

AN ORDINANCE relating to the amendment of the Scott County Ordinance governing dogs in Scott County, Kentucky:

ARTICLE I

Enacting Clause, Title and Purpose

1.1 ENACTING CLAUSE

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County Scott, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

1.2 TITLE

This ordinance is entitled "Amendment to the County Dog Ordinance, Scott County, Kentucky -- Changes." Certified copies of this ordinance are on file with the Scott County Clerk.

1.3 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is for the control of unidentifiable, unlicensed or unwanted dogs, the abatement of a public nuisance and the promotion of the general welfare through the establishment of these dog regulations in Scott County, Kentucky. This amendment to the ordinance by eliminating stray or unlicensed roaming dogs will protect the health, safety and property of the residents of Scott County, Kentucky.

ARTICLE II

General Regulations

2.1 DEFINITIONS

(1) "Unidentifiable dog" - shall be defined as a dog, male or female, that does not bear visible identification such as a tattoo or identification tag, as stated in KRS 258.

(2) "Unlicensed dog" - shall be defined as a dog, male or female, that does not bear a valid license as required by law and have same affixed to a collar as prescribed by KRS 258.145.

(3) "Unwanted dog" - shall be defined as a dog, male or female, that is unidentifiable, unlicensed and found outside of the owner's or keeper's confines.

2.2 REGULATIONS

(1) The animal control officer for the County of Scott, Commonwealth of Kentucky, is authorized and directed to seize and impound any unidentifiable, unlicensed or unwanted dog found at large within the confines of Scott County, Kentucky, excepting the incorporated limits of the City of Georgetown, Kentucky.

(2) Section 2.3(4) is hereby amended to read that any unlicensed and unidentifiable dog seized and impounded shall be held in the animal shelter for a minimum period of seven (7) days from date of seizure and impoundment, and if, at that time, the owner or keeper has not claimed said dog, then said dog shall become the property of Scott County, Kentucky.

ARTICLE III

Conflict With Existing Law

In the event any section of this ordinance amendment conflicts with existing state law, the conflicting section of this ordinance amendment shall be inapplicable to the extent of the conflict. The provisions of this ordinance amendment shall be in addition to any existing state or local law.

ARTICLE IV

Validity

If any provision of this amendment to the dog ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the validity of any other provision of the amendment to the dog ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective on the date of publication.

Passed this _____ day of May, 1988.

CHARLIE SUTTON
COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

BETTY C. STONE
CLERK, SCOTT FISCAL COURT