



CHAPTER 67
ARTICLE 1A - DANGEROUS DOGS

N.C.G.S. § 67-4.2.

Precautions against attacks by dangerous dogs.

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- § 67-4.2(a)

It is unlawful for an owner to:

 - (1) Leave a dangerous dog unattended on the owner's real property unless the dog is confined indoors, in a securely enclosed and locked pen, or in another structure designed to restrain the dog;
 - (2) Permit a dangerous dog to go beyond the owner's real property unless the dog is leashed and muzzled or is otherwise securely restrained and muzzled.
- § 67-4.2(b)

If the owner of a dangerous dog transfers ownership or possession of the dog to another person (as defined in G.S. 12-3(6)), the owner shall provide written notice to:

 - (1) The authority that made the determination under this Article, stating the name and address of the new owner or possessor of the dog; and
 - (2) The person taking ownership or possession of the dog, specifying the dog's dangerous behavior and the authority's determination.
- § 67-4.2(c)

Violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor. (1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1023; 1993, c. 539, s. 532; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

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1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 12-3(6)	(b)	<i>"to another person (as defined in"</i>

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Citation

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