

WARREN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Section 1. Prohibition. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing any dog to permit the same to run at large. For the purpose of this paragraph, "running at large" shall be defined to be the presence of a dog at any place except upon the premises of the owner.

A dog shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash and under control of a person physically able to control it.

No dog shall be permitted in any cemetery.

Section 2. Impounding Dogs. Whenever any police officer or other person designated by the Board shall find any dog running at large as defined in this ordinance, he shall, if possible, pick up and impound such animal in such place as the Board may direct.

Whenever any impounded dog shall bear an identification mark such as a collar or license tag, the owner may be notified. Any dog impounded that is wearing a collar with owner identification or license shall be held for a period of seven days. There shall be no required holding period if the owner produces proof of required vaccinations unless such dog is suspected of having a disease such as rabies, in which case the impounded dog shall be held for a period of seven days. At the end of seven days the impounded dog wearing a collar with owner identification or license shall be disposed of unless the owner thereof shall reclaim such dog. Dogs not wearing a collar with owner identification or license may be destroyed without a waiting period. The destruction of any impounded dog by any police officer or any person designated by the Board under the provisions of this ordinance shall be by means of a humane manner.

Any person who allows a dog to run at large shall pay at the Auditor's Office the reasonable cost of keeping such dog and an impounding fee of fifty dollars for the first impounding and of one hundred dollars and three hundred dollars for the second and third impounding respectively in one year.

Section 3. Dog Tax. All owners of dogs impounded shall exhibit proof of payment of the dog tax provided for in I. C. 15-5-9-1 et seq., as amended.