

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 detection 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; 2013 Acts, ch 90, §201

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