

ORDINANCE NO. 93 - 9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 74-34, AS AMENDED, WHICH REGULATED AND LICENSED THE KEEPING OF DOGS; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 8, IMPOUND FEES AND SECTION 10, RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has found it necessary to further amend Ordinance 74-34, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 22nd day of March, 1993, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance 74-34, as amended, be further amended as follows:

1. Section 8. IMPOUND FEES:

Any animal impounded hereunder may be reclaimed as herein provided upon payment by the owner to the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority of the sum of ~~\$5.00~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) for each ~~dog~~ animal, and the additional sum of \$2.00 for each day such ~~dog~~ animal ~~is kept after the expiration of a three day period~~ has been kept at the Animal Control Authority. All fees set forth herein shall be collected by the Animal Warden for the County of Nassau or Animal Control Authority.

2. Section 10. RABIES CONTROL:

(a) Every animal which bites a person shall be promptly reported to the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority, and shall thereupon be securely quarantined at the direction of the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority for a period of ~~15~~ ten (10) days, and shall not be released from such quarantine except by written permission of the Animal Warden or Animal Control

Authority. At the discretion of the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority, such quarantine may be on the premises of the owner, at the shelter designated as the County Animal Shelter, or at the owner's option and expense in a veterinary hospital of his choice. In the case of stray animals, or in the cases of animals whose ownership is not known, such quarantine shall be at the shelter designated as the County animal Shelter.

(b) Upon the demand made by the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority, the owner shall forthwith surrender any animal which has bitten a human, or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies, for supervised quarantine which expense shall be borne by the owner, and may be reclaimed by the owner if adjudged free of rabies, upon payment of fees set forth in Section 8 of this ordinance, and upon compliance of licensing provisions set forth in Section 3 of this ordinance.

(c) When an animal under quarantine has been diagnosed as being rabid, or suspected by a licensed veterinarian as being rabid, and dies while under such observation, the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority shall immediately send the head of such animal to the appropriate Health Department for pathological examination, and shall notify the proper public health officer of reports of human contacts, and the diagnosis made of the suspected animal.

(d) When a laboratory report, either preliminary or final, gives a positive diagnosis of rabies, the Health Officer for the County of Nassau or the Animal Control Authority may declare a

certain area quarantined for a period of 30 days, and upon the invoking of such quarantine, no animal shall be permitted to be at large except on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person during such period of quarantine. During such quarantine no animal may be taken or shipped from the county without the written permission of the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority. During this quarantine period and as long afterward as he decides it is necessary to prevent the spread of rabies, the local county health officer shall require all dogs, 3 months of age or older, shall be vaccinated against rabies with a canine rabies vaccine approved by the Biologics Control Section of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The types of approved canine antirabies vaccine to be used and the recognized duration of immunity for each shall be established by the local health officer. All vaccinated dogs shall be restricted (leashing or confinement on enclosed premises) for 30 days after vaccination. During the quarantine period, the local health officer shall be empowered to provide for a program of mass immunization by the establishment of temporary emergency canine rabies vaccinations clinics strategically located throughout the area of health jurisdiction.

No dog which has been impounded by reason of its owner, is allowed to be adopted by the Animal Shelter during the period of rabies emergency quarantine, except by special authorization of the Public Health Official and the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority.

(e) During such period of rabies quarantine as herein

mentioned, every animal bitten by an animal adjudged to be rabid, shall be forthwith destroyed, or at the owner's expense and option, shall be treated for rabies infection by a licensed veterinarian or held under 30 days quarantine by the owner in the same manner as other animals are quarantined.

(f) In the event there are additional positive cases of rabies occurring during the period of the quarantine, such period fee quarantine may be extended for an additional two months.

(g) No person shall kill, or cause to be killed, any rabid animal; any animal suspected of having been exposed to rabies, or any animal biting a human, in an attempt to defeat the purposes of this ordinance, except as herein provided, nor remove same from the County without written permission from the Animal Warden or animal Control Authority.

(h) The carcass of any dead animal exposed to rabies shall, upon demand, be surrendered to the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority.

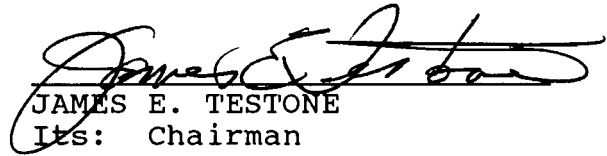
(i) The Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority shall direct the disposition of any animal found to be infected with rabies.

(j) No person shall fail or refuse to surrender any animal for quarantine or destruction as required herein when demand is made thereof by the Animal Warden or Animal Control Authority.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective

upon its being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



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Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



T. J. GREESON
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
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