

**717D.3 Exceptions.**

1. [This chapter](#) does not apply to a function other than a contest event. A contest event does not involve any of the following events:

- a. A race, including but not limited to a race regulated under [chapter 99D](#).
- b. A fair event as defined in [section 174.1](#).
- c. A rodeo or rodeo event.
- d. A 4-H function.
- e. A hunting or fishing party.

f. A field meet or trial in which the skill of dogs is demonstrated in pointing, retrieving, trailing, or chasing any game bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal.

- g. The raising or selling of game or fur-bearing animals as provided in [chapter 481A](#).

2. [This chapter](#) shall not apply to any of the following:

a. An action to carry out an order issued by a court.

b. An action by a licensed veterinarian practicing veterinary medicine as provided in [chapter 169](#).

- c. An action that is consistent with animal husbandry practices.

d. An action allowed in order to carry out another provision of law which allows the action.

e. The taking, hunting, trapping, or fishing for a wild animal as provided in [chapter 481A](#).

f. An action to protect the person's property from a wild animal as defined in [section 481A.1](#).

g. An action to protect a person from injury or death caused by a wild animal as defined in [section 481A.1](#).

h. A person reasonably acting to protect the person's property from damage caused by an unconfined animal.

i. A person reasonably acting to protect a person from injury or death caused by an unconfined animal.

j. A local authority reasonably acting to destroy an animal if, at the time of the destruction, the owner of the animal is absent or unable to care for the animal, and the animal is permanently distressed by disease or injury to a degree that would result in severe and prolonged suffering.

k. 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.

[2002 Acts, ch 1130, §7](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1019, §31](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1058, §23](#)