

Ordinance for Licensing of Dogs and Regulations of Dogs And Animals in the Town of Black Wolf

Section 1: Dog License Required

It shall be unlawful for any person in the Town of Black Wolf to own, harbor or keep any dog more than five (5) months of age without complying with the provisions of Section 174.05 through Section 174.10 Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of the same.

Section 2: Rabies Vaccination Required for License

The owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian within 30 days after the dog reaches five (5) months of age, and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into this town after the dog has reached five (5) months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after a dog is obtained or brought into the Town unless the dog has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination from this state or another state. The owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian before the date that the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within three (3) years of the previous vaccination.

Section 3: Issuance of License

Upon payment of the required current dog license fee and upon presentation of evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies, the Town Treasurer or Designee shall complete and issue to the owner a license for the dog bearing a serial number and in an approved form stating the date of its expiration, the owner's name and address, the name, sex, spayed or unspayed, neutered or un-neutered, breed and color of the dog.

Section 4: Late Fees

The Town Treasurer or Designee shall assess and collect a late fee of \$5.00 from every owner of a dog six (6) months of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog or if the owner failed to obtain a license on or before the dog reached licensable age. All late fees received or collected shall be paid into the local treasury as revenue of the Town.

Section 5: Penalty for Failure to Obtain Rabies Vaccination

An owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required by Section 2 may be required to forfeit \$50.00. If fine is not paid within 30 days, the constable may issue a second citation.

Section 6: Restriction on Number of Dogs Allowed

Unless otherwise specified, no premises in All Zoning Districts shall be used to harbor more than three (3) dogs. Puppies whelped on any such premises as a result of fortuitous mating may be retained on the premises until they are six months old and shall not be taken account of in determining the number not in excess of three (3) dogs here-in-above permitted on such premises. No premises in a Residential District shall be used for breeding or rearing of dogs for sale or hire or for the boarding of dogs for pay. The raising or keeping of exotic reptiles shall be prohibited.

Section 7: Keeping of Dogs

(a) Definitions:

1. OWNERS shall mean any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog and the occupant of any premises on which a dog remains or to which a dog remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of ten (10) days is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this Chapter.
2. AT LARGE means to be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash or otherwise, but a dog within an automobile of any other person with the consent of the dog's owner shall be deemed to be upon the owner's premises.

(b) Restrictions: It shall be unlawful for any person within the Town of Black Wolf to own, harbor or keep any dog which:

1. Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley or highway in the Town.
2. Assaults or attacks any person.
3. Is at large within the limits of the Town.
4. Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of any person or persons.
5. Kills, wounds, or worries any domestic animal.
6. Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal known to have been infected with rabies.
7. Is not duly licensed as per Sections 1,2 & 3 of this ordinance.

Section 8: Impoundment of Dogs

1. Impounding of Dogs. The Town Constable may seize and impound any dog running at large, or an unlicensed dog at large, or upon a person's premises. Such dogs are to be impound at a facility chosen at the Constable's discretion, and upon the impounding of any dog, the Constable shall notify the owner personally or through the US Mail if such owner be known to the Constable or can be ascertained with reasonable effort. If after seven (7) days, the owner does not claim such dog, the dog shall be disposed of in a proper and humane manner.
2. Owner may Redeem Dog. The owner of any dog impounded may redeem a dog within the period above specified upon the payment of any fees required by the dog pound where the animal is interned.

3. Town Not Liable for Impounding Dogs. The Town of Black Wolf shall not be liable for the death of any dog which has been impounded or disposed of pursuant to this Section.

Section 9: Penalties

1. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit a sum of \$25.00 plus costs of prosecution, except as provided in Section 4. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its posting and publication as provided by Statute. Any prior Ordinances related to dogs or animals in the Town of Black Wolf are hereby repealed.

Dated and Adopted this 12TH day of August, 2013

S/ _____
Frank Frassetto, Town Chairman

S/ _____
Michael Pollack, Town Supervisor

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Robert Keller, Town Clerk

Attest:

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Kim Hopkins, Town Clerk