

**Orange County Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB) “Dangerous Animals Task Force”**

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**Existing Version**

Animal Control Ordinance

DIVISION 5. – KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS DANGEROUS TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sec. 4-181. Definitions.

As used hereinafter, the following term shall mean:

*Wild Animals Dangerous to Persons and Property, hereinafter referred to as “Wild and Dangerous Animals”*: The term applies to the following animals: all felines (other than the domestic house cat), nonhuman primates, bears, wolves, coyotes, reptiles (poisonous, crushing, and giant), and any crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified herein. In order to properly administer the provisions of this Ordinance, the Animal Services Advisory Board may add to or remove from the classification of wild animal any bird, mammal, reptile, aquatic and amphibious forms, or other members of the animal kingdom. Additions to or deletions from the animals regulated herein may be made only if the Animal Services Advisory Board determines, after receiving evidence, that such animals because of habit, mode of life or natural instinct are either capable or incapable of being domesticated, requires the exercise of art, force or skill to keep them safely in subjection, and would or would not create a reasonable likelihood of hazard to the public.

**Proposed Modified Version**

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DIVISION 5. – KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALS DANGEROUS TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sec. 4-181. Definitions.

As used hereinafter, the following term shall mean:

*Wild Animals Dangerous to Persons and Property, hereinafter referred to as “Wild and Dangerous Animals”*: The term applies to the following animals that are deemed essentially dangerous and injurious and detrimental to public health, safety and welfare:

- Venomous reptiles, defined as lizard and snake species or subspecies that are capable of injecting toxins that may cause severe pain, injury, and/or death to humans;
- Crocodylians;
- Monitor lizard (family Varanidae) species or subspecies that may attain a total adult body length reaching or exceeding four feet, including, but not restricted to, Savanna Monitor (*Varanus exanthematicus*), Nile Monitor (*Varanus niloticus*), Water Monitor (*Varanus salvator*), and White-Throated Monitor (*Varanus albigularis*);

- Large constricting snakes, meaning any heavy-bodied snake that feeds by constriction and which species, subspecies or hybrid may attain a total adult body length reaching or exceeding 10 feet, including, but not restricted to, Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*), Yellow Anaconda (*Eunectes notaeus*), Reticulated Python [*Python* (= *Malayopython*) *reticulatus*], Burmese (*Python bivittatus*), Indian Python (*Python molurus*), African Rock Python (*Python sebae*), and Amethystine Python [*Morelia* (= *Simalia*) *amethystina*];
- Non-native species and subspecies of scorpions, spiders and other arachnids that are capable of injecting toxins that may cause severe pain, injury and/or death to humans, including, but not restricted to, spiders of the genera *Missulena*, *Phoneutria*, *Atrax*, *Hadronyche*, *Illawarra*, *Hexophthalma*, *Sicarius*, and *Poecilotheria* and scorpions of the genera *Androctonus*, *Buthacus*, *Buthus*, *Centruroides*, *Hottentotta*, *Leiurus*, *Mesobuthus*, *Parabuthus*, *Tityus*, *Hemiscorpius*, and *Nebo*;
- Felines other than the domestic house cat. Any hybrid of such felines with the domestic house cat are permissible only if the hybrid is a filial 5 (F5) hybrid or later (defined as being five or more generations since the cross included a pure wild feline) as documented by a breeder pedigree; maintained at all times in an enclosed environment; and documented to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian;
- Canids other than the domestic dog, including any hybrid of such canids with the domestic dog;
- Bears;
- Elephants;
- Nonhuman primates

In order to properly administer the provisions of this Ordinance, the Animal Services Advisory Board may add or remove species, subspecies or hybrids to or from the above list of Wild and Dangerous Animals. Additions to or deletions from the animals regulated herein may be made only if the Animal Services Advisory Board and Animal Services Staff recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, after receiving evidence, that such animal species are domesticated or not or have undergone domestication to the extent that natural behaviors have changed; because of habit that would or would not require the exercise of force or skill to keep them safely in captivity; and would or would not create a reasonable likelihood of hazard to the public.