

MUNICIPALITY OF CRAPAUD

DOG CONTROL BYLAW

Made under the provisions of the Municipalities Act, Part VI, Sections 55 and 62(n), R.S.P.R.I. 1974, Cap. M-15.1.

BE IT ENACTED by the Community Council of the Village of CRAPAUD as follows:

1. In this bylaw:

- a) "At large" means not under control;
- b) "Council" means the Crapaud Council, and includes any authorized representative or agent thereof;
- c) "Dog" means any male or female dog and includes the young thereof;
- d) "Dog owner" includes any person who possesses or harbours a dog;
- e) "Municipality" means the municipality of Crapaud and includes any authorized representative or agent thereof;
- f) "Person" means a person within the municipality.

2. No owner of a dog shall allow his dog to be at large within the municipality; any dog found at large shall be deemed to have been allowed by its owner to be at large.

2. (1) Council may hire an animal control officer, who shall be authorized to apprehend and impound, or cause to be impounded, any dog found at large within the municipality.

(2) For the purposes of carrying out his duties pursuant to subsection (1), an animal control officer, when in fresh pursuit of a dog, is authorized to enter onto private property within the municipality to apprehend and impound the dog, but this subsection does not authorize an animal control officer to enter into any residence, or any other structure located on private property.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) herein, no dog may be apprehended within the property boundaries of the dog owner.

(4) An animal control officer who apprehends or impounds a dog pursuant to this section shall forthwith give notice by registered mail to the dog owner, which notice shall indicate that the dog has been apprehended or impounded, and shall specify the name of the animal control officer and the place of impounding.

(5) The dog owner may, within 10 days of the date of receipt of the notice specified in subsection (4), take possession of his dog after paying to the municipality a fee of \$25.00, plus costs of \$10.00 per day for each day the dog was impounded.

(6) If the dog owner fails to take possession of his dog pursuant to subsection (5), within the 10 days, the dog may be destroyed by the animal control officer, or his agent.

(7) Where the dog is destroyed pursuant to subsection (6) the dog owner is liable to the municipality for the fee and costs referred to in subsection (5), and for the costs incurred in destroying the dog, and for the costs of any action that may be necessary to recover these fees and costs.

4. Every dangerous dog within the municipality shall be kept muzzled and chained by the dog owner.
5. Other than for reasons of self-defence, no person shall strike, or throw objects at any dog.
6. (1) No dog owner shall allow his dog to cause a disturbance by barking or howling; any dog causing a disturbance shall be deemed to have been allowed to do so by the dog owner.

(2) The Council, upon receipt of a written complaint that an identified dog is causing a disturbance by barking or howling, shall, forthwith by registered mail, give written notice of the complaint to the dog owner.

(3) A dog owner who receives a notice pursuant to subsection (2) shall cause his dog to be quietened or removed from the municipality.

7. In this bylaw, words importing male persons include female persons, and vice versa.
8. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon summary conviction is liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offence, and not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent offence, and in default of payment of any fine imposed under this section, to a period of imprisonment not exceeding one (1) day for every two dollars (\$2.00) of the fine defaulted.