

TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE
ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS

No. 82-2 (as amended by ordinance 7-01)

The Town Board of the Town of Liberty Grove, County of Door, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Dogs Not To Run At Large. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, to permit such dog to run at large within the limits of the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin, at any time. A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person.

Section 2. Enforcement of Ordinance. The enforcement of this ordinance shall be carried out by any Town of Liberty Grove Constable or Dog Catcher. If the identity and ownership of the dog offending private property can be readily ascertained, the Constable/Dog Catcher may forthwith advise such owner of the dogs transgressions. This shall not limit the authority of the Constable Town to prosecute such owner as herein provided.

Section 3. Notification of Owner. If the persons who own or harbor the said offending dog, contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, can be reasonably ascertained, said individual shall be notified in person or by United States mail.

Section 4. Notification when Ownership is Not Known. If such person owning or harboring offending dogs cannot be ascertained, then, and in that case, the Constable/Dog Catcher shall post written notice within 48 hours after said seizure and these notices shall be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Town of Liberty Grove, one of which will be the bulletin board on the Town Hall. Said notice shall be dated and if the owner does not reclaim the dog within 7 days, Sundays excepted, then and in that event the dog shall humanely dispatched, or the Constable/Dog Catcher may release the dog to its owner or a representative as hereinafter set forth.

Section 5. Release of Dog to Owner or Representative/Boarding Fee. The Dog Catcher/Constable to whom a dog is delivered may release the dog to its owner or a representative of the owner if

- (a) The Owner or Representative gives his or her name and address.
- (b) The Owner or Representative presents evidence that the dog is licensed and presents evidence that the dog is vaccinated against rabies or a receipt from a licensed veterinarian for prepayment of a rabies inoculation:
- (c) The owner or Representative pays the Dog Catcher \$25.00 plus .35 per mile round trip mileage to cover the Dog Catcher's expense and boarding fees of 10 per day

~~A boarding fee of \$5.00 per dog shall be paid to the Dog Catcher.~~

Section 6. Licensing. Any dog impounded pursuant to this ordinance must be licensed in the Town before it can be released, and the licensing fee shall be determined by the Town. Such fee shall be paid to the Town Treasurer.

- (a) After three days of boarding, the Dog Catcher shall transfer the pet to the Humane Society, where the owner may negotiate its release.

Section 7. Penalties. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon convictions thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for subsequent offenses, together with the costs of prosecution, including attorneys fees and in default of payment of the fine imposed, with costs to be committed to the County Jail of Door County for a term not to exceed 30 days.

Section 8. State Ordinance Law Adopted: The statutory provisions describing and defined regulations with respect to dogs in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, and any and all amendments thereof which may from time to time be passed, except as they may be in conflict with any specific provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Ordinance.

174.001	Definitions
174.01	Restraining action against dogs
174.02	Owners Liability
174.025	Injury to animal by dog
174.03	Double damages
174.04	Treble damages
174.042	Dogs running at large
174.046	Impoundment
174.05	Dog license tax
174.07	Dog license and collar tax
174.11	Claims for damages by dogs
174.12	Actions against owners
174.13	Humane use of dogs for diagnosis and treatment

Section 9. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances in whole or in part which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Severance Clause. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases of the Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 11. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 1982.

Posted this ____ day of May, 1982.

Town of Liberty Grove

By: _____

Robert Carlson, Chairman

Attest: _____

Oscar Johnson, Clerk.