

TOWN OF APPLETON ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is adopted under the general authority of municipalities to enact ordinances under the Home Rule Amendment of the State of Maine Constitution, Article VII, and specific authority pursuant to 7 M.R.S.A.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish and enact a regulatory basis for insuring that all dogs residing in the Town of Appleton are licensed and immunized and are kept under the control of their owners, keepers, or custodians at all times so that they will not injure persons, damage property, or create a nuisance.

PROHIBITIONS AND VIOLATIONS.

Noise – Barking Dogs. No person shall keep or maintain a dog which continuously or repeatedly barks, howls, makes other loud or unusual noises, or in any manner creates a nuisance as that term is defined in this Ordinance, and disturbs neighborhoods and other persons through such unreasonable and objectionable noise. Barking noise or other nuisance activities shall not be permitted or allowed where the dog barks, howls, or makes other sounds common to its species which occur in a steady, rapid succession for thirty (30) or more minutes or occur intermittently for three (3) hours or more. This Section shall not apply to farm animals kept on a property located in the Town of Appleton, trained working dogs (while working), certified guard dogs, and other dogs that are performing their assigned duties (i.e., service dogs).

IMPOUNDING.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) shall apprehend any dog found at large and impound it in the Animal Shelter.

The ACO shall be empowered to impound a nuisance dog when the owner of the dog cannot be located.

The ACO may apprehend and impound any dangerous dog.

If At the time of impoundment the owner cannot be contacted to take possession of said animal the ACO shall register the breed, color, sex, license number, and name, address, or telephone number of the owner in a book kept for that purpose.

PENALTIES.

The following penalties, which shall inure to the benefit of the Town of Appleton, shall apply:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the date above the owner/keeper of this animal has been ticketed by the APPLETON ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER for the violation(s) checked below.

NAME/DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL _____

VIOLATION	WARNING ISSUED	State mandated
FINES/FEES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed dog	_____	\$50-\$100 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Missing proof of rabies vaccination	_____	\$50-\$100 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog at Large	_____	\$50-\$250 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Trespass	_____	\$50-\$500 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Nuisance Barking	_____	\$50-\$100 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Shelter Requirements	_____	\$500-\$2500 Fine \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	\$50-\$2500 Fine \$ _____

Total Fines \$ _____

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE/TITLE 7 MAINE ANIMAL LAW VIOLATION NOTICE

Town of Appleton
2915 Sennebec Road
Appleton, ME 04862

PH: 207-785-4722

Date _____ Time _____ Location _____

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Issued by _____

Heidi J. Blood, ACO

The above listed charge(s) must be paid within 7 days to avoid a court appearance. To pay indicated fine(s) by mail or return in person your

Signed copy of the violation along with a check or money order to:

**TOWN OF APPLETON
2915 SENNEBEC ROAD
APPLETON, ME 04862**

-----APPEAL OR TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY-----

IF YOU WISH TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY CHECK THIS BOX

Print your name and address on reverse side and mail within 6 days of violation date. You will receive a summons to appear in court. Either the owner or keeper may appear.

If appeal or payment is not made within 7 days of violation, fine(s) will double, after 21 days, original fine will triple.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

AMENDMENTS.

This Ordinance may be amended by a vote of the citizens of the Town of Appleton at a special or an annual town meeting.

SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE.

In the event any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the adjournment of the town meeting at which the Ordinance or any amendment thereto has been approved.