

717B.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

1. "*Animal*" means a nonhuman vertebrate. However, "*animal*" does not include any of the following:
 - a. Livestock, as defined in section 717.1.
 - b. Any game, fur-bearing animal, fish, reptile, or amphibian, as defined in section 481A.1, unless a person owns, confines, or controls the game, fur-bearing animal, fish, reptile, or amphibian.
 - c. Any nongame species declared to be a nuisance pursuant to section 481A.42.
2. "*Animal care provider*" means a person designated by a local authority to provide care to an animal which is rescued by the local authority pursuant to section 717B.5.
3. Unless the context otherwise requires, "*book*", "*list*", "*record*", or "*schedule*" kept by a county auditor, assessor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, or other county officer means the county system as defined in section 445.1.
4. "*Dispositional expenses*" means expenses incurred by a local authority in rescuing an animal as provided in section 717B.5, maintaining the animal until the conclusion of a dispositional proceeding as provided in section 717B.4, or disposing of the animal as provided in section 717B.4.
5. "*Law enforcement officer*" means a regularly employed member of a police force of a city or county, including a sheriff, who is responsible for the prevention and dedication of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of this state.
6. "*Local authority*" means a city as defined in section 362.2 or a county as provided in chapter 331.
7. "*Maintenance*" means to provide on-site or off-site care to neglected animals.
8. "*Responsible party*" means a person who owns or maintains an animal.
9. "*Threatened animal*" means an animal that is abused as provided in section 717B.2, neglected as provided in section 717B.3, or tortured as provided in section 717B.3A.

94 Acts, ch 1103, §12; 2000 Acts, ch 1148, §1; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §200, 201; 2002 Acts, ch 1130, §2