

Chapter 10

ANIMALS*

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Sec. 10-1. Penalty.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to section 1-8. In addition to the penalty provided for in this section, the town treasurer may collect the delinquent license taxes pursuant to the procedure contained in Wis. Stats. § 74.11, for the collection of personal property taxes.
(Ord. No. 84-4, § 8, 11-12-1984)

Sec. 10-2. License requirements.

(a) Every owner or keeper of a dog more than six months of age on January 1 of any year shall annually at the time provided for payment of personal property tax pay the dog license tax for a neutered male and spayed female as set by town board resolution from time to time for all other dogs. A dog without license attached to its collar shall be presumptive evidence that it is unlicensed.

(b) No more than three dogs required to be licensed under this chapter shall be kept on any premises within the town unless a kennel license is obtained.
(Ord. No. 93-3, § 1, 9-13-1993)

Sec. 10-3. Dogs for the blind and deaf exempt.

Every dog specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons is exempt from the dog license tax set out in section 10-2. The owner of such dog may apply for and receive each year a free license for such dog upon application therefor.
(Ord. No. 84-4, § 2, 11-12-1984)

Sec. 10-4. Number of dogs limited.

The number of dogs required to be licensed under this chapter on any premises within the town shall be as set forth in the zoning ordinance of the town set out in chapter 82.
(Ord. No. 94-15, § 1, 12-14-1994)

Sec. 10-5. Dogs running at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit the dog to run at large at any place within the town unless accompanied by and under the control of the owner or keeper of such dog. This section shall not prevent any dog running at large upon the premises owned or occupied by the owner or keeper of such dog.
(Ord. No. 84-4, § 4, 11-12-1984)

Sec. 10-6. Harboring stray dog.

Any person harboring a stray dog for ten days or more shall be considered its owner and shall be subject to the terms and regulations of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 84-4, § 5, 11-12-1984)

Sec. 10-7. Harboring certain dogs prohibited.

No person shall own, harbor or keep any dog which:

- (1) Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway.
- (2) Assaults or attacks any person.
- (3) Is vicious. A showing that a dog has bitten, attacked or injured any person shall constitute a prima facie showing that such dog is vicious.
- (4) Frequently or habitually barks, yelps, or howls to the annoyance of any two or more other persons.
- (5) Is required to be licensed, but is not.

(Ord. No. 84-4, § 6, 11-12-1984)

Sec. 10-8. Dog pound.

(a) *Confinement of dogs.* The town animal humane officer or any other officer appointed by the town board shall apprehend any dog running at large within the town or which does any of the things prohibited under section 10-7 and confine the dog in a suitable dog pound.

(b) *Enforcement.* The animal humane officer or his qualified assistants shall be responsible for the apprehension and confinement of dogs in a pound as provided in this section and such officer shall apprehend and confine dogs as provided in this section and may enforce this section, including the right to commence actions for the collection of any forfeiture imposed by this chapter. Such action shall be brought in the name of the town. The town constable shall receive no compensation.

(c) *Disposition of unclaimed dogs.* The keeper of the pound shall keep all dogs apprehended for five days at the dog pound (unless sooner claimed by the owner or keeper) and if any dog is not reclaimed by the rightful owner or keeper within such time, the dog may be sold for the amount incurred in apprehending, keeping and caring of the dog or it may be destroyed in a proper and humane manner.

(d) *Owner or keeper to pay costs.* The owner or keeper of any dog so confined may reclaim such dog at any time before the dog is disposed of, upon payment of all costs and charges incurred in apprehending, keeping and caring of the dog. Such costs and charges may include expenses for inoculations or other medical treatment of the dog. The owner or keeper's payment of costs and charges incurred in apprehending, keeping and caring of the dog shall be made directly to the town or pound.

(Ord. No. 84-4, § 7, 11-12-1984)