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This most recent iteration of VLCT's model dog control ordinance endeavors to take a somewhat new approach to the age old problem of how best to regulate man's best friend. Rather than placing the burden of punishment on dogs, this model ordinance attempts to place it with those best positioned to change their behavior and who are ultimately responsible for their actions – their owners. Please review VLCT guidance on ordinances via the links below.

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Links

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<https://www.vlct.org/sites/default/files/documents/Resource/Model%20Dog%20Control%20Ordinance%20%26%20Guidance.docx>

[3] <https://www.vlct.org/resource/users-guide-vlct-model-ordinances>

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