

ORDINANCE NO. 5

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL DOGS AND CATS

WHEREAS, the town of Gosnell desires to enact an ordinance to specify an owner's responsibility with regard to dogs and cats within the corporate limits of the town;

WHEREAS, the town recognizes the immediate need to provide for the vaccination of dogs and cats and to provide for their incarceration, if necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF TOWN OF GOSNELL, ARKANSAS, that:

Section 1. Every dog and/or cat which is brought into, or kept in the town, whether temporary or permanent, shall be registered with the city recorder by its owner or other person and shall be furnished a tag which shall be attached to the animal's collar or harness and worn at all times. The fee shall be \$2.00 and shall be paid annually during the month of October or as soon as an animal is brought within the town or upon its becoming six months of age. It is recognized that the town does not now have the facilities for registration but it is deemed advisable to provide in this Ordinance this requirement which shall become mandatory when the town acquires such registration facilities. The failure to enforce such registration shall not invalidate the registration requirements hereinafter related.

Section 2. All dogs and/or cats within the town shall be vaccinated against rabies every 12 months and each owner of such animal shall be required to have such animal vaccinated by a licensed, graduate veterinarian.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to transfer registration or vaccination tags from one animal to another.

Section 4. At the request of any authorized person in the town, the owner or keeper of any dog or cat shall be required to produce evidence of current registration or vaccination in the form of a certificate or tags.

Section 5. The owner, keeper, or custodian of any dog or cat known to be vicious and dangerous shall at all times keep such dog or cat securely enclosed or under muzzle or leash.

Section 6. If a known vicious dog or cat shall be found running at large and same cannot be caught or impounded, any authorized representative of the town shall have authority to impound the same.

Section 7. If at any time a dog or cat bites or scratches a person or another animal and a report of same is made to the town...

animal shall be required to turn the animal over to a qualified veterinarian of the owner's choice, immediately, to be kept under observation for a period of ten (10) days following its having bitten or scratched any person or animal for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the animal is rabid. The veterinarian, at the end of the ten (10) day period, shall submit an itemized charge for his services to the owner for payment, and if unable to collect from the owner, the dog together with the veterinarians charges shall be turned over to the town.

(b) It will be the responsibility of the owner, keeper or custodian of incarcerated animals to pay for all charges made in connection with the incarceration of the animal in question and to pay all fees incidental to the rabies observation.

Section 9. (a) Any dog or cat that is declared to be a nuisance or disturbing the peace shall be treated the same as a vicious animal. Nuisance shall be defined for this article as an animal that acts in such a manner as to infringe upon the happiness or well being of any resident.

(b) Any person wishing to report such a nuisance shall contact a representative of the town and the owner will be notified to keep the dog enclosed or on a lease.

Section 10. Violators of any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined in an amount not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not more than twenty five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 11. This ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately.

Approved this 10 day of Sept, 1968.

Andy J. Beville
MAYOR

Victor E. Beville
RECORDER