



## **Dangerous Dogs**

Dangerous dog determinations are governed by both Texas law and the Ordinances of the City of Arlington.

A dangerous dog is defined by the Arlington Animal Chapter of the Arlington Code of Ordinances, Section 1.01, as:

1. A dog that makes an unprovoked attack on a human which causes bodily injury and occurs in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own; or
2. A dog that commits unprovoked acts in a place other than an enclosure in which the animal was being kept and that was reasonably certain to prevent the animal from leaving the enclosure on its own, and those acts cause a person reasonably to believe the animal will attack and cause bodily injury to that person; or
3. A dog that makes an unprovoked attack on a domestic animal or fowl which occurs when the attacking dog is at large. The Animal Services Manager may consider the seriousness and / or extent of injury to the attacked animal or fowl, territorial issues associated with the location of the attack, and restraints on the attacking dog that were in place at the time of attack when determining whether a dog is dangerous.

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