

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LICENSING AND
CONTROLLING OF DOGS AND ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWN
OF PLAINVILLE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville, in meeting duly assembled:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance:

“At Large” shall mean off the premises of the owner or custodian and not under the immediate control of the owner or custodian, either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise.

“Dog” shall mean any member of the canine species, male, female, neutered male or spayed female.

“Keep” shall mean possessing, controlling, exercising or allowing to run at large.

“Owner” shall mean any person possessing, keeping, harboring or having custody of a dog.

“Animals” shall mean any type of animal both domestic and wild.

“Vaccination” shall mean any anti-rabies vaccination using a type of vaccine nation approved by the State.

“Veterinarian” shall mean any veterinarian licensed by the State.

“Vicious animal” shall mean any animal that attacks, bites or has a known propensity to attack human beings or other animals.

SECTION 2. License Tag and Registration Required; Exclusion or Certain Dogs From Provisions.

a. Tags Required. Each dog kept by the owner in the Town shall be licensed and registered if six (6) months of age or over, on or before June 30 annually, or when the dog becomes six (6) months of age. Dog licenses shall be issued by the Town Clerk upon payment of a license fee as established by the Connecticut General Statutes. The owner shall state at the time application is made for such license and upon printed forms provided for such purpose, name and address, and

the name, breed, color and sex of each dog owned and kept by the owner. The owner shall submit to the Town Clerk a rabies certificate, signed by a veterinarian, or copy thereof.

b. Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to dogs whose owners are nonresidents temporarily within the Town, conditioned upon possession of a valid tag from any jurisdiction; nor to dogs brought into the Town for the purpose of participation in any dog show; nor to seeing eye dogs properly trained to assist a blind person when such dogs are actually being used by blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place.

SECTION 3. Rabies Vaccination Required for Dogs and Cats Kept in Plainville.

a. Any owner of a dog or cat three months of age or over shall have such dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. Any animal vaccinated prior to one year of age or receiving a primary rabies vaccine at any age shall be considered protected for only one year and shall be given a booster vaccination one year after initial vaccination and shall be vaccinated at least every three years thereafter. Those animals revaccinated after one year of age shall be given booster vaccinations at least every three years thereafter.

b. Proof of such vaccination shall be a certificate issued by a veterinarian and provided to the animal control officer upon request.

SECTION 4. Annoyance By A Dog On A Highway.

a. No owner shall allow a dog to go out on any highway, road or street, and growl, snap, bite or otherwise annoy any person or domesticated animal lawfully using such highway or chase or interfere with any motor vehicle so using such highway, road or street.

SECTION 5. Nuisance.

a. No owner shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance, or, by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity.

SECTION 6. Vicious Animals.

a. Any animal that habitually bites or injures any human being or other animals or which has a known propensity to attack or bite human beings or other animals shall be known as a vicious animal.

SECTION 7. Dogs Roaming At Large.

a. No owner of any dog shall allow such dog to roam at large in or upon any street, park, school grounds or other public places or upon private premises other than the owner's property unless such dog is attached to a secure leash held continuously in the hand of a responsible person capable of controlling it or is securely leashed upon such unfenced premises in such a manner that the chain or cord or other attachment by which it is held does not permit it to go beyond the boundaries of such lot or premises or unless the dog is securely confined within a motor vehicle which is adequately ventilated.

b. This section shall not apply to any dog while performing in a show or exhibition, or any guide dog for the blind, or dogs used during open hunting or training season.

SECTION 8. Removal of Feces.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in any control of any dog to allow or permit such animal to defecate upon any private property owned by another, condominium common elements, street, sidewalk, gutter or other public areas unless such person shall remove all feces so deposited by such animal before leaving the immediate premises.

b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who is blind, walking or in control of a dog, and accompanied by a guide dog or by any person who is physically unable to remove said feces.

SECTION 9. Penalty.

Violation of any section of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of Sixty and 00/100 (\$60.00) Dollars.

SECTION 10. Enforcement.

- a. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance, tickets may be issued by any person authorized to issue tickets, summons or infractions under the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Charter of the Town of Plainville.
- b. The adoption of this Ordinance shall not preclude the enforcement, by properly authorized officials, of like provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- c. All penalties received for violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Plainville and remitted to the Plainville Police Department within fifteen (15) days of the ticket date. If any fine is not paid within fifteen (15) days a penalty in the amount equal to the fine shall immediately become due and payable in addition to the original fine and a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the violator.

SECTION 11. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and the invalidity of any portion thereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

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