

CHAPTER 54: DOG CONTROL

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 54.1 Title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Dog Control Law of the Town of Camillus, New York".

§ 54.2 Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population and the protection of persons, property, domestic animals and deer from dog attack and damage.

§ 54.3 Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

1. "Dog Control Officer" is the individual appointed by the town to enforce this chapter.
2. "At large" means any dog that is unleashed and on property open to the public or is on private property not owned or leased by the owner of the dog unless permission for such presence has been obtained. No dog shall be deemed to be at large if it is: (a) a guide dog actually leading a blind person; (b) a police work dog in use for police work; or (c) accompanied by its owner or other responsible person and is actively engaged in hunting or training for hunting.
3. "Dog" means any member of the species *canis familiaris*.
4. "Owner" shall mean any person who harbors or keeps any dog.
5. "Sentry guard dog" means a dog highly trained professionally to attack a human being attempting to enter a specific property area.

B. All other words and phrases used in this chapter shall for the purpose of this Chapter have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by Section 108 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

ARTICLE II - RUNNING AT LARGE

§ 54.21 Restrictions on running at large

A. No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the Town of Camillus without being restrained by a leash held by a person of sufficient size, strength and ability to effectively control the movements of such dog.

B. No unspayed female dog in season shall be permitted to be outside a building or a fenced enclosure.

§ 54.22 Impoundment Fees

A. A dog running at large may be seized by the Dog Control Officer and each dog who has been seized while running at large shall be held for a period of five days from the date of seizure during which period the dog may be redeemed by its owner provided that such owner produces proof that the dog has been licensed and the owner pays the following impoundment fees.

1. Twenty dollars for the first day or part thereof and five dollars for each additional day or part thereof for the first impoundment of any dog owned by such person.
2. Fifty dollars for the first day or part thereof and Ten Dollars for each additional day or part thereof for the second impoundment of any dog owned by that person.
3. One Hundred dollars for the first day or part thereof and Fifteen dollars for each additional day or part thereof for the third and subsequent impoundments of any dog owned by that person.

B. Seizure pursuant to lawful order of court or police agency

The owner of any dog seized by the Dog Control Officer pursuant to court order or the direction of a police agency shall pay a Fifteen dollar per day fee.

C. Veterinary Fees

The owner of a dog impounded by the Dog Control Officer or seized pursuant to court order or the direction of a police agency shall pay upon redemption any veterinary fees incurred by the Dog Control Officer.

ARTICLE III - BARKING DOGS

§ 54.30 Habitually Barking Dogs

No person shall keep or permit to be kept on the premises occupied by such person any dog which by its continual barking, howling, or whining or other frequent or long-continued or loud and raucous noises shall unreasonably disturb the comfort or annoy any person other than the owner. In considering whether a violation has occurred the court shall consider the time of day of the habitual barking.

ARTICLE IV - LICENSING

§54.40 Licensing Requirements

Any person owning or harboring a dog four months of age or over in the Town of Camillus shall obtain a dog license for said dog and shall place and keep on such dog a collar to which shall be securely attached a valid license identification tag for that dog.

All licenses issued pursuant to this article are required to be renewed every 12 months, on or before the last day of the month of original license issuance.

At the time of licensing or license renewal, current proof of rabies vaccination must be provided.

§54.41 Exemptions

Any dog harbored within the Town of Camillus which is owned by a resident of New York City or licensed by the City of New York, or which is owned by a non-resident of New York State or of another Town within the State of New York and is licensed by the jurisdiction where the non-resident resides, shall for a period of 30 days be exempt from this article.

§ 54.42 License fees

- A. Pursuant to the authority of Section 110 of the Agriculture and Markets Law the Town of Camillus establishes the following annual dog licensing fees:
 - 1. \$ 7.00 for each spayed or neutered dog
 - 2. \$ 14.00 for each unspayed or unneutered dog
- B. In addition to the license fee established by this local law, each applicant for a dog license shall pay a surcharge of \$1.00 if the dog to be licensed is spayed or neutered, or a fee of \$3.00 if the dog to be licensed is unspayed or unneutered, which is a New York State mandated fee to be remitted to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for transmittal to the Animal Population Control Program.
- C. Exempted from payment of license fees are any guide, hearing, service, war, working search, detection, police and therapy dogs.
- D. Lost Identification Tags
In the event that a licensed dog's identification tag is lost, the owner shall report same to the Town Clerk immediately and shall obtain a replacement tag, the fee for which is \$3.00.
- E. Change of Ownership
Upon transfer of ownership of a dog, the new owner shall immediately relicense the dog.

ARTICLE V - DOG WASTE

§ 54.50 Control of Dog Waste and Damage

The owner or person in control of a dog, even though it may be leashed, shall not permit said dog to do any of the following acts:

- A. Damage or destroy property not belonging to the owner or the person in control of the dog.
- B. Deposit waste (feces) on the property of another without prior approval unless such waste is immediately removed for suitable and proper disposal.
- C. Deposit waste (feces) on public property unless such waste is immediately removed for suitable and proper disposal.

ARTICLE VI – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

§54.60 Violations and penalties

Any person who violates this chapter or knowingly permits a violation of this chapter shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$250.00, the minimum of which shall be a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense, and \$150.00 for the third or more offenses.

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