

Texas Humane Legislation Network



Texas Animal Anti-Cruelty Law: Texas Penal Code §§ 42.09 and 42.092

Do you know the law and the penalties?

Non-Livestock Animals (Section 42.092)

It is a Crime

To intentionally, knowingly, or **recklessly**:

Torture, cruelly kill, or cause serious injury to any dog or cat, including strays and ferals;

Kill, poison, or cause bodily injury to an animal without the owner's consent;

Abandon or fail to provide food, water, care, or shelter to any animal in your custody; or

Transport or confine an animal in a cruel manner.

Livestock Animals (Section 42.09)

It is a Crime To:

Torture a livestock animal;

Abandon or fail to provide food, water, or care to a livestock animal in your custody;

Transport or confine a livestock animal in a cruel and unusual manner;

Trip a horse; or

Seriously overwork a livestock animal.

Also illegal are animal fighting and using live animals as racing lures!

OF SPECIAL NOTE:

Since September of 2007, domesticated animals including any stray or feral cat or dog are included under this law. Torturing, killing, poisoning or causing bodily injury to these animals on first offense carries a fine of as much as \$10,000 and up to two years in jail.

You can help us and the animals by spreading the word about the law. Please report any incidents to your local law enforcement officer.

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