

**§ 8-1906. Penalties [Formerly § 6-1021.6]**

(a) An owner of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog who violates the provisions of § [8-1904](#) or § [8-1905](#) shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500, imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both for a first offense, and a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both for a second or subsequent offense. Prosecutions for violations of § [8-1904](#) or § [8-1905](#) pursuant to this subsection shall be brought in the name of the District of Columbia in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

(b) An owner of a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog that causes serious injury to or kills a human being or a domestic animal without provocation shall be fined up to \$10,000.

(c) A violation of this chapter shall be a civil infraction for purposes of [Chapter 18](#) of Title 2. Civil fines, penalties, and fees may be imposed as sanctions for any infraction of the provisions of this chapter, or the rules issued under authority of this chapter, pursuant to [Chapter 18](#) of Title 2. Adjudication of any infractions shall be pursuant to [Chapter 18](#) of Title 2.