

**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](#)

Referred to in [§717D.1](#), [§717E.7](#), [§717E.10](#)