

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE
REGULATION AND CONTROL OF PETS

WHEREAS, pets running at large in the City of Clinton have become a nuisance and are considered detrimental to the public health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Definitions: As used in this Ordinance the following terms mean:

Owner: Any person, group of persons, or entity owning, keeping, or harboring animals.

At Large: Any pet shall be deemed to be at large when such pet is off the property of owner, and not under the control of a competent person.

Restraint: A pet is under restraint within the meaning of this ordinance if controlled by leash, or at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, or on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on a street, or within property limits of the owner or keeper.

Arkansas Rabies Rules and Regulations: "Arkansas Rabies Rules and Regulations" means that set of guidelines which were adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Health on January 28, 1971, and the amendments thereto.

Vaccination: "Vaccination" means the injection of an antirabies vaccine in the manner and frequency set forth in the Arkansas Rabies Control Act.

Vicious Pet: "Vicious Pet" means an animal which has a disposition to bite humans and any animal which has bitten or attempted to bite any person within the six months immediately past; however, the fact that an animal has bitten or attempted to bite some person when that person was teasing the animal, shall not constitute the animal as vicious within the sense of the definition.

Section 2. Any owner shall have on their pet a collar or harness to which is securely fastened a metal plate or tag on which is legibly and permanently inscribed the name, address and/or phone number of its owner and to which harness or collar must be affixed a current rabies vaccination tag which attests to the rabies vaccination of the animal wearing it.

Section 3. The owner shall keep pets under restraint at all times, and shall not permit said pets to be at large off the premises or property of the owner unless under the control of a competent person.

Section 4. That the owner of any dog over the age of six months within the city limits of the City of Clinton, Arkansas shall cause said dog to be vaccinated for rabies as required by the Arkansas Rabies Rules and Regulations; and shall, at all times, be able to furnish satisfactory proof of such vaccination upon such request of the ~~_____~~ of said city.
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Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any owner to keep on premises or allow to run at large any dog which by loud and frequent barking and howling shall disturb the peace and quiet of neighbors.

All owners must diligently and systematically remove excessive animal waste from their premises and from the property of others (including City right-of-way) where such deposits are made.

It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow their dogs to chase cars, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Section 6. Any owner of a vicious pet as defined hereinabove shall require said pet to wear a muzzle unless securely confined to premises of owner.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any owner to allow their pets to get into and disturb any owner's garbage or any other resident's garbage.

Section 8. Any person knowing that any dog has killed or is about to catch, injure, or kill any domesticated animal shall have the right to kill the dog, without in any way being liable to the owner of the dog in any Courts of this State.

Section 9. Violations - Punishment: Any person violating or aiding in or abetting the violations of any provision of this Ordinance, or who removes a tag from a dog or cat for purposes of destroying or concealing its identity, is guilty of a misdemeanor and for a first offense shall be fined not less than \$ 25 nor more than \$ 50; for a second offense shall be fined not less than \$ 50 nor more than \$ 100; and for a third

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or subsequent offense shall be fined not less than \$ 100 nor more than \$ 200 ; with each day that the unlawful conduct continues constituting a separate and individual offense.

Section 10. An emergency is therefore declared to exist and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: *Don R. [Signature]*

MAYOR

DATED: 6/14/89

ATTEST: *Charles [Signature]*

RECORDER/TREASURER