

2023 Kansas Statutes

60-4001. Definitions. As used in this act:

(a) "Engages in a domestic animal activity" means riding, training, boarding, loading, hauling, breeding, racing, providing or assisting in medical treatment of, driving, or being a passenger upon a domestic animal or in or on a vehicle pulled or pushed by a domestic animal, whether mounted or unmounted or any person assisting a participant or show management. The term "engages in an activity involving domestic animals" does not include being a spectator at an activity involving domestic animals, except in cases where the spectator places the spectator's self in an unauthorized area and in immediate proximity to the activity involving domestic animals.

(b) "Domestic animal" means a cow, swine, sheep, goat, domesticated deer, llama, poultry, rabbit, horse, pony, mule, jenny, donkey, hinny, bison, camels, giraffes or any creature of the ratite family, including but not limited to, an ostrich, emu or rhea.

(c) "Domestic animal activity" means, but is not limited to:

(1) Shows, fairs, competitions, performances or parades that involve any or all breeds of domestic animals and any of the equine disciplines, including, but not limited to, dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, grand prix jumping, three-day events, combined training, rodeos, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeple chasing, English and western performance riding, trail riding, endurance trail riding and western games, and hunting;

(2) domestic animal training or teaching activities or both;

(3) boarding domestic animals;

(4) riding, inspecting or evaluating domestic animals belonging to another, whether or not the owner has received some monetary consideration or other thing of value for the use of the domestic animals or is permitting a prospective purchaser of the domestic animals to ride, inspect or evaluate the domestic animals;

(5) rides, trips, hunts or other domestic animal activities of any type however informal or impromptu that are sponsored by a domestic animal activity sponsor; and

(6) hoofcare and placing or replacing shoes on a domestic animal.

(d) "Domestic animal activity sponsor" means an individual, group, club, partnership or corporation, whether or not the sponsor is operating for profit or nonprofit, which sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for, a domestic animal activity, including but not limited to: Pony clubs, 4-H clubs, hunt clubs, riding clubs, trail rides, racetrack, school and college-sponsored classes, programs and activities, therapeutic riding programs, breeding farms, training farms and operators, instructors, and promoters of domestic animal facilities, including, but not limited to, stables, clubhouses, pony ride strings, fairs and arenas at which the activity is held.

(e) "Domestic animal professional" means an individual, partnership or corporation and such individual or entities' employees engaged in a domestic animal activity for compensation:

(1) In instructing a participant or renting to a participant a domestic animal for the purpose of riding, driving or being a passenger upon the domestic animal, or a passenger in or on a vehicle pulled or pushed by a domestic animal; or

(2) in renting equipment or tack to a participant.

(f) "Inherent risks of domestic animal activities" means those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of domestic animal activities, including, but not limited to:

(1) The propensity of a domestic animal to run, buck, bite, shy, stumble, rear, fall, step on or behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them;

(2) the unpredictability of a domestic animal's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals;

(3) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions;

(4) collisions with other domestic animals or objects; and

(5) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability.

(g) "Participant" means any person who engages in a domestic animal activity.

History: L. 1994, ch. 290, § 1; L. 2001, ch. 60, § 1; July 1.