

Town of Thorndike

Animal Control Ordinance

Sec. 1

A person commits a civil violation if any animal owned by him or subject to his control, whether domestic or otherwise, goes at large on any highway, street, land, alley, common, square, or any other public place within the Town, or upon the property of another person without the consent of that person, after such owner had been previously warned by any Law enforcement officer, animal control officer, justice of the peace, or any other public official authorized for these purposes, that any animal owned by him or subject to his control had been at large, except that dogs when used for hunting may be permitted to go at large. The words "at large" shall mean off the premises of the owner, or keeper, and not under the control of any other person by means of a chain, rope, cord of sufficient strength to control the animal, or such personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such animal. Upon complaint of any person, any animal found at large, as defined by this ordinance, may be seized and impounded by any Law enforcement officer, animal control officer, or other public official authorized for these purposes, and that animal's owner or keeper shall be liable for all related costs. Any animal, so found, not bearing the identification of its owner shall be classified as a stray, and may be humanely disposed of, or sold, after being held for 8 days. Such officer may keep such animal in any appropriate facility within or without the Town.

Sec. 2

A person commits a civil violation if he owns, or keeps, any dog 6 months or older if such dog has not been vaccinated with anti-rabies vaccine within 24 months

preceding the date on which said dog is owned or kept. Proof of vaccination shall be filed with the Town Clerk within 10 days after the vaccination or within 10 days after said dog is brought into the Town. A filing fee of \$1.00 shall be paid to the Town Clerk if the dog is not licensed in the Town. Proof of vaccination shall be affixed to said dog in an acceptable manner. Failure to file proof of vaccination or failure to produce proof of vaccination upon demand of any Law enforcement officer, animal control officer, or other public official authorized for these purposes, shall be prima facie evidence that said dog has not been vaccinated.

Sec. 3

A person commits a civil violation if he owns, or keeps any dog which creates a nuisance by habitually barking, biting, howling, or in any manner disturbing the peace and quiet of any other person, after that owner, or keeper, had been previously warned by any law enforcement officer, animal control officer, justice of the peace, or any other public official authorized for these purposes, that his dog, or dogs, have been disturbing the peace and quiet of another person or persons.

Penalty: A forfeiture of not less than \$25, nor more than \$100 shall be adjudged for a violation of any section of this ordinance.