



## Animal Ordinance NO. 447-2017

Effective **February 2017**

The Animal Ordinance was passed and adopted by the City of Venus Council on February 13, 2017.

This ordinance can be found on [www.cityofvenus.net](http://www.cityofvenus.net) and includes the following items:

- Every owner of cat or dog which is four (4) months of age and is kept in the city, shall register the animal with the city every two (2) years.
  - A registration tag will be provided and the tag shall be placed on the collar or harness while the animal is outside the owner's residence.
- All dogs living within the city limits of the City of Venus are **required** to have a microchip.
  - Animal must be implanted with a registered microchip before six (6) months of age.
  - A current registration with a microchip registration company shall be maintained.
  - If any dog is impounded and is not microchipped, the dog shall be microchipped before it is released at the cost of the owner.
  - The city shall promote events where microchipping services are provided at a low-cost.
- It is unlawful to own a large number of animals within the city.
- It shall be unlawful for anyone to leave or confine any animal in any standing or parked vehicle.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give away any animal in a public place.
- It shall be unlawful for any person who owns a dog to permit that dog to run at large.
  - This is an exception for dogs on a leash which shall not exceed a lead of six (6) feet in length.
  - Extendable lead leashes are **prohibited**.
  - A ticket may be issued without warning for an offense under section 6-12 (Dog restraint).
- It shall be unlawful for a dog owner to allow the dog to defecate in public without properly removing and disposing all excreta deposited on the property by the dog.
- It shall be unlawful for a dog owner to leave a dog outside and unattended using a restraint (chain, rope, etc.) attached to a stationary object which limits the dog's movement.
- A proper living area is required for any outside dogs and it shall be at least 150 square feet for each six months of age or older.

### **Penalty**

- Any person violating provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor with a fine in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- Any person violating section 6-2 (Dog Registration), upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).