



Houston Department of Health and Human Services

Leash law

Dogs and cats may not “run at large” in Houston. “Running at large” means going on public or private property without the owner or another person having direct physical control of the animal. An animal on a leash is considered to be under direct physical control of a person.



When animals are not on a leash they must be otherwise restrained, either behind a fence or in some other enclosure that will prevent their escape.

“Running at large” may result in impoundment of the animal or in the issuance of one or more citations.

For more information

<http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/departme/health/barc3.htm>