

26 | person in charge of an animal.

27 | (d) "Restrain" means to attach a dog to a stationary
 28 | object or trolley system by way of a chain, rope, tether, leash,
 29 | cable, or other device.

30 | (2) Whoever:

31 | (a) Impounds or confines any animal in any place and fails
 32 | to supply the animal during such confinement with a sufficient
 33 | quantity of good and wholesome food and water,

34 | (b) Keeps any animals in any enclosure without wholesome
 35 | exercise and change of air, or

36 | (c) Abandons to die any animal that is maimed, sick,
 37 | infirm, or diseased,

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 39 | commits ~~is guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first degree,
 40 | punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more
 41 | than \$5,000, or ~~by both imprisonment and a fine.~~

42 | (3) Any person who is the owner or possessor, or has
 43 | charge or custody, of any animal who abandons such animal to
 44 | suffer injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a
 45 | street, road, or public place without providing for the care,
 46 | sustenance, protection, and shelter of such animal commits ~~is~~
 47 | ~~guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
 48 | provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or
 49 | ~~by both imprisonment and a fine.~~

50 | (4) Any person who restrains a dog outside during a

51 | natural disaster, and thereafter abandons the dog, commits a
52 | felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082
53 | or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

54 | **Section 3.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.