

ORDINANCE 91 - 8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 74-34, AS AMENDED, WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE TAKING UP AND IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS, AND ESTABLISHED AN ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 74-34, AS AMENDED; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS, ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have found it necessary to amend Ordinance 74-34, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found it necessary to amend Section 1. DEFINITIONS, specifically the Animal Control Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Nassau County that said Ordinance be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED this 9th day of April, 1991, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that Ordinance 74-34, as amended, be further amended as follows:

1. Section 1. DEFINITIONS:

As used in this ordinance the following terms mean:

OWNER: Any person, group of persons, or corporation owning keeping or harboring a dog or dogs.

KENNEL: Any person, group of persons, or corporations engaged in the commercial business of breeding buying, selling or boarding dogs.

AT LARGE: Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when he is off the property of his owner and not under control of a competent person unless he is a hunting dog under the control of this owner. However a hunting dog shall not be considered to be at large when

he is found to be within an area designated as a hunting area.

RESTRAINT: A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this ordinance if he is controlled by a leash, at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper, or a hunting dog under the control of his owner. However a hunting dog shall not be considered to be at large when he is found to be within an area designated as a hunting area.

SPAYED FEMALE: Any bitch which has been operated upon to prevent conception.

ANIMAL SHELTER: Any premises designated by action of the County for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals found running at large in violation of this ordinance.

DESIGNATED HUNTING AREA: A designated hunting area shall be any area outside of a municipality, a recorded subdivision, or an unrecorded subdivision.

ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY: The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Animal Control Authority. The Animal Control Authority shall consist of at least seven members appointed by the County. ~~Two~~ One County Commissioners, the Sheriff, the Health Officer of the County, and ~~three~~ four citizens at large.


ANIMAL WARDEN: The person or persons employed by the County or Animal Control Authority as its enforcement officer(s).

EXPOSED TO RABIES: A dog has been exposed to rabies within the meaning of this ordinance if it has been bitten by, or been


exposed to, any animal known to have been infected with rabies.

2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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