



# Town of Troy

16 Central Square - PO Box 249 - Troy, New Hampshire 03465

## Town Ordinance

### Animal Control

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6.1 DEFINITIONS. Unless specified otherwise, the following terms shall be defined herein.

DOG: Shall mean any canine animal, male or female, sexed or neutered.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE: Shall mean a citation that may be issued by a Police Officer or Animal Control Officer in lieu of a court summons and made payable to the Town Clerk within ninety-six (96) hours of its issuance.

OWNER: Shall mean any person keeping, harboring or having charge or control of, or permitting any dog to habitually be on or remaining on, or be lodged or fed with such person's house, yard or premise. This term shall not apply to veterinarians or kennel operators temporarily maintaining dogs owned by others on their premises.

AT LARGE: Shall mean off the premises or property of the owner and not under the control of a responsible person, or not on a leash not more than eight (8) feet long and not under control of a responsible person and not confined within a vehicle.

6.2 AUTHORITY: The Animal Control Officer, or Police Officer, shall have the authority to enforce the observance of the Town Ordinances relating to animal control. The Board of Selectmen shall empower the duties of the Animal Control Officer to serve notice of forfeiture (citation) relating to animal control

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ordinances and shall also empower the Animal Control Officer to investigate all reports of violations involving animals in this Chapter and of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated.

6.3 LICENSE AND FEES: The owner of a dog kept, harbored or maintained in the Town of Troy, shall license and register the dog as specified under NHRSA 466:1. The license fees set forth in NHRSA 466:4 are hereby increased by the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar, as permitted by NHRSA 466:39, \$7.50 for a neutered male or spayed female, \$10.00 for any not neutered or not spayed female dog, and \$3.00 for a senior citizen's dog (only one).

6.4 LATE FEES: In addition to the license fees, there shall be a charge of one (\$1.00) dollar for each month or any part thereof that the fees remain unpaid if said fees are not paid before June 1 each year.

6.5 FORFEITURE FOR UNLICENSED DOGS: Whoever is the owner of a dog contrary to section 6.3 shall forfeit twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars to the Town of Troy. If said forfeiture is not given to the Town Clerk within ninety-six (96) hours of the notice of forfeiture, the case will be disposed of in the Keene District Court. This forfeiture shall not preclude proper licensing of the dog as required by this Chapter.

6.6 ANIMALS AT LARGE: No dog shall run "at large" at any time within the Town of Troy. This section shall not apply to dogs in use with their owners during lawful hunting.

School Ground: No dog shall be, at any time, in or on school grounds unless it is leashed.

Cemetery Areas: No dog shall be on land owned and/or used by the Town of Troy for cemetery purposes unless authorized.

Restaurants and Food Stores: no person shall bring any animal into any restaurant or any store that sells food and no person shall allow any animal to enter or remain in any restaurant or store that sells food.

6.7 FORFEITURE FOR ANIMALS AT LARGE: Whoever owns a dog that is found to be at large shall forfeit ten (\$10.00) dollars to the Town of Troy. If said forfeiture is not made to the Town Clerk within ninety-six (96) hours of the notice of forfeiture, the case will be disposed of in the Keene District Court. Any person who pays a civil forfeiture as specified in this section, two (2) times within a year, according to the records of the Town Clerk, may not pay the civil forfeiture for subsequent violations of this section in that year, shall have those cases disposed of in the Keene District Court.

6.8 IMPOUNDING OF DOGS: Any dog found at large or unrestrained within the Town of Troy may be restrained and impounded by the Animal Control Officer or any Police Officer. A dog so impounded may be confined in a suitable animal shelter. If the impounded dog is licensed by the Town of Troy, the Animal Control Officer shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the owner of the impounded dog. The Police Chief or his designee shall select a suitable animal shelter for a place of confinement for animals held under suspicion of rabies after biting or dogs impounded under this section.

6.9 IMPOUNDMENT FEES: Any owner or individual claiming a dog impounded by the Troy Police Department shall pay the Town of Troy a pickup fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars for the dog, plus a charge required for the boarding at the Monadnock Human Society.

6.10 NUISANCE, MENACE, OR VICIOUS DOGS: No dog shall be permitted whether or not leashed or restrained to be a nuisance, a menace, or vicious to persons, property or other animals.

NUISANCE DOGS: A dog is judged to be a nuisance: If it barks for sustained periods of time or during the night hours so as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or area. If it digs, scratches or excretes or causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than the owners.

MENACE DOGS: A dog is judged to be a menace: If it growls, snaps at, runs after or chases any person. If it runs after, chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or other vehicles being driven, pulled or pushed on the public ways of the Town of Troy.

VICIOUS DOG: A dog judged as vicious: If it, whether alone or in a pack with other dogs, bites, attacks, or preys on game animals, domestic animals, fowl or human beings.

6.11 FORFEITURE OF NUISNACE, MENACE OR VICIOUS DOGS: Whoever owns a dog that violated section 6.10 and his dog is judged to be wither a nuisance, a menace or vicious, shall forfeit the following to the Town Clerk:

Nuisance Dog	\$25.00
Menace Dog	\$50.00
Vicious Dog	\$100.00

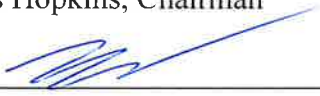
These forfeitures shall be made within ninety-six (96) hours from the time of notice to the Town Clerk. Any person making this forfeiture shall have a case heard in the Keene District Court and they shall not be prosecuted or found guilty of a violation of NHRSA 466:31. Any person who does not pay the civil forfeiture as specified in this section, two (2) times within a year, according to the records of the Town Clerk, may not pay the civil forfeiture for a subsequent violation of this section in that year, but shall have these cases disposed of in the Keene District Court. In the case of a vicious dog, where its behavior represents such a threat to public safety, immediate District Court proceedings may be initiated in lieu of the civil forfeiture.

6.12 EXCEPTIONS: This chapter shall not apply to hearing a sight impaired guide dog, or dogs used, owned or employed by or on behalf of law enforcement.

6.13 INTERFERENCE WITH THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: No person shall hinder or interfere with the Animal Control Officer, or such persons as may.

Approved by the Troy Board of Selectmen on May 29, 2025

  
Curtis Hopkins, Chairman

  
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