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**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RENO  
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA**

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CITY OF RENO,

Plaintiff,

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**CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

vs.

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\_\_\_\_\_,  
Defendant.

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Defendant's Initials

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\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have been charged with an act of animal cruelty occurring on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, in Reno, Nevada, in  
violation of NRS 574.100 by:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Torturing or unjustifiably maiming, mutilating or killing an animal kept for  
companionship or pleasure, whether belonging to me or another person; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Torturing or unjustifiably maiming, mutilating or killing any cat or dog; or  
\_\_\_\_\_ overdriving, overloading, torturing, cruelly beating or unjustifiably injuring

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maiming, mutilating or killing an animal belonging to me or another person; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Depriving an animal of necessary sustenance, food or drink, or neglecting or  
refusing to furnish it such sustenance food or drink; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Causing, procuring or allowing an animal to be overdriven, overloaded, tortured,  
cruelly beaten, or unjustifiably injured, maimed or killed or to be deprived of  
necessary food or drink; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Instigate, engage in, or in any way further an act of cruelty to any animal, or any  
act tending to produce such cruelty; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Abandoning an animal in circumstances other than those provided in NRS  
574.110; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Restraining a dog using a tether, chain, tie, trolley or pulley system that is less  
than 12 feet in length; failed to allow the dog to move at least 12 feet; or that  
allowed the dog to reach a fence or other object that caused the dog to become injured or  
die by strangulation after jumping the fence or object or otherwise became entangled in  
the fence or object; or

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\_\_\_\_\_ Restraining a dog using a prong, pinch or choke collar or similar restraint; or

- \_\_\_\_\_ Restraining a dog for more than 10 hours during a 24-hour period; or
- \_\_\_\_\_ Intentionally engaging in horse tipping for sport, entertainment, competition or practice; or
- \_\_\_\_\_ Knowingly organizing, sponsoring, promoting, overseeing or receiving money for the admission of any person to a charreada or rodeo that includes horse tipping.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the City of Reno must prove the elements in the above paragraph beyond a reasonable doubt.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any prosecuting agency will use this and any other constitutionally valid prior conviction of this type of offense to enhance the penalty for any subsequent offense.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the following possible punishments:

**FIRST OFFENSE** in 7 years – serve a minimum of 2 days in jail, but not more than 6 months in jail; perform not less than 48 hours of community service but not more than 120 hours of community service; a fine not less than \$200 and not more than \$1,000

**SECOND OFFENSE** in 7 years – serve a minimum of 10 days in jail, but not more than 6 months in jail; perform not less than 100 hours of community service but not more than 200 hours of community service; a fine not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000

**THIRD OFFENSE** in 7 years – A Category C felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years with the Nevada Department of Corrections; a fine up to \$10,000

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have the right to have an attorney represent me, and if I cannot afford an attorney, the Court will appoint one, and I give up this right or I am represented by attorney \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ While I am giving up my right to an attorney, I have been informed as to the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I understand that self-representation is often unwise and I may conduct a defense to my own detriment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I understand that I will be required to know and comply with the same procedural rules as lawyers and I cannot expect help from the Court.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that I will not be allowed to complain on appeal about the competency or effectiveness of my representation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I understand that the City will be represented by an experienced professional attorney who will have the advantage of skill, training, and ability.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have the right to a speedy and public trial in front of a Judge and I give up this right.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have the right to confront and question all witnesses and I give up this right.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I have the right to remain silent and not incriminate myself and I give up this right.

