

**76-9-301.8 Bestiality -- Definitions -- Penalty.**

- (1) A person commits the crime of bestiality if the actor engages in any sexual activity with an animal with the intent of sexual gratification of the actor.
- (2) For purposes of this section only:
  - (a) "Animal" means any live, nonhuman vertebrate creature, including fowl.
  - (b) "Sexual activity" means physical sexual contact:
    - (i) between the actor and the animal involving the genitals of the actor and the genitals of the animal;
    - (ii) the genitals of the actor or the animal and the mouth or anus of the actor or the animal; or
    - (iii) through the actor's use of an object in contact with the genitals or anus of the animal.
- (3) A crime of bestiality is a class B misdemeanor.

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