

8.30 Mistreating Animals

(1) No person may treat any animal, whether belonging to him or herself or another, in a cruel manner. This section does not prohibit bona fide experiments carried on for scientific research or normal and accepted veterinary practices.

(a) “Cruel” means harassing an animal or causing it unnecessary and excessive pain or suffering or unjustifiable injury or death.

(b) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in Wis. Stats. 165.83 (1)(b) and specifically includes in its definition the Village of Elkhart Lake Police Department.

(2) PENALTIES. Any person who violates this section shall forfeit not more than \$500.00, together with costs of prosecution and may be ordered to pay restitution and complete community service. Any person who violates this section knowing that the animal victim is used by law enforcement agency to perform agency functions shall forfeit not more than \$750.00, together with costs of prosecution, and may be ordered to pay restitution and complete community service.