

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS: PROVIDING FOR THE SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDING OF DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE IN VIOLATION HEREOF: REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CHARGES INCURRED BY REASON OF SUCH DETENTION OF DOGS: AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. This ordinance shall be known as the "Lower Chanceford Township Dog Ordinance".

2. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) The word "owner" when applied to the proprietorship of a dog, shall include every person having a right of property in such dog, and every person who keeps or harbors such dog or has it in his care, and every person who permits such dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

(b) The word "enforcement officer" shall include any or all such persons designated by resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Chanceford Township as enforcement officers with respect to this ordinance.

(c) The term "property of owner" shall include all real estate in which the owner of the dog has an ownership or leasehold interest including portions of a public highway dividing properties in which the owner of the dog has an ownership or leasehold interest.

3. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow such

dog to run at large at any time upon the property of anyone other than the owner of the dog unless the dog is accompanied by and under the immediate control of the owner, his spouse or his lineal descendants.

4. Any enforcement officer who witnesses any dog running at large in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or which he reasonably believes to be in violation of this ordinance shall be authorized to seize such dog and convey it to the place designated by the Board of Supervisors as a pound. In the event such dog is found not to be bearing a proper license tag, such dog shall be properly kept and fed until such dog can be turned over to the custody of a representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture charged with the enforcement of the "Dog Law of 1965" (1965, Dec. 22, P.L. 1124; 3 P.S. 460-101 et seq). In the event the dog is found to bear a proper license tag, such dog shall be properly kept and fed and the owner thereof shall be notified by the enforcement officer either personally or by registered mail to claim such dog within ten (10) days or forfeit all claim to it. During the ten (10) days, the dog shall be properly kept and fed and if, prior to the termination of the ten (10) day period, the dog is not claimed by the owner and the charges as set forth in this ordinance are not paid, the dog shall be turned over to an agent of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture charged with the enforcement of the "Dog Law of 1965" (1965, Dec. 62 P.L. 1124; 3 P.S. 460-101 et seq.).

5. Any owner of a dog who shall claim such dog shall upon making such claim and prior to taking possession of such dog, pay to the Township reasonable charges incurred by reason of such detention

which shall be Ten (\$10.00) Dollars plus Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for each day or portion of a day during which such dog was detained by the Township.

6. Any enforcement officer may kill any dog which he sees in the act of pursuing, worrying, or wounding any livestock or wounding or killing poultry or attacking human beings within Lower Chanceford Township.

7. Anyone found in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof by a District Magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania, on the 5th day of September, 1978.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
LOWER CHANCEFORD TOWNSHIP

Muriel R. Walker
Secretary

BY H. D. ...
Chairman