

CHAPTER 1037
BESTIALITY — PENALTIES
H.F. 2318

AN ACT relating to bestiality and providing penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 717C.1, subsection 1](#), paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

b. ~~“Sex act” means any sexual contact between a person and an animal by penetration of the penis into the vagina or anus, contact between the mouth and genitalia, or by contact between the genitalia of one and the genitalia or anus of the other. of the following conduct that is not the practice of veterinary medicine under [section 169.3, subsection 13](#), an accepted animal husbandry livestock management practice under [section 169.3, subsection 1](#), an accepted practice related to the insemination of animals for the purpose of procreation, or an accepted practice related to conformation judging:~~

(1) An act between a person and an animal involving physical contact between the sex organ, genitals, or anus of one and the mouth, sex organ, genitals, or anus of the other.

(2) Any touching or fondling by a person, either directly or through clothing, of the sex organ, genitals, or anus of an animal or any insertion, however slight, of any part of a person’s body or any object into the vaginal or anal opening of an animal except for veterinarian advised care of the animal.

(3) Any insertion, however slight, of any part of an animal’s body into the vaginal or anal opening of a person.

(4) Advertising, offering, selling, transferring, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining an animal with the intent that the animal be used for sexual contact in this state.

(5) Organizing, promoting, conducting, or participating as an observer of an act involving conduct described in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3).

(6) Knowingly permits conduct described in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3) to occur in any premises under the person’s ownership or control.

(7) Photographing or filming obscene material, as defined in [section 728.1](#), depicting a person engaging in conduct described in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3).

(8) Distributing, selling, publishing, or transmitting obscene material, as defined in [section 728.1](#), depicting a person engaged in conduct described in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3).

(9) Possessing with the intent to distribute, sell, publish, or transmit obscene material, as defined in [section 728.1](#), depicting a person engaged in conduct described in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3).

(10) Forcing, coercing, enticing, or encouraging a minor to engage in conduct described in subparagraph (1), (2), or (3).

(11) Engaging in a sex act in the presence of a minor.

Sec. 2. [Section 717C.1, subsection 2](#), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

2. a. A person who performs a sex act with an animal is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

b. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation of [this section](#) is guilty of a class “D” felony.

c. A person previously convicted of a violation of [section 717B.2](#), [717B.3](#), [717B.3A](#), or [717B.3B](#) who commits a violation of [this section](#) is guilty of a class “D” felony.

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