

CHAPTER 5

ANIMAL CONTROL

Article 1

5-1 DEFINITIONS

ANIMAL: means every living creature, domestic or wild, but does not include man.

CONFINED: means restriction of an animal at all times by the owner, or his agent, to an escape-proof building or other enclosure away from other animals and the public.

DOG: shall mean all members of the family canine and shall be construed to include both male and female.

HAS BEEN BITTEN: means has been seized with the teeth or jaws so that the person or animal seized has been nipped, gripped, wounded, or pierced, and further includes contact of saliva with any break or abrasion of the skin.

INOCULATED OR VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: means the injection of an antirabies vaccine approved by the Department of Agriculture.

LICENSE TAG: means a small metal tag having thereon a license number corresponding with the license number assigned by the proper authority, together with such other words and figures as the City Clerk shall find to be necessary. The tag shall be of different size, shape and color from year to year and shall be free of further charge upon receipt of payment of license fee for an individual dog.

LICENSED VETERINARIAN: means a veterinarian licensed by the State in which he engages in the practice of veterinary medicine.

OWNER: means any person who (a) has a right of property in an animal (b) keeps or harbors an animal (c) has an animal in his care or (d) acts as custodian of an animal.

PERSON: means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, other business unit, society, association or other legal entity, any public or private institution, the State of Illinois, or any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the State.

POUND: means any facility approved by a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois and used as a shelter for seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted dogs or other animals.

VACCINATION TAG: means a metal tag to be worn at all times on the collar of a dog as evidence that the said dog has been inoculated or vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

Article 2

ANIMALS

5-11 Care

Each owner shall provide for each of his animals;

- (a) sufficient quantity of good quality, wholesome food and water;
- (b) adequate shelter and protection from the weather;
- (c) veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering; and
- (d) humane care and treatment

5-12 Cruelty

It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to beat, cruelly treat, torment, overload, overwork, or otherwise abuse an animal.

5-13 Abandonment

It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to abandon any animal where it may become a public charge or may suffer injury, hunger or exposure.

5-14 Pets or novelties

It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to sell, offer for sale, barter or give away as a pet or novelty any rabbit or any baby chick, duckling or other fowl that has been dyed, colored or otherwise treated to impart an artificial color thereto. Baby chicks or ducklings shall not be sold, offered for sale, bartered, or given away as pets or novelties.

5-15 Collors and License tags

Each dog kept within the corporate limits of the Village shall be provided by its owner or keeper with a collar made of metal, leather or other substantial material, to which is attached a license tag and a vaccination tag issued by the proper authorities.

5-16 Inoculation or vaccination against rabies

Every owner of a dog four (4) months or more of age not confined at all times to an enclosed area, shall cause such dog to be inoculated or vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian at such intervals as may hereafter be established by regulations

pursuant to the animal control act.

5-17 Female Dogs in heat

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any female dog in heat to allow the dog to be off his premises.

5-18 Impoundment of dog not vaccinated or wearing tag

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog within the corporate limits of the Village to permit his dog to be off his premises unless the dog is wearing a vaccination tag. Any such dog not vaccinated or found off his owner's or keeper's premises without a vaccination tag shall be impounded and, if not claimed within three (3) days, it shall be the duty of any law enforcement officer or any officer of the village to dispose of the dog.

5-19 Noisy Animals

It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor or keep any animal which disturbs the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night. Any person whose animal disturbs the peace by loud noises shall be guilty of an offense.

5-20 Dangerous and vicious animals

It shall be unlawful to permit any dangerous animal or vicious animal of any kind to run at large within the corporate limits of the Village. Law enforcement officials, or any other person in the Village, are authorized to kill any dangerous animal when necessary for the protection of any person or property.

5-21 Dogs not to run at large

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any dog to be on any street, sidewalk or other public place in the Village unless the dog is being held securely by a leash of not more than eight (8) feet in length. Any dog found running at large shall be apprehended and impounded and if it cannot be safely apprehended and impounded, it may be slain by any police officer or any officer of the Village.

5-22 Penalty

Any person violating or aiding in or abetting the violation of any provision of this section or resisting, obstructing, or impeding any authorized officer in enforcing this section, or refusing to produce for inoculation any dog in his possession which has bitten a person shall be fined not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00.

5-23 Poisoning:

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly poison or cause to be poisoned any dog or domestic animal except by written permission from the Department of Agriculture for the purpose controlling diseases transmissible to humans or other animals and only when all other means and methods have been exhausted. Any drug used for euthanasia shall be under the direction of a licensed veterinarian.