

1 AN ACT concerning dangerous animals.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Dangerous Animals Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 1 and by adding Section 3.5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 585/1) (from Ch. 8, par. 241)

7 Sec. 1. No person shall have a right of property in,  
8 keep, harbor, care for, act as custodian of or maintain in  
9 his possession any dangerous animal except at a properly  
10 maintained zoological park, federally licensed exhibit,  
11 circus, scientific or educational institution, research  
12 laboratory, veterinary hospital or animal refuge in an  
13 escape-proof enclosure. The exceptions contained in this  
14 Section are narrow exceptions, shall be strictly construed to  
15 enforce the purposes of this Act, and apply only in bona fide  
16 and clearly established circumstances.

17 (Source: P.A. 84-28.)

18 (720 ILCS 585/3.5 new)

19 Sec. 3.5. Local ordinances. A municipality or a county,  
20 for unincorporated areas of the county, may enact ordinances  
21 imposing greater restrictions on the possession of dangerous  
22 animals than contained in this Act and may impose penalties  
23 for violations of those ordinances.