

TITLE V

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Chapter 19

Animals

Section 19.1 It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person to harbor or keep any dog within the Town of Monroe, which by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling, or yelping shall cause serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood.

Section 19.2 It shall be unlawful for any person being the owner of or having the care, custody or control of any dog or harboring or keeping any dog, to allow, suffer or permit such dog to be at large upon the streets or other public places within the Town of Monroe, or in or upon any other place beyond the premises of such person unless such dog is: (a) On a leash, controlled by some person physically able to control such dog; (b) displaying a tag showing that anti-rabies vaccine had been administered to that particular animal within the last twelve (12) months. It shall be the duty of the Humane Officer of the Town of Monroe or the person designated to be in charge by the Board of Trustees of the Town, upon proper complaint, to apprehend and impound all dogs running at large contrary to the provisions of this Section. Any dog so impounded may be redeemed by the owner within five (5) days after the impounding of such dog by reclaiming such dog at the Town Dog Pound where it is impounded, provided that, such owner shall first pay to the Town

of Monroe for the Town Dog Tax Fund a redemption fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Upon presentation of a receipt for the payment of such redemption fee to the person designated to be in charge of the Town Dog Pound by the Board of Trustees of the Town, such impounded dog shall be released to the owner thereof, provided however, that no such impounded dog will be released unless the owner shall show a current county dog tax receipt as proof of ownership. All such impounded dogs not reclaimed and redeemed by the owner thereof within five (5) days after being impounded may be placed in suitable homes, or otherwise disposed of or destroyed in a humane manner by the Humane Officer or person designated to be in charge by the Board of Trustees of the Town.

Section 19.3. It shall be the duty of the Humane Officer of the Town of Monroe or the person designated to be in charge by the Board of Trustees to impound any dog which has bitten another animal or has bitten a human being. All such dogs shall be impounded for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days for observation for rabies. In the event such dog is determined not to be rabid, such dog shall thereupon be released to its owner, provided that, the Owner shall first pay the Town of Monroe for the Town Dog Tax Fund a redemption fee of ten dollars (\$10.00). Upon presentation of a receipt for the payment of such redemption fee to the person designated to be in charge of the Town Dog Pound by the Board of Trustees, such impounded dog shall be released to the owner thereof, provided however, that no such impounded dog will be released unless the owner shall show a current county dog tax receipt as proof of ownership. After the

impoundment period of fourteen (14) days, or if the owner of such impounded dog be ascertained, then within five (5) days of receipt of written notice to reclaim the impounded dog, all such impounded dogs not reclaimed may be placed in suitable homes or otherwise disposed of or destroyed in a humane manner by the Humane Officer or the person designated to be in charge of the Town Dog Pound by the Board of Trustees. No dog being held for observation shall be released or destroyed until the expiration of the period of observation for rabies.

Section 19.4. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person to hinder, molest or interfere with any person authorized to perform any duty prescribed herein.

Section 19.5. Any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). The Court, in its discretion however, upon conviction of any person of violating or failing to comply with the provision of this Ordinance, may order any dog running at large or causing annoyance as described herein turned over to the Humane Officer or person designated to be in charge of the Town Dog Pound by the Board of Trustees and to be disposed of or destroyed in a humane manner. When any violation of this Ordinance has been called to the attention of the violator by any law enforcement officer, each day's continuance of the violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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