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Rule 1501:3-2-18 Animals and pets in state forests.

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(A) Domestic cats and dogs or horses as provided in rule 1501:3-3-08 and rule 1501:3-4-04 of the Administrative Code are permitted unless otherwise posted or designated and provided they are leashed or under control at all times. Animals in campgrounds are subject to rule 1501:3-3-08 of the Administrative Code. Trained hunting dogs under the control of a hunter in a designated hunting area as established under rule 1501:3-6-03 of the Administrative Code are permitted, while hunting or training during lawful hours and seasons are as established by statute, rule or order.

(B) Any animal found running at large may be seized and disposed of as provided by law or ordinance covering the disposal of stray animals on highways or public property in effect in the territory in which the area administered by the division is located wherein such stray animal is seized.

(C) The owner or handler of any animal under the control or supervision of any person within a state forest which disturbs the quiet or acts in a threatening manner towards any person or other animal may be directed by a law enforcement officer to remove the animal from the state forest.

(D) The tethering of any horse or other animal by picket line or any other method to any tree or vegetation is prohibited except in designated areas.

(E) No person shall bring an animal not otherwise governed by rules of the division of forestry in the Administrative Code into state forests except as may be approved by and in places designated by the chief of the division or authorized agent.