

[(B)] [In addition to any other procedures, an] AN impounded domesticated animal may not be sold, PLACED FOR ADOPTION, OR destroyed [or otherwise disposed of] by an animal control agency until:

(1) The animal has been carefully inspected for a tag, tattoo, or other identification to ascertain the owner;

(2) The owner is notified if his identity [may] reasonably MAY be ascertained by the inspection;

(3) 72 hours after notice has been given to the owner.

[(b)] (C) The owner shall pay all fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the animal control agency. A NEW OWNER MAY BE CHARGED AN ADOPTION FEE.

[(c)] (D) As used in this section, "animal control agency" means the local organization or governmental unit or agency designated by the appropriate local governmental body to house, care for, and control domestic animals of unknown ownership.

[(d)] (E) Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1987.

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