

ORDINANCE NO. 98

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Muzzles
March 11/12

PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF RABIES.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, having an interest in, harboring, or having the care, charge, control, custody, or possession of any dog to allow or permit such dog to go free or to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public place, or in or upon any unenclosed lot or premises, unless such dog is so muzzled as to prevent the same from biting any person or animal.

SECTION 2. All such muzzles, or apparatus for muzzling dogs, shall be made of wire, of a design approved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo, and shall be securely strapped to the dog's head, and shall be so made and applied that the same will completely surround the jaw and nose of the dog on which the same is fastened, and be so as to prevent the dog from biting or seizing any person or thing, but so as to allow the opening of the mouth of such animal and to enable it to breathe and drink with freedom.

SECTION 3. The term "unenclosed lot or premises" as used in this ordinance is hereby defined to mean any lot, land or premises not enclosed in such a manner as to prevent any dog confined therein from escaping therefrom.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Town Marshal of the Town of San Anselmo and such special deputies as he may appoint as hereinafter provided, to capture every dog not muzzled as required by this ordinance and found running at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public place, or in or upon any unenclosed lot or premises within the Town of San Anselmo.

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such animal shall immediately notify said Town Marshal and shall allow said Health Officer to make an inspection or examination of such animal, and to quarantine such animal until it shall be established to the satisfaction of said Health Officer that such animal has or has not rabies.

SECTION 7. Whenever it is shown that any dog has bitten any person, the owner or person having the custody or possession of such dog shall, by order of the said Town Marshal or Health Officer, or their representative, deliver it to such person as such Town Marshal or Health Officer may designate, who shall quarantine it and keep it tied up for a period of two weeks for examination and inspection by said Health Officer. And if it shall appear to him that such animal is afflicted with rabies they, or either of them, may kill it forthwith.

SECTION 8. Whenever any such animal shall be bitten by another animal having rabies, the owner or person having the custody or possession of the animal so bitten shall, upon being informed thereof, either kill such animal or quarantine it and keep it tied up or confined for a period of six months, and said Town Marshal or Health Officer shall have power, in his or their discretion, to kill or quarantine the animal so bitten, in case the owner or person having the custody or possession thereof shall fail to do so immediately, or in case the owner or person having custody thereof is not readily accessible.

SECTION 9. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (50) dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 10. It is hereby made the duty of said

no, and in case it shall be impossible to take such dog, such Town Marshal, or his deputy, may in his discretion kill it; all dogs captured under the provisions of this section shall be so confined as not to come in contact with any other dog.

SECTION 5. Any person having in confinement any dog suspected of rabies shall report the capture thereof to the Town Marshal of the Town of San Anselmo and shall submit such dog to the examination of the Health Officer of said Town, and it shall be the duty of such Health Officer when called upon, to examine, or have examined such dog suspected of having rabies, and to ascertain whether or not such dog is afflicted with rabies. Dogs captured under provision of Section 4 above, and suspected of having rabies, shall not be killed, but shall be kept in confinement until said Health Officer shall find that further observation of the live animal is not necessary for the determination of the presence or absence of rabies. After the permission of the Health Officer has been secured dogs afflicted with rabies may be killed. The person or officer capturing any dog shall, if the owner thereof is known to him, notify such owner that such dog has been captured. If any dog is found not to be afflicted with rabies and is not reclaimed by the owner thereof or other person claiming the same within five days after capture, such dog shall be killed in some humane manner by the person capturing the same or the officer to whom the dog was delivered. Any person reclaiming any dog captured or confined under the provisions of this ordinance, shall pay to the Town Marshal the sum of \$2.00 and the sum of 50¢ per day for the keep of such dog.

SECTION 6. Whenever the owner or person having the custody or possession of any animal shall observe or learn that such animal has shown symptoms of rabies, or has acted in a manner which would lead a reasonable man to suspect that it might have rabies, such owner or person having the custody or possession of

Town Marshall and Health Officer, and they, or either of them are hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. It appearing that several cases of rabias have developed of late in the Town of San Anselmo and in the territory contiguous thereto, which said disease is a menace to human life it is hereby declared that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and that it presents a case of urgency, and that the same shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its final passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 1912 by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Crisp, Gagan, Salsbury and Schrader.

Noes: None

Absent: Trustee Whitaker.

Attest

Arthur W. Hudley, Town Clerk; E. Schrader, President of the Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo.

The foregoing ordinance is hereby approved this 3rd day of December, 1912.

E. Schrader, President of the Board of Trustees of the Town of San Anselmo.

Arthur W. Hudley, Town Clerk of the Town of San Anselmo and ex-officio Clerk of Board of Trustees of said Town, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance regularly and lawfully passed by the Board of Trustees of said Town on the 3rd day of December, 1912, and that the same was introduced five days after the date of its introduction.

That the said ordinance was numbered 98 and entitled 'Providing for the control and eradication of Rabies'. That the said ordinance was thereunto duly posted in accordance with law and the order of said Board of Trustees in three conspicuous places in said Town.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the Town of San Anselmo, at my office in said Town, this 3rd day of December, 1912. Arthur W. Hudley