

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 3: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

§ 3192. Cruelty to Animals; First Degree.

(a) A person commits the crime of animal cruelty in the first degree if the person:

(1) causes serious physical injury to the animal(s), cruelty causes the death of the animal(s) or tortures the animal(s);

(2) the violation involves extreme malice;

(3) the person has a prior conviction for cruelty to animals in the first or second degree; or

(4) the person engages or promotes the activity of dog fighting.

(b) A person convicted under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of at least \$500 but not more than \$1,000 or perform 500 community work service hours, or both.

(c) For purposes of this section, when more than one animal is involved in a violation, each act may comprise a separate offense.

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Commission Comment: See Commission comment to 6 CMC § 3191.