

Dangerous Animals Media Release, Jasper County Sheriff's Office

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office would like to inform the citizens of Jasper County of a Missouri law which requires owners and keepers of "dangerous wild animals" to register such animal, or animals, with the local law enforcement agency in the county in which they are kept.

This law, Revised Statute of the State of Missouri (RSMO), Section 578.023, reads as follows:

Keepers of dangerous wild animals must register animals, exceptions--penalty.

578.023 1. No person may keep any lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, Canada lynx, bobcat, jaguarondi, hyena, wolf, bear, nonhuman primate, coyote, any deadly, dangerous, or poisonous reptile, or any deadly or dangerous reptile over eight feet long, in any place other than a properly maintained zoological park, circus, scientific, or educational institution, research laboratory, veterinary hospital, or animal refuge, unless such person has registered such animals with the local law enforcement agency in the county in which the animal is kept.

2. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

Any person or persons in Jasper County who owns or possesses any animal/s that falls under these guidelines should contact the Animal Control Division of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office at 417-358-8177 ext. 1398, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., for information and instructions on how to register such animal/s.

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