

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

**§ 3193. Cruelty to Animals; Second Degree.**

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

(1) cruelly mistreats any animal, whether belonging to that person or another;

(2) knowingly or intentionally abandons or deserts an animal being kept by or under the control of said person; or

(3) cruelly neglects any animal being kept by or under the control of said person.

(b) A person convicted under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or perform 250 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.