

DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

#1760. Dogs to be licensed

No dog shall be kept within the limits of the Town of Randolph unless such dog shall have been licensed by its owner in accordance with the statutes of the State of Maine.

For the purpose of this Chapter, "Owner" shall mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

#1761. Dogs running at large

No owner of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large within the Town of Randolph.

For the purposed of this Chapter, "Run at large" shall mean off the premised of the owner and not under the control of any person by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

#1762. Barking dogs

No owner shall keep or harbor any dog which by loud, frequent, or habitual barking, howling or yelping shall disturb the peace of any person or persons.

****** #1763. Impoundment**

Any police officer or animal control officer of the Town of Randolph on complaint shall apprehend any dog kept in violation of the licensing provision of #1761 or disturbing the peace by barking in violation of #1762, and impound such dog in a suitable place.

The person in control of impounding upon receiving any dog shall make a complete registry, entering the breed, color and sex of such dog and whether licensed or unlicensed. If licensed he shall enter the name and address of the owner and the number of the license tag.

#1764. Notice of Impoundment

If the owner or keeper of such impounded dog is know or can be ascertained with reasonable diligence, then the person in control of impounding shall notify such owner or keeper as soon as possible, and in any case not later than 3 days of the receipt of such dog. If the owner of such dog is not known and cannot be ascertained with reasonable diligence, then the person who has control of impounding shall deliver such animal to suitable place.

****** #1765. Release from Impoundment**

The owner or keeper of any impounded dog or cat may obtain the release of such dog or cat by appearing before the person in control of impounding within 10 days of receiving notice of such impoundment and satisfy the following requirements: (a) compliance with all licensing requirements of the State of Maine and Town of Randolph, (b) payment to the Town Treasurer of impoundment fee of \$20.00 (c) payment to the Town Treasurer of the sum of \$5.00 for transporting the same.

****** #1766. Disposition of dogs or cats**

Upon the expiration of the 10 day period and such dog or cat has not been reclaimed by its owner or keeper, the dog or cat may be humanely destroyed or placed in the custody of some person deemed to be a responsible and suitable owner, who will agree to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

The person having control of impounding shall keep a record of the disposition made of each dog or cat placed in his control. Such record shall include the manner of disposing of such

dog or cat and, if such dog or cat is transferred to another person, the name and address of the transferee. In addition, the transferee shall sign a statement giving his name, address and the date of delivery of receipt of the dog or cat.

#1768. Penalties

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$75.00, nor more than \$400.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Town of Randolph, Maine, recoverable in a civil action in Maine District Court. The Town of Randolph or any appropriate officer may institute proceedings to enjoin dilations of this Ordinance. Any fines imposed under this Ordinance shall revert to the Town of Randolph.

#1768B. This ordinance replaces any other ordinance which may be in force at the present time.

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