

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Amendment of the Scott County Ordinance governing dogs in Scott County, Kentucky;

ARTICLE I

Enacting Clause, Title, Purpose

1.1 ENACTING CLAUSE

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Scott, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

1.2 TITLE

This ordinance is entitled "Amendment of the County Dog Ordinance, Scott County, Extension - Charges and Vicious/Dangerous Animals". The title and contents of this ordinance are on file with the Scott County Clerk.

1.3 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to increase the charges collected by the Scott County Animal Control Office and to be able to control vicious/dangerous animals throughout the county. The increase in charges is designated to help meet the rising feed and supply costs for the shelter and the vicious/dangerous animal section is to apply greater impact to the owners of such animals in all parts of the County Dog Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

AMENDMENT

2.1 Definitions - add the following to the existing definitions:

(4) "Vicious/dangerous animal" - shall mean any animal that attacks, bites, or injures human beings or domesticated animals without adequate provocation or which, because of temperament, conditioning or training, has a known propensity to attack, bite, or injure human beings or domesticated animals.

(5) "Quarantine" - shall mean humane confinement of an animal in a secure enclosure from which it cannot escape, and which enclosure prevents the animal coming in unplanned contact with any other animals or human beings.

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(5) & (6) shall upon the adoption of this Ordinance read hereafter as follows: (5) The following charges shall be paid to the county for the impounding of any dog: cost of impounding or pick-up \$4.00; cost of maintenance \$2.00 per day; quarantine fee \$5.00 per day; cost of notice \$1.00; adoption fee for adults \$20.00; adoption fee for puppies \$12.50. (6) Any dog found at large belonging to an owner or keeper who can be identified need not be impounded but returned to the owner or keeper upon payment of \$4.00 pick-up fee.

2.4

Create a new subsection of ARTICLE II to read as follows: (1) Any animal (excluding wildlife) which has bitten or scratched someone, shall be quarantined for ten (10) days from the time the bite or scratch occurs. Any owner who fails to properly quarantine his/her animal is subject to summons/citation for violations, and the animal shall be impounded by the Scott County Animal Control Shelter for the remainder of the quarantine period. The owner/harbinger shall be responsible for all quarantine fees. An animal whose owner/harbinger is unavailable or incapable of quarantining the animal, may be taken to the Scott County Animal Shelter, and quarantined there for the prescribed period.

(2) Confinement of Vicious Animal: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor within the county a dangerous and/or vicious animal unless it is at all times kept securely chained or within an enclosure in a manner that it cannot escape from

the owner's premises. If such animal is taken off the property of the owner/harbinger, it must be muzzled and on a leash, or in a secure cage from which it cannot escape. Owner/harbinger must post visible warning signs at all entries to premises.

(3) Any owner/harbinger in violation of this subsection of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be subject to a fine not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00 or be imprisoned for not less than five (5) nor more than sixty (60) days or both so fined and imprisoned.

ARTICLE III

CONFLICT WITH EXISTING LAW

In the event any section of this ordinance conflicts with existing state law, the conflicting section of this ordinance shall be inapplicable to the extent of the conflict. The provisions of this ordinance shall be in addition to any existing state or local law.

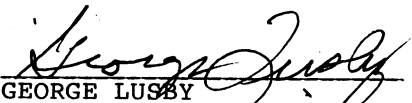
ARTICLE IV

VALIDITY

If any provision of the Dog Ordinance is held invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not effect the validity of any other provision of the Dog Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of publication.

PASSED this 17 day of August, 1992.


GEORGE LUSBY
COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:


MARTHA NECLERIO
FISCAL COURT CLERK