

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS  
WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE, REFUGIO COUNTY, TEXAS;  
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS IN VIOLATION  
OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION OF THIS  
ORDINANCE TO OWNERS, KEEPERS OR HARBORERS OF DOGS OR OTHER ANIMALS;  
ESTABLISHING FEES FOR RECLAIMING ANIMALS; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFINEMENT OF VICIOUS  
DOGS; PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF WILD ANIMALSEXCEPT AS HEREIN  
PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS FOR HUMANE REASONS  
AND REQUIRING THE VACCINATION FOR RABIES OF ALL DOGS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE, REFUGIO COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Dogs found running at large without proper vaccination tags shall be taken up by the dog catcher, or his duly authorized agent, or any other authorized agent of the Town of Bayside, and there confined in a humane manner for a period not less than 2 days, and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner if not claimed by their owners. Animals not claimed by their owners, keepers, or harborers before the expiration of 2 days shall become the property of the Town of Bayside, and shall be disposed of at the discretion of said Town.

SECTION 2. Immediately upon impounding dogs or other animals, the agent of the Town of Bayside so impounding said animals shall make every reasonable effort to notify the owners, keepers, or harborers of such animals so impounded, and inform such owner, keeper or harborer of the conditions whereby they may regain custody of such animals.

SECTION 3. Animals other than dogs and cats shall be impounded when found running at large within the limits of the Town of Bayside and disposed of in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The owner, keeper or harborer of any animal impounded under the provisions of this ordinance, except as hereinafter provided in the case of certain animals, may reclaim such impounded animal upon the payment of impoundment fees set forth herein.

SECTION 5. Any animal impounded hereunder may be reclaimed as herein provided by the payment by the owner, keeper or harborer to the Town of Bayside a reasonable sum for each such animal.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to keep said dog within the corporate limits of the City without first having said dog vaccinated against rabies annually. Upon such vaccination, the owner shall be issued a certificate and a metal vaccine tag by the veterinarian showing vaccination and date thereof.

SECTION 7. The owner, keeper or harborer of every fierce, dangerous or vicious dog shall confine within a building or secure enclosure such dog, and shall not take such dog out of such building or secure enclosure unless such dog is securely muzzled.

SECTION 8. No wild animal shall be kept within the limits of the Town of Bayside except under such conditions as shall be fixed by the Town of Bayside, provided, however, that wild animals may be kept for exhibition purposes by circuses, zoos and educational institutions, in accordance with such regulations as shall be established by the Town of Bayside.

SECTION 9. Any animals described in the foregoing sections 7 and 8 of this ordinance found at large shall be impounded by a duly authorized agent of the Town of Bayside and may not be redeemed by the owner, keeper or harborer thereof, unless such redemption is authorized by a duly authorized agent of the Town of Bayside or by any Court having jurisdiction.

SECTION 10. When, in the judgment of the Town of Bayside, or its agent, an animal should be destroyed for humane reasons, such animal may not be redeemed unless authorized by any Court having jurisdiction.

SECTION 11. If any part of this ordinance shall be held void, such part shall be deemed severable and the validity thereof shall not affect the remaining part of this ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 31st day of July, 1979.

C. S. Click  
Town Secretary

Billy R. Duff  
Mayor