

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0245

Cruelty to animals-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wallis

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to animal cruelty; providing for county  
2 commissioner declaration of animal cruelty as a public  
3 nuisance; providing penalties; and providing for an  
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8       **Section 1.** W.S. 11-31-301(a), (b) by creating a new  
9 paragraph (ii) and by renumbering (ii) and (iii) as (iii)  
10 and (iv), (c) and (g) is amended to read:

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12                                   ARTICLE 3

13                   ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE AND CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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15       **11-31-301. Public nuisance; notice; penalties; rules**  
16 **and regulations; animal control districts and officers.**

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1 (a) A board of county commissioners may declare the  
2 running at large of any specified animals or cruelty to  
3 animals, as defined in W.S. 6-3-203(b), in unincorporated  
4 areas within the county limits a public nuisance.

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6 (b) Notice of such a declaration shall be published  
7 in a newspaper of general circulation within the county and  
8 notices may be placed in appropriate locations. The notice  
9 shall specify any regulations necessary and convenient for  
10 animal control and shall state that:

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12 (ii) It is a public nuisance for persons to keep  
13 an animal in conditions that constitute cruelty to animals  
14 as defined in W.S. 6-3-203(b);

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16 ~~(iii)~~ (iii) A fine shall be imposed on the owner  
17 of such animal and restitution for any damages to person or  
18 property caused by the animal shall be made by the owner;

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20 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) Dogs or other animals, whose ownership  
21 cannot be determined, may be destroyed.

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23 (c) Upon the filing of any complaint, the county  
24 sheriff may arrest or issue a summons to the owner of any

1 animal which is running at large or has attacked a person  
2 or to a person who keeps an animal in conditions that  
3 constitute cruelty to animals as defined in W.S.  
4 6-3-203(b). A first conviction is punishable by a fine of  
5 not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each subsequent  
6 conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than one  
7 hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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9 (g) A board of county commissioners may enact  
10 regulations relative to dogs running at large, vicious  
11 dogs, dogs running wild game or livestock, cruelty to  
12 animals or acts by other animals which shall carry out the  
13 purposes of this section. The county sheriff shall and a  
14 county animal control officer or any other peace officer  
15 may enforce these regulations to protect persons and  
16 property.

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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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20 (END)