

TOWN OF DANVILLE, VERMONT
36 ROUTE 2 WEST
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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

On Thursday, July 6, 2017, the Selectboard of the Town of Danville, Vermont, adopted amendments to the existing "Animal Control Ordinance" pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10), (14), and (15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove these amendments.

Section 6: Release from Impoundment

E. If no person claims an impounded domestic pet or wolf-hybrid on or within 10 days of the mailing and posting of notice, the domestic pet or wolf-hybrid may be delivered to a local shelter to receive proper vaccinations, be spayed or neutered and adopted into a new home at the discretion of the shelter.

Section 7: Impoundment Fees

A. Any domestic pet or wolf-hybrid impounded under the provisions of this ordinance shall be released only on payment of a \$25.00 impoundment fee: provided however, that any domestic pet or wolf-hybrid impounded for the third time in any fiscal year shall be released on payment of a \$50.00 impoundment fee, if so captured four (4) or more times in any fiscal year, it shall be released only upon payment of a \$100.00 impoundment fee, and then, if so captured five (5) or more times in any fiscal year, the town reserves the right to send the domestic pet or wolf-hybrid to a shelter.

Section 8: Investigation of Bites by Domestic Pets or Wolf-hybrids

A. When a domestic pet or wolf-hybrid has bitten a person while the domestic pet or wolf-hybrid is off the premises of the owner or keeper; and the person bitten requires medical attention for the attack, such person may file a written complaint with the Selectboard accompanied by a bite report (medical support documentation) issued by the attending medical office as proof that a bite did in fact occur. The complaint shall contain the time, date and place where the attack occurred, the name and address of the victim or victims, and any other facts that may assist the Selectboard in conducting its investigation required by subsection (B) of this section.

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Danville Town office at 36 Route 2 West and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the amended "Animal Control Ordinance" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Assistant to Selectboard, 36 Route 2 West, PO Box 183, Danville, VT 05828, or by calling (802) 684-3426 during regular office hours.