

ORDINANCE NO. 91-45

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

The Fiscal Court of Bullitt County, Kentucky, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

As used in this ordinance the following terms mean:

OWNER - Any person, partnership or corporation owning, keeping or harboring animals;

KENNEL - Any person, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of breeding, buying, selling or boarding dogs and cats;

PET SHOP - Any person, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of breeding, buying, selling or boarding animals of any species;

ANIMAL - Any living creature, domestic or wild;

ANIMAL SHELTER - Any premises designated by the Bullitt County Fiscal Court for the purpose of impounding and caring for animals held under authority of this ordinance;

RESTRAINT - An animal shall be deemed to be under restraint if attached to a leash of any type or being kept in an enclosure.

PERSON - An individual, partnership, company or corporation.

## SECTION II ANIMALS

RESTRAINT REQUIRED - All animals shall be kept under restraint at all times, except in areas zoned for agriculture and conservation.

## SECTION III

### DOGS AND CATS TO BE LICENSED AND VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES

(a) LICENSE FEE - Effective Sept. 17 19 91 and on ~~that day~~ July 1, each year thereafter, every owner of animals regulated by this Section shall apply to the Department of Animal Control and Protection for the appropriate license. Proof of a valid rabies vaccination shall be firmly attached to a harness or collar worn by the animal. Dog and cat licenses are required at six (6) months or age. The application shall be accompanied by a license fee as follows:

- (1) For each unaltered dog or cat over six (6) months \$6.00.
- (2) For each altered dog or cat or each dog or cat under six (6) months \$4.00. Altered animal license applications must be accompanied by a verification statement from a licensed veterinarian.

In the following categories, each separate location must be inspected and meet the requirements of this Ordinance prior to being issued a license, and each location must be licensed separately:

- (3) For any kennel or cattery shop having ten (10) animals or less on its premises during the year beginning July 1, - \$30.00, any kennel or cattery having in excess of ten (10) animals during the year beginning July 1, - \$40.00.
- (4) For any pet shop, animal dealer, circus or theatrical exhibit - \$50.00.
- (5) For any humane society - no fee.
- (6) No license shall be required for any veterinary hospital, municipal animal control facility, or zoological garden operated by a governmental agency.

(b) VACCINATION FEES - On or before July 1, of each year, every owner of a dog or cat six (6) months of age or older shall have it vaccinated against rabies. It is further provided that the owner of a dog or cat reaching six (6) months of age shall have such animal vaccinated by the tenth (10) day after the date the dog or cat attained this age or by July 1st of the year of its birth, whichever comes first. Such vaccination shall be in accordance with the vaccination requirements prescribed by the State Board of Health. Vaccinations shall be performed by a licensed veterinarian or qualified person.

The veterinarian or qualified person administering the vaccination shall issue to the dog or cat owner a vaccination certificate on a form prescribed by the State Board of Health. The Vaccination certificate shall be prepared and issued in triplicate, one copy

to be forwarded by the veterinarian or qualified person to the Bullitt County Board of Health, and one copy to be given to the owner of the dog or cat. Each certificate shall bear the name and address of the issuing party, and a serial number and a brief description of the animal vaccinated. The veterinarian or qualified person shall also furnish each owner with a metal tag bearing the certificate number and the year of vaccination. The tag may also bear the name of the person issuing it.

#### SECTION IV - IMPOUNDING

Unrestrained animals shall be taken by the dog warden, police or humane officer and impounded in the Animal Shelter and there confined in a humane manner. However, if after a reasonable effort the seizure of any such unrestrained animal cannot be made or should the animal present a hazard to public safety or property or have an injury or physical condition which causes the animal to suffer, the dog warden or his agent may immediately destroy the animal by the most reasonable and humane means then available. Impounded animals shall be kept for not less than seven (7) days, unless reclaimed by their owners. If the owner can be identified by means of a license tag or otherwise, the impounding agency shall immediately notify the owner by the most expedient means available of the impoundment of the animal. Animals not claimed by their owners within seven (7) days of their impoundment or notice to the Owner, and those not placed in suitable new homes after such time, may be humanely euthanized by the agency. However if an impounded animal has an injury or physical condition which caused the animal to suffer, the dog warden or his agent may immediately humanely euthanize the animal.

Every owner reclaiming an impounded animal which is subject to the terms of this Ordinance shall pay the following fees:

- (1) Altered dogs and cats - \$10.00 plus \$2.00 per day
- (2) Unaltered dogs and cats - \$15.00 plus \$2.00 per day
- (3) Quarantined dogs and cats - \$20.00 plus \$2.00 per day
- (4) Livestock - Large animals - \$15.00 plus \$2.00 per day
- (5) Small animals - \$5.00 plus \$1.00 per day

Proof of vaccination against rabies and a current license shall be required before any dog, cat or other small animals, is released. If no proof of vaccination or current license is shown, a rabies vaccination voucher or license must be purchased before the animal is released.

Any animal (excluding wildlife) which has bitten or scratched someone shall be quarantined for ten (10) days from the time the bite or scratch occurs. Any owner who fails to properly quarantine their animals is subject to citation for violation of this section and the animal shall be removed to the animal shelter for the remainder of its quarantine period. The owner will be responsible for all quarantine fees.

An animal whose owner is unavailable or incapable or quarantining the animal may be taken by the Bullitt County Dog Warden or his agent and quarantined at the animal shelter for the prescribed period.

#### SECTION V - ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS

In addition to, or in lieu of impounding and unrestrained animal, any enforcement officer so authorized may issue a citation to the owner of such animal specifying the section or sections of this

Ordinance so violated and indicating the specific nature of the violation. Such citation shall impose upon the owner the obligation of appearance to answer the charges specified in the citation in the Bullitt County District Court at the time and place indicated on the citation.

#### SECTION VI - CONFINEMENT OF ANIMAL WHEN IN HEAT

Every female dog or cat in heat shall be confined in a building or a reasonably secure enclosure in such manner that such female dog or cat is reasonably prohibited from contact with another animal except for planned breeding or under supervision of the owner.

#### SECTION VII - NUISANCE

It shall be unlawful for any owner to fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Excessive, continuous or untimely barking, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles, habitually attacking in such manner as to damage property, shall be deemed a nuisance.

#### SECTION VIII - HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

(a) GENERAL: No owner shall fail to provide his animal with good wholesome food and water, proper shelter and protection from the weather, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering, and with humane care and treatment. Any owner or keeper of animals shall maintain a clean and healthful shelter and living area for any animal being kept, which area shall be free of accumulated waste and debris so that the animal shall be free to walk or lie down without coming in contact with any such waste or debris. All such shelters or living areas must be cleaned and maintained regularly so as to promote proper health for the animals being kept. If any animal is restrained by a chain, leash or similar restraint, it shall be designed and placed to prevent the animal from choking or strangulation. Such chain or restraint shall not be less than ten (10) feet in length and either on a swivel designed to prevent the animal from choking or strangling itself or else on a chain run. No owner shall abandon any animal, abandonment consisting of leaving such animal for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours, without providing for someone to feed, water and check on the animal's condition, or by leaving an animal by a roadside or other area and leaving the animal on public or private property, without the property owner's consent. In the event that an animal is found so abandoned, such animal may be taken by the dog warden, police or humane officer and impounded in the Animal Shelter or other facility maintained by a humane society and there confined in a humane manner. Such animal, if taken from private property, shall be kept for not less than seven (7) days in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section IV hereon (impounding). In the event that an animal is so abandoned, the owner, or the person, if any, whom he has charged with the animal's care, shall be liable for citation for violation of this section. No person shall crop a dog's ear except a licensed veterinarian.

## SECTION IX - ACTIONS PROHIBITED

No person, firm, organization or group shall raise or kill a dog or cat for food or the skin or fur.

No person, firm, organization or group shall mutilate any animal whether dead or alive.

## SECTION X - DISEASED ANIMALS

No domestic animal afflicted with a contagious disease shall be allowed to run at large, or to be exposed in any public place whereby the health of man or beast may be affected; nor shall such animal be shipped or removed from the premises of the owner except under the supervision of the animal control officer of Bullitt County.

## SECTION XI NON-APPLICABILITY TO NON-RESIDENTS

The sections of this Ordinance requiring a license shall not apply to non-residents of the State who are keeping only domestic pets, provided that animals of such owners shall not be kept in the County longer than thirty (30) days and that the animals shall be kept under restraint. No non-resident shall, however, keep any pet in this County over the age of six (6) months that has not been vaccinated against rabies.

## SECTION XII INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT PROHIBITED

No person shall in any manner interfere with, hinder, molest or abuse any officer or individual authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

## SECTION XIII

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

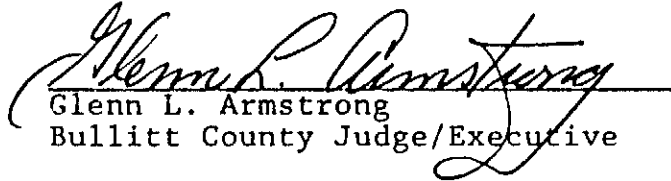
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Should any section, clause, line, paragraph or part of this ordinance be held in unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not effect the remainder of this ordinance.


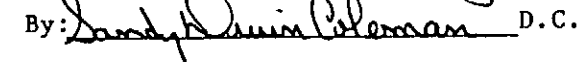
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PENALTY - Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 not more than \$500.00 and separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

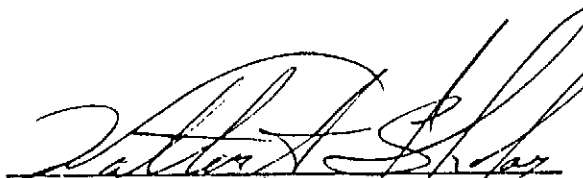
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Bullitt County Judge/Executive

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