

# PENNSYLVANIA ANIMAL LAWS

## Title 18: § 5555, Prohibition of ownership

Notwithstanding any provision of law and in addition to any other penalty provided by law, the authority imposing sentence upon a conviction for a violation of this subchapter may order the **prohibition or limitation of the defendant's**:

- ownership,
- possession,
- control or
- custody of animals or
- employment with the care of animals

for a period of time not to exceed the statutory maximum term of imprisonment applicable to the offense for which sentence is being imposed.

## 3 Pa. C.S. § 2303, Definitions of Owner, Animal

**Owner:** A person:

- owning,
- possessing or
- harboring any domestic animal.

The term shall also include any person who

- allows a domestic animal habitually to remain about the premises
  - inhabited,
  - managed or
  - owned by such a person.

**Animal:** A living nonhuman organism having sensation and the power of voluntary movement and requiring for its existence oxygen and organic food.