section, may sentence the defendant to pay an amount fixed by the court, not exceeding double the amount of the defendant's gain from the commission of the offense. In that event, ORS 161.625 (4) and (5) apply.
- (4) This section does not apply to corporations.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

15. LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

OR. REV. STAT. § 131.805. Authority to employ special agents.

The Governor may employ, at such salaries as the Governor deems reasonable for the services rendered, special agents to effect the apprehension and conviction of criminals, the return of fugitives from justice, the investigation of cases in which the Governor believes the laws of the state are being violated, the supervision of persons paroled or conditionally pardoned from the Department of Corrections or the collection of evidence in any case, civil or criminal, in which the state is interested whenever in the judgment of the Governor it is necessary from the conditions existing in any case, whenever the Governor is convinced that criminals are likely to escape punishment and justice cannot be done by the regularly constituted authorities of any county of the state or of the state or whenever any emergency has arisen which in the judgment of the Governor would justify the Governor so doing.

OR. REV. STAT. § 133.005. Definitions.

As used in ORS 133.005 to 133.400 and 133.410 to 133.450, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) “Arrest” means to place a person under actual or constructive restraint or to take a person into custody for the purpose of charging that person with an offense. A “stop” as authorized under ORS 131.605 to 131.625 is not an arrest.
- (2) “Federal officer” means a special agent or law enforcement officer employed by a federal agency who is empowered to effect an arrest with or without a warrant for violations of the United States Code and who is authorized to carry firearms in the performance of duty.
- (3) “Peace officer” means:
 - (a) A member of the Oregon State Police;
 - (b) A sheriff, constable, marshal, municipal police officer or reserve officer or a police officer commissioned by a university under ORS 352.383;
 - (c) An investigator of a district attorney’s office if the investigator is or has been certified as a peace officer in this or any other state;
 - (d) An investigator of the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of Justice of the State of Oregon;
 - (e) A humane special agent as defined in section 2 of this 2012 Act;
 - (f) A regulatory specialist exercising authority described in ORS 471.775 (2), 475B.025 or 475B.299;
 - (g) An authorized tribal police officer as defined in section 1, chapter 644, Oregon Laws 2011; or
 - (h) A judicial marshal appointed under ORS 1.177 who is trained pursuant to ORS 181.647.
- (4) “Reserve officer” means an officer or member of a law enforcement agency who is:
 - (a) A volunteer or employed less than full-time as a peace officer commissioned by a city, port, school district, mass transit district, county, county service district authorized to provide law enforcement services under ORS 451.010, the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

Justice, the Oregon State Lottery Commission or the Governor or a member of the Department of State Police;

- (b) Armed with a firearm; and
- (c) Responsible for enforcing the criminal laws and traffic laws of this state or laws or ordinances relating to airport security.

OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377. Animal abuse; animal care.

- (1) Any person violating ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 may be arrested and held without warrant, in the same manner as in the case of persons found breaking the peace.
- (2) The person making the arrest, with or without warrant, shall use reasonable diligence to give notice thereof to the owners of the animals found in the charge of the person arrested, and shall properly care and provide for such animals until the owners or their duly authorized agents take charge of them; provided, such owners or agents shall claim and take charge of the animals within 60 days from the date of said notice.
- (3) The person making such arrest shall have a lien upon the animals for the expense of such care and provisions.
- (4) Any peace officer who cares or provides for an animal pursuant to this section and any person into whose care an animal is delivered by a peace officer acting under this section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability based upon an allegation that such care was negligently provided.

OR. REV. STAT. § 133.379. Duty to arrest and prosecute animal abusers; fines and forfeitures.

It shall be the duty of any peace officer to arrest and prosecute any violator of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 for any violation which comes to the knowledge or notice of the officer.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345. Search and seizure; impoundment; liability.

- (1) As used in this section, 'peace officer' has the meaning given that term in ORS 161.015.
- (2) If there is probable cause to believe that any animal is being subjected to treatment in violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428, a peace officer, after obtaining a search warrant or in any other manner authorized by law, may enter the premises or motor vehicle where the animal is located to provide the animal with food, water and emergency medical treatment and may impound the animal. If after reasonable effort the owner or person having custody of the animal cannot be found and notified of the impoundment, the notice shall be conspicuously posted on the premises or motor vehicle and within 72 hours after the impoundment the notice shall be sent by certified mail to the address, if any, where the animal was impounded.
- (3) A peace officer is not liable for any damages for an entry under subsection (2) of this section, unless the damages were caused by the unnecessary actions of the peace officer that were intentional or reckless.
- (4)

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (a) *A court may order an animal impounded under subsection (2) of this section to be held at any animal care facility in the state. A facility receiving the animal shall provide adequate food and water and may provide veterinary care.*
- (b) *A court may order a fighting bird impounded under subsection (2) of this section to be held on the property of the owner, possessor or keeper of the fighting bird in accordance with ORS 167.433.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 181A.340. Humane special agents; qualifications; oath; revocation or suspension of commission.

- (1) *At the request of a humane investigation agency, the Superintendent of State Police shall commission a designated employee of the humane investigation agency as a humane special agent, if:*
 - (a) *The employee is certified, or is eligible for certification, as a police officer under the provisions of ORS 181A.355 to 181A.670;*
 - (b) *The superintendent determines that the employee is fit and qualified to perform the duties of a humane special agent;*
 - (c) *The humane investigation agency agrees in writing to save harmless and indemnify the State of Oregon and its officers, employees and agents from and against any tort claim or demand, whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of an alleged act or omission of the employee or the humane investigation agency, that relates to or results from the authority granted by the commission; and*
 - (d) *The humane investigation agency furnishes to the superintendent a copy of an insurance policy, purchased and maintained by the humane investigation agency, that the superintendent determines is sufficient to satisfy any tort claim or demand described in paragraph (c) of this subsection.*
- (2) *Before granting a commission under this section, the superintendent may require the employee to take and subscribe to an oath of office to support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and to honestly and faithfully perform the duties of a humane special agent.*
- (3) *The superintendent shall suspend or revoke a commission granted under this section if the superintendent determines that:*
 - (a) *The certification of the employee as a police officer has lapsed or been revoked pursuant to ORS 181A.630, 181A.640 and 181A.650 (1), and has not been reissued under ORS 181A.650 (2);*
 - (b) *The employee has been separated from employment with the humane investigation agency; or*
 - (c) *The employee has abused the commission.*
- (4) *Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, an employee of a humane investigation agency commissioned under this section holds the commission at the pleasure of the superintendent. The superintendent may suspend or revoke a commission granted under this section at any time for good cause, as determined by the superintendent. If the superintendent revokes a commission granted under this section, the employee of the humane investigation agency is entitled only to an informal opportunity to be heard by the superintendent, for the purposes of explaining any factual circumstances related to the revocation and attempting to persuade the superintendent to reverse the*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

decision to revoke the commission.

- (5) *Humane special agents commissioned under this section serve at the expense of the humane investigation agency employing the agent.*
- (6) The superintendent may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. The rules may include a description of the circumstances in which a humane special agent is prohibited from carrying a firearm while engaged in the enforcement of animal welfare laws.
- (7) As used in this section:
 - (a) “Animal welfare laws” means:
 - (A) ORS 167.310 to 167.390 and 167.426 to 167.439; and
 - (B) ORS 164.043, 164.045, 164.055, 164.057, 164.075, 164.345, 164.354 and 164.365, if the subject of the crime is an animal.
 - (b) “Humane investigation agency” means a private, nonprofit animal care agency that has maintained an animal welfare investigation department for at least five years and has had officers employed as special agents under ORS 131.805.

OR. REV. STAT. § 686.460. Duty of law enforcement agency after receiving report of aggravated animal abuse.

- (1) *A law enforcement agency receiving a report of suspected aggravated animal abuse pursuant to ORS 609.654 or 686.455 shall investigate the nature and cause of the suspected aggravated animal abuse.*
- (2) *If the law enforcement agency finds reasonable cause to believe that aggravated animal abuse has occurred, the law enforcement agency shall process the case in the same manner as any other criminal investigation.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON**16. SEIZURE****OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377. Animal abuse; animal care.**

- (1) *Any person violating ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 may be arrested and held without warrant, in the same manner as in the case of persons found breaking the peace.*
- (2) *The person making the arrest, with or without warrant, shall use reasonable diligence to give notice thereof to the owners of the animals found in the charge of the person arrested, and shall properly care and provide for such animals until the owners or their duly authorized agents take charge of them; provided, such owners or agents shall claim and take charge of the animals within 60 days from the date of said notice.*
- (3) *The person making such arrest shall have a lien upon the animals for the expense of such care and provisions.*
- (4) *Any peace officer who cares or provides for an animal pursuant to this section and any person into whose care an animal is delivered by a peace officer acting under this section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability based upon an allegation that such care was negligently provided.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.345. Search and seizure; impoundment; liability.

- (1) *As used in this section, 'peace officer' has the meaning given that term in ORS 161.015.*
- (2) *If there is probable cause to believe that any animal is being subjected to treatment in violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428, a peace officer, after obtaining a search warrant or in any other manner authorized by law, may enter the premises or motor vehicle where the animal is located to provide the animal with food, water and emergency medical treatment and may impound the animal. If after reasonable effort the owner or person having custody of the animal cannot be found and notified of the impoundment, the notice shall be conspicuously posted on the premises or motor vehicle and within 72 hours after the impoundment the notice shall be sent by certified mail to the address, if any, where the animal was impounded.*
- (3) *A peace officer is not liable for any damages for an entry under subsection (2) of this section, unless the damages were caused by the unnecessary actions of the peace officer that were intentional or reckless.*
- (4)
 - (a) *A court may order an animal impounded under subsection (2) of this section to be held at any animal care facility in the state. A facility receiving the animal shall provide adequate food and water and may provide veterinary care.*
 - (b) *A court may order a fighting bird impounded under subsection (2) of this section to be held on the property of the owner, possessor or keeper of the fighting bird in accordance with ORS 167.433.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.433. Seizure of an alleged fighting bird.

- (1) Pursuant to ORS 133.525 to 133.703, a judge may order the seizure of an alleged fighting bird or source bird owned, possessed or kept by any person.
- (2) A judge ordering the seizure of an alleged fighting bird or source bird under subsection (1) of this section may order that the bird be impounded on the property of the owner, possessor or keeper of the bird. If a judge orders an alleged fighting bird or source bird impounded on the property of the owner, possessor or keeper of the bird, the court shall order the owner, possessor or keeper to provide all necessary care for the bird and to allow regular and continuing inspection of the bird by a person designated by the court, or the agent of a person designated by the court. The owner, possessor or keeper shall pay the costs of conducting the inspections. The court shall further order the owner, possessor or keeper not to sell or otherwise dispose of the bird unless the court authorizes the sale or disposition, or until the seized bird is forfeited pursuant to an order under ORS 167.435 or restored to the person pursuant to an order under ORS 133.643.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.437. Constructive possession of bird by peace officer.

- (1) A peace officer having jurisdiction may, upon probable cause to believe that a bird is a fighting bird or source bird, take constructive possession of the bird on behalf of the law enforcement agency employing the officer.
- (2) A peace officer who takes constructive possession of an alleged fighting bird or source bird pursuant to this section must do the following:
 - (a) Place a tag or other device approved by the law enforcement agency on the cage or other enclosure where the alleged fighting bird or source bird is located. The tag or other device must clearly state that it is unlawful to conceal, remove or release the bird for purposes of interfering with law enforcement agency control over the bird.
 - (b) Notify the owner, possessor or keeper of the bird that the bird has been seized by the law enforcement agency and may not be concealed, removed or released until authorized by a court or as provided in this section.
 - (c) Promptly apply to an appropriate court for an order described in ORS 167.433.
- (3) If a law enforcement agency takes constructive possession of an alleged fighting bird or source bird under this section, the owner, possessor or keeper of the bird shall provide all necessary care for the bird.
- (4) Constructive possession of an alleged fighting bird or source bird pursuant to this section terminates when a court order described in ORS 167.433 is served on the owner, possessor or keeper of the bird, or after 24 hours, whichever occurs first.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

17. COURTROOM ANIMAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM

[None]

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

18. RESTITUTION AND REIMBURSEMENT

OR. REV. STAT. § 87.159. Lien for care of an animal.

- (1) *A person who, or governmental agency that, transports, pastures, feeds, cares for or provides treatment to an animal that has been impounded under ORS 167.345 has a lien on the animal in the possession of the person or governmental agency for the reasonable charges for transportation, pasturage, feed, care or treatment provided by the person or governmental agency, and the person or governmental agency may retain possession of the animal until those charges are paid.*
- (2)
- (a) *Within 30 days of impoundment of any animal or animals as is authorized under ORS 167.345, any person who has an ownership interest in any impounded animal may file a written petition, verified under oath, demanding a hearing before the circuit court. The petition shall specifically identify the petitioner's ownership interest in the animal or animals. The petition shall further specifically articulate the petitioner's challenge to the probable cause justifying the impoundment that resulted in the lien attaching under subsection (1) of this section or the amount of the charges associated with that lien. The petitioner shall serve a true copy of the petition on the lien holder, the peace officer who impounded the animals and the district attorney, who shall be captioned as the respondents.*
 - (b) *Upon receipt of a petition in compliance with this subsection, the circuit court shall hold the hearing within 14 days, or as soon as practicable, wherein the respondents shall demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that impoundment of the animal was based on probable cause and that the lien amount claimed accurately reflects the reasonable charges authorized and accruing under subsection (1) of this section.*
 - (c) *If the court finds that impoundment of an animal under ORS 167.345 was:*
 - (A) *Based on probable cause and that the lien amount accurately reflects the reasonable charges authorized and accruing under subsection (1) of this section, then the court shall deny the petition, award reasonable attorney fees to the respondents and direct the foreclosure to proceed.*
 - (B) *Based on probable cause but that the lien amount does not accurately reflect the reasonable charges authorized and accruing under subsection (1) of this section, then the court shall enter an order modifying the lien amount to accurately state the reasonable charges authorized and accruing under subsection (1) of this section, award reasonable attorney fees to the respondents and direct the foreclosure to proceed.*
 - (C) *Without probable cause, then the court may enter an order striking the lien created under subsection (1) of this section and may, but only if a final judgment is entered in the defendant's favor in the criminal case related to the impoundment under ORS 167.345, order an impounded animal returned to its lawful owner. To prevent the lawful owner or any other claimant from being unjustly enriched while having been relieved of the duty to provide an impounded animal with minimum care, any court order directing return of an impounded animal shall include an award to the respondents of the full costs of providing care to the animal.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

(d) *A person's failure to file a written petition within 30 days of impoundment of an animal or animals shall constitute a waiver of the right to file a petition under this subsection and the foreclosure shall proceed without judicial review in the manner provided in ORS 87.172 to 87.212. The court may extend the 30-day period to file a written petition by an additional 15 days only if the petitioner did not have actual notice of the impoundment and the court makes findings, on the record and in writing, that there are exceptional and compelling circumstances justifying the extension.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 133.377. Animal abuse; animal care.

- (1) Any person violating ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 may be arrested and held without warrant, in the same manner as in the case of persons found breaking the peace.
- (2) The person making the arrest, with or without warrant, shall use reasonable diligence to give notice thereof to the owners of the animals found in the charge of the person arrested, and shall properly care and provide for such animals until the owners or their duly authorized agents take charge of them; provided, such owners or agents shall claim and take charge of the animals within 60 days from the date of said notice.
- (3) *The person making such arrest shall have a lien upon the animals for the expense of such care and provisions.*
- (4) Any peace officer who cares or provides for an animal pursuant to this section and any person into whose care an animal is delivered by a peace officer acting under this section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability based upon an allegation that such care was negligently provided.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.347. Forfeiture of impounded animal.

- (1)
 - (a) If an animal is impounded pursuant to ORS 167.345 and is being held by a county animal shelter or other animal care agency pending outcome of criminal action charging a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428, prior to the final disposition of the criminal action, the county or other animal care agency or, on behalf of the county or other animal care agency, the district attorney, may file a petition in the criminal action requesting that the court issue an order forfeiting the animal to the county or other animal care agency prior to final disposition of the criminal action. The petitioner shall serve a true copy of the petition upon the defendant and, unless the district attorney has filed the petition on behalf of the county or other animal care agency, the district attorney.
 - (b) A petition may be filed in the criminal action under paragraph (a) of this subsection concerning any animal impounded under ORS 167.345 and held pending the outcome of the criminal action, regardless of whether the specific animal is the subject of a criminal charge, or named in the charging instrument, in the criminal action.
- (2)
 - (a) Upon receipt of a petition pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the court shall set a

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

hearing on the petition. The hearing shall be conducted within 14 days after the filing of the petition, or as soon as practicable.

- (b) To provide notice on any potential claimant who may have an interest in any animals impounded pursuant to ORS 167.345 and as an alternate form of service upon a defendant who cannot be personally served as required in subsection (1) of this section, a petitioner may publish notice of the filing of the petition, printed twice weekly for up to 14 consecutive days in a daily or weekly newspaper, as defined in ORS 193.010, published in the county in which the hearing is to be held or, if there is none, in a daily or weekly newspaper, as defined in ORS 193.010, generally circulated in the county in which the hearing is to be held. The notice of the filing of the petition required under this subsection shall contain a description of the impounded animal or animals, the name of the owner or reputed owner thereof, the location from which the animal or animals were impounded and the time and place of the hearing if the hearing has been set at the time of publication, or otherwise the name, address and phone number for the attorney for the petitioner, who shall upon request provide further details on the hearing date, place and time.
- (3) At a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the petitioner shall have the burden of establishing probable cause to believe that the animal was subjected to a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428. The defendant or any other claimant shall have an opportunity to be heard before the court makes its final finding. *If the court finds that probable cause exists, the court shall order immediate forfeiture of the animal to the petitioner, unless the defendant or any other claimant, within 72 hours of the hearing, posts a security deposit or bond with the court clerk in an amount determined by the court to be sufficient to repay all reasonable costs incurred, and anticipated to be incurred, by the petitioner in caring for the animal from the date of initial impoundment to the date of trial.*
- (4) *If a security deposit or bond has been posted in accordance with subsection (3) of this section, and the trial in the action is continued at a later date, any order of continuance shall require the defendant or any other claimant to post an additional security deposit or bond in an amount determined by the court that shall be sufficient to repay all additional reasonable costs anticipated to be incurred by the petitioner in caring for the animal until the new date of trial.*
- (5) *If a security deposit or bond has been posted in accordance with subsection (4) of this section, the petitioner may draw from that security deposit or bond the actual reasonable costs incurred by the petitioner in caring for any impounded animal from the date of initial impoundment to the date of final disposition of the animal in the related criminal action.*
- (6) The provisions of this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the provisions of ORS 167.350 and 167.435 and ORS chapters 87 and 88.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.350. Forfeiture of rights in mistreated animal; costs; penalty.

- (1)
 - (a) *In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, a court shall require a defendant convicted under ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355 or 167.365 to forfeit any rights of the defendant in the animal subjected to the violation, and to repay the reasonable costs incurred by a government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person prior to judgment in caring for each animal associated with the criminal proceeding.*
 - (b) If a government agency or a humane investigation agency or its agent provides care and treatment for impounded or seized animals, a court that orders a defendant to repay reasonable costs of care under paragraph (a) of this subsection may not reduce the incurred cost amount based on the agency having received donations or other funding for the care.
- (2)
 - (a) When the court orders the defendant's rights in the animal to be forfeited, the court may further order that those rights be given over to an appropriate person or agency demonstrating a willingness to accept and care for the animal or to the county or an appropriate animal care agency for further disposition in accordance with accepted practices for humane treatment of animals. The court may not transfer the defendant's rights in the animal to any person who resides with the defendant.
 - (b) This subsection does not limit the right of the person or agency to whom rights are granted to resell or otherwise make disposition of the animal. A transfer of rights under this subsection constitutes a transfer of ownership. The court shall require a person to whom rights are granted to execute an agreement to provide minimum care to the animal. The agreement must indicate that allowing the defendant to possess or reside with the animal constitutes a crime.
- (3) *In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, a court may order the owner or person having custody of an animal to repay any reasonable costs incurred by a government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person in providing minimum care to the animal that are not included in a repayment order under subsection (1) of this section.*
- (4) A court may order a person convicted under ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 to participate in available animal cruelty prevention programs or education programs, or both, or to obtain psychological counseling for treatment of mental health disorders that, in the court's judgment, contributed to the commission of the crime. The person shall bear any costs incurred by the person for participation in counseling or treatment programs under this subsection.
- (5) ORS 131.550 to 131.600 do not apply to the forfeiture of an animal subjected to a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428. Any such animal is subject to forfeiture as provided in ORS 167.347 and subsections (1) to (3) of this section or, if the animal is a fighting bird, as provided in ORS 167.435.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

19. FORFEITURE AND POSSESSION BANS

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.332. Possession of domestic animals by violator.

- (1) *Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section:*
- (a) *In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, a person convicted of violating ORS 167.315, 167.340 or 167.355 or section 4 or 5 of this 2024 Act or of a misdemeanor under ORS 167.320, 167.325 or 167.330 or this section may not possess or reside with any animal of the same genus against which the crime was committed, or which the crime involved, or any domestic animal for a period of five years following entry of the conviction.*
 - (b) *In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, a person convicted of violating ORS 167.322, 167.333, 167.365 or 167.428 or of a felony under ORS 167.320, 167.325 or 167.330 may not possess or reside with any animal of the same genus against which the crime was committed, or which the crime involved, or any domestic animal for a period of 15 years following entry of the conviction.*
- (2) *Except as provided in subsection (5)(d) of this section, a person who possesses or resides with an animal in violation of this section commits a Class B misdemeanor. When a person is convicted of possessing or residing with an animal in violation of this section, as part of the sentence the court may order the removal of that animal from the person's possession or residence and as a condition of the person's probation may prohibit the person from possessing or residing with any animal of the same genus:*
- (a) *That the person unlawfully possessed under this section;*
 - (b) *Against which the underlying violation of ORS 167.315, 167.320, 167.322, 167.325, 167.330, 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 was committed; or*
 - (c) *Which the underlying violation of section 4 or 5 of this 2024 Act involved.*
- (3) *The prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person's first conviction if the person is the owner of a commercial livestock operation and the underlying violation of ORS 167.315, 167.320, 167.322, 167.325, 167.330, 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 or section 4 or 5 of this 2024 Act was committed against or involved livestock.*
- (4)
- (a) *A person subject to a prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section may file a motion with the sentencing court requesting a waiver of the prohibition. The person must file a sworn affidavit in support of the motion stating that:*
 - (A) *The person's conviction leading to the prohibition involved only livestock;*
 - (B) *During the two years before the conviction triggering the prohibition, the person was the owner of a commercial livestock operation;*
 - (C) *The person has not been convicted, in the previous five years, of a crime involving animals or domestic violence or a crime where the victim was under 18 years of age; and*
 - (D) *The person's conviction was the result of:*
 - (i) *Criminal liability for the conduct of another person under ORS 161.155 (2)(c);*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

- (ii) Criminal liability of a corporation as described in ORS 161.170, and the person is a corporation; or
 - (iii) Animal neglect as described in ORS 167.325 or 167.330 and the person's criminal conduct was not knowing or intentional.
- (b) When a person files a motion and affidavit described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the sentencing court shall hold a hearing. At the hearing, the sentencing court shall grant the motion if the person proves by clear and convincing evidence that:
 - (A) Continued enforcement of the prohibition against possessing or residing with livestock would result in substantial economic hardship that cannot otherwise be mitigated;
 - (B) The person no longer poses any risk to animals; and
 - (C) The person is capable of providing and willing to provide necessary, adequate and appropriate levels of care for all livestock that would come within the person's custody or control if the petition is granted.
- (c) When deciding a motion filed under this subsection, the sentencing court may consider the person's financial circumstances and mental health in determining whether the person is capable of adequately caring for livestock.
- (d) *If the sentencing court grants the motion described in this subsection, the waiver of the prohibition against possessing or residing with animals shall apply only to livestock. The sentencing court shall further order that for five years the person must consent to reasonable inspections by law enforcement and the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure the welfare of the livestock under the person's custody or control. A refusal to consent to a reasonable inspection described in this paragraph is contempt of court and, if the person is found in contempt, shall result in the sentencing court revoking the waiver of the possession prohibition.*
- (e) As used in this subsection, “commercial livestock operation” means a business engaged in the raising, breeding or selling of livestock for profit.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.347. Forfeiture of impounded animal.

(1)

- (a) *If any animal is impounded pursuant to ORS 167.345 and is being held by a county animal shelter or other animal care agency pending outcome of criminal action charging a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428, prior to the final disposition of the criminal charge action, the county or other animal care agency or, on behalf of the county or other animal care agency, the district attorney, may file a petition in the criminal action requesting that the court issue an order forfeiting the animal to the county or other animal care agency prior to final disposition of the criminal charge action. The petitioner shall serve a true copy of the petition upon the defendant and, unless the district attorney has filed the petition on behalf of the county or other animal care agency, the district attorney.*
- (b) A petition may be filed in the criminal action under paragraph (a) of this subsection concerning any animal impounded under ORS 167.345 and held pending the outcome of the criminal action, regardless of whether the specific animal is the subject of a criminal charge, or named in

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

the charging instrument, in the criminal action.

- (2)
 - (a) Upon receipt of a petition pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the court shall set a hearing on the petition. The hearing shall be conducted within 14 days after the filing of the petition, or as soon as practicable.
 - (b) To provide notice on any potential claimant who may have an interest in any animals impounded pursuant to ORS 167.345 and as an alternate form of service upon a defendant who cannot be personally served as required in subsection (1) of this section, a petitioner may publish notice of the filing of the petition, printed twice weekly for up to 14 consecutive days in a daily or weekly newspaper, as defined in ORS 193.010, published in the county in which the hearing is to be held or, if there is none, in a daily or weekly newspaper, as defined in ORS 193.010, generally circulated in the county in which the hearing is to be held. The notice of the filing of the petition required under this subsection shall contain a description of the impounded animal or animals, the name of the owner or reputed owner thereof, the location from which the animal or animals were impounded and the time and place of the hearing if the hearing has been set at the time of publication, or otherwise the name, address and phone number for the attorney for the petitioner, who shall upon request provide further details on the hearing date, place and time.
- (3) *At a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the petitioner shall have the burden of establishing probable cause to believe that the animal was subjected to a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428. The defendant or any other claimant shall have an opportunity to be heard before the court makes its final finding. If the court finds that probable cause exists, the court shall order immediate forfeiture of the animal to the petitioner, unless the defendant or any other claimant, within 72 hours of the hearing, posts a security deposit or bond with the court clerk in an amount determined by the court to be sufficient to repay all reasonable costs incurred, and anticipated to be incurred, by the petitioner in caring for the animal from the date of initial impoundment to the date of trial.*
- (4) If a security deposit or bond has been posted in accordance with subsection (3) of this section, and the trial in the action is continued at a later date, any order of continuance shall require the defendant or any other claimant to post an additional security deposit or bond in an amount determined by the court that shall be sufficient to repay all additional reasonable costs anticipated to be incurred by the petitioner in caring for the animal until the new date of trial.
- (5) If a security deposit or bond has been posted in accordance with subsection (4) of this section, the petitioner may draw from that security deposit or bond the actual reasonable costs incurred by the petitioner in caring for the any impounded animal from the date of initial impoundment to the date of final disposition of the animal in the related criminal action.
- (6) The provisions of this section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the provisions of ORS 167.350 and 167.435 and ORS chapters 87 and 88.

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.348. Placement of forfeited animal; preference.

- (1) *If an animal is forfeited according to the provisions of ORS 167.347 or 167.350, the agency to which the animal was forfeited may place the animal with a new owner. The agency may give placement preference to any person or persons who had prior contact with the animal, including but not limited to family members and friends of the former owner whom the agency determines are capable of providing necessary, adequate and appropriate levels of care for the animal. The agency may not, however, place the animal with family members or friends of the former owner who aided or abetted the criminal conduct underlying the forfeiture or had knowledge of the criminal conduct and failed to intervene. As a condition of placement, the agency shall require the new owner to execute an agreement to provide minimum care to the animal. The agreement must indicate that allowing the former owner to possess the animal constitutes a crime.*
- (2) *Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the agency may not place the animal with any person who resides with the former owner.*

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.350. Forfeiture of rights in mistreated animal; costs; penalty.

- (1)
- (a) *In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, a court shall require a defendant convicted under ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355 or 167.365 to forfeit any rights of the defendant in the animal subjected to the violation, and to repay the reasonable costs incurred by a government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person prior to judgment in caring for each animal associated with the criminal proceeding.*
- (b) *If a government agency or a humane investigation agency or its agent provides care and treatment for impounded or seized animals, a court that orders a defendant to repay reasonable costs of care under paragraph (a) of this subsection may not reduce the incurred cost amount based on the agency having received donations or other funding for the care.*
- (2)
- (a) *When the court orders the defendant's rights in the animal to be forfeited, the court may further order that those rights be given over to an appropriate person or agency demonstrating a willingness to accept and care for the animal or to the county or an appropriate animal care agency for further disposition in accordance with accepted practices for humane treatment of animals. The court may not transfer the defendant's rights in the animal to any person who resides with the defendant.*
- (b) *This subsection does not limit the right of the person or agency to whom rights are granted to resell or otherwise make disposition of the animal. A transfer of rights under this subsection constitutes a transfer of ownership. The court shall require a person to whom rights are granted to execute an agreement to provide minimum care to the animal. The agreement must indicate that allowing the defendant to possess or reside with the animal constitutes a crime.*
- (3) *In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, a court may order the owner or person having custody of an animal to repay any reasonable costs incurred by a government agency, a*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

humane investigation agency or its agent or a person in providing minimum care to the animal that are not included in a repayment order under subsection (1) of this section.

- (4) A court may order a person convicted under ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 to participate in available animal cruelty prevention programs or education programs, or both, or to obtain psychological counseling for treatment of mental health disorders that, in the court's judgment, contributed to the commission of the crime. The person shall bear any costs incurred by the person for participation in counseling or treatment programs under this subsection.
- (5) ORS 131.550 to 131.600 do not apply to the forfeiture of an animal subjected to a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428. Any such animal is subject to forfeiture as provided in ORS 167.347 and subsections (1) to (3) of this section or, if the animal is a fighting bird, as provided in ORS 167.435.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.435. Penalties.

- (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other penalty the court may impose upon a person convicted of cockfighting under ORS 167.428 or participation in cockfighting under ORS 167.431, the court shall include in the judgment an order for forfeiture to the city or county where the crime occurred of the person's rights in any property proved to have been used by the person as an instrumentality in the commission of the crime, including any fighting bird or source bird. This subsection does not limit the ability of the court to dispose of a fighting bird or source bird as provided under subsection (2) of this section.*
- (2) A fighting bird is a public nuisance, regardless of whether a person has been convicted of cockfighting or participation in cockfighting. If a fighting bird is ordered forfeited under subsection (1) of this section or is proved by a preponderance of the evidence in a forfeiture proceeding to be a fighting bird, the court shall order that the bird be destroyed or be otherwise disposed of. Upon the conviction of the person charged, the court shall adjudge all of the seized property of the person to be forfeited and shall order that the property be destroyed or otherwise disposed of. The court shall provide for a humane disposition of any source birds included in the forfeited property.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

20. REHABILITATIVE SENTENCING

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.334. Evaluation of person convicted of violating ORS 167.333.

Upon the conviction of a defendant for violation of ORS 167.333, the court may order a psychiatric or psychological evaluation of the defendant for inclusion in the presentence report as described in ORS 137.077.

OR. REV. STAT. § 167.350. Forfeiture of rights in mistreated animal; costs; penalty.

(1)

- (a) In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, a court shall require a defendant convicted under ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355 or 167.365 to forfeit any rights of the defendant in the animal subjected to the violation, and to repay the reasonable costs incurred by a government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person prior to judgment in caring for each animal associated with the criminal proceeding.
- (b) If a government agency or a humane investigation agency or its agent provides care and treatment for impounded or seized animals, a court that orders a defendant to repay reasonable costs of care under paragraph (a) of this subsection may not reduce the incurred cost amount based on the agency having received donations or other funding for the care.

(2)

- (a) When the court orders the defendant's rights in the animal to be forfeited, the court may further order that those rights be given over to an appropriate person or agency demonstrating a willingness to accept and care for the animal or to the county or an appropriate animal care agency for further disposition in accordance with accepted practices for humane treatment of animals. The court may not transfer the defendant's rights in the animal to any person who resides with the defendant.
- (b) This subsection does not limit the right of the person or agency to whom rights are granted to resell or otherwise make disposition of the animal. A transfer of rights under this subsection constitutes a transfer of ownership. The court shall require a person to whom rights are granted to execute an agreement to provide minimum care to the animal. The agreement must indicate that allowing the defendant to possess or reside with the animal constitutes a crime.

(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any other sentence it may impose, a court may order the owner or person having custody of an animal to repay any reasonable costs incurred by a government agency, a humane investigation agency or its agent or a person in providing minimum care to the animal that are not included in a repayment order under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) *A court may order a person convicted under ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428 to participate in available animal cruelty prevention programs or education programs, or both, or to obtain psychological counseling for treatment of mental health disorders that, in the court's judgment, contributed to the commission of the crime. The person shall bear any costs incurred by the person for participation in counseling or treatment programs under this subsection.*

ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS OF OREGON

(5) ORS 131.550 to 131.600 do not apply to the forfeiture of an animal subjected to a violation of ORS 167.315 to 167.333, 167.340, 167.355, 167.365 or 167.428. Any such animal is subject to forfeiture as provided in ORS 167.347 and subsections (1) to (3) of this section or, if the animal is a fighting bird, as provided in ORS 167.435.

OR. REV. STAT. § 419C.441. Mental health evaluation.

A court having jurisdiction pursuant to ORS 419C.005 over an adjudicated youth who commits an act that would be a violation of ORS 167.315, 167.320, 167.322 or 167.333 if done by an adult may, in addition to any other exercise of jurisdiction over the adjudicated youth, order that the adjudicated youth undergo psychiatric, psychological or mental health evaluation. If warranted by the mental condition of the adjudicated youth, the court may order that the adjudicated youth undergo appropriate care or treatment.