

and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

256A (a). (Creation of a Department for the Supervision and Licensing of Dogs, and Authority to Appoint Dog Wardens.) The Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall establish and maintain a department for the supervision and licensing of dogs, including the fixing of license fees, classes of licenses, handling, impounding and disposing of dogs, and they shall establish centrally located public dog pounds in the county, purchase and provide necessary equipment, employ adequate personnel, and have full power and authority properly to administer the provisions of this sub-title.

(b) The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint Dog Wardens who shall have all the powers of a constable or other peace officer in the execution of the provisions of the sub-title including the issue of a summons or the service of a warrant of arrest, or of replevin for a dog; to make arrests, and to prosecute charges in connection with unlawful acts or violations relating to or growing out of such enforcement.

(c) Beginning in January each year, Wardens shall make a complete canvass of the election district or districts for which they are appointed and shall compile a census, in a book furnished by the County Treasurer, showing the names and post-office addresses of every householder in each district; and, after the name of each member of a household that owns or harbors a dog, they shall record a complete description of each dog and examine and record the license numbers of all current license certificates.

It shall be the duty of the duly appointed Wardens diligently to seek out, pursue and destroy in as humane manner as possible all unlicensed dogs known to be living in a wild state in the county or his district, to collect all dead dogs found on the public grounds or highways of his district and either to bury or otherwise effectually to dispose of all such carcasses; to pick up or receive for adoption or destruction stray and unwanted cats that have remained for a period of four or more days at an unoccupied premises or at a home not its own when such fact is certified to on a disposal slip by the householder; to destroy critically sick and injured animals, found on the public highways, and at the request of owners; and to respond promptly to all calls relating to proper enforcement of this sub-title. Compensation of the Wardens and other personnel shall be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners.