

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the:

Town of Eustis Dog Ordinance

Section 1. Definitions- As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise indicates.

- A. "Dog" shall be intended to mean male and female.
- B. "Owner" shall be intended to mean any person(s), firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.
- C. "At Large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or a member of his immediate family either by lease, cord, or verbal command.

Section 2. Running at Large: No person(s) shall cause or permit any dog owned or kept by anyone to run at large anywhere within the town. Dogs while on any public way or public property shall be under restraints, within the meaning of this ordinance, unless the dog is controlled by a leash, or "heel", or beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands or on and within a vehicle being driven or parked on the streets, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper. Nothing in this ordinance shall be held to require the leashing of any dog while on private premises.

- A. Penalty of dogs at large: The first offense of a dog at large is a fine of \$60.00 and any offense thereafter will be a fine of \$100.00.

Section 3. Impoundment: Dogs found running at large shall be taken up and impounded in a kennel designated by the town and there confined in a humane manner for up to a period of not less than 14 days; and may thereafter be disposed of in a humane manner if not claimed by their owner.

- A. The town or the animal control officer may transfer title of the animal(s) held after the legal detention time has expired and the animal(s) have not been claimed by the owner.
- B. When dogs are found running at large and their ownership is known, such dogs do not need to be impounded but the town animal control officer can summons the owners of the dogs to appear in court to answer charges of the violation of this by-law.
- C. The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of any impounded animal upon the payment of the impoundment fees as set forth. Any other animal impounded other than the provision of this by-law may be reclaimed by the owner upon payment of the impoundment fees as set forth.