

**717B.3 Animal neglect.**

1. A person who impounds or confines, in any place, an animal is guilty of animal neglect if the person does any of the following:

- a. Fails to supply the animal during confinement with a sufficient quantity of food or water.
- b. Fails to provide a confined dog or cat with adequate shelter.
- c. Tortures, deprives of necessary sustenance, mutilates, beats, or kills an animal by any means which causes unjustified pain, distress, or suffering.

2. [This section](#) does not apply to a research facility, as defined in [section 162.2](#), provided that the research facility performs functions within the scope of accepted practices and disciplines associated with the research facility.

3. A person who negligently or intentionally commits the offense of animal neglect is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A person who intentionally commits the offense of animal neglect which results in serious injury to or the death of an animal is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

[94 Acts, ch 1103, §14](#); [95 Acts, ch 49, §25](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1058, §21](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1092, §147](#)  
Referred to in [§162.10A](#), [§717B.1](#), [§717B.2](#)