

(d) The words "owner", and "own", include any person having a right of property in a dog, and any person who keeps or harbors a dog or has it in his care or acts as custodian or permits it to remain on or about any premises occupied or controlled by him for more than two weeks.

The word "kennel", means an enclosure wherein dogs are kept and from which they cannot escape.

(f) The words "peace officer", means any official either elective, appointive or ex-officio in a district or community having by virtue of his office authority under existing law to make an arrest.

(g) The word "Warden", where used in this Act shall refer to Dog Warden or society authorized and empowered to act in such capacity.

(h) The words "keeping", or "harboring", mean the act or sufferance either of feeding or sheltering a dog on the premises of the occupant or owner thereof.

(i) The word "country", means a woodland or farming district in rural parts beyond the limits of a community or settlement.

(j) The words "dogs living in a wild state", mean dogs that roam the woods and fields, prey on animals for food and have no domesticated home.

(k) The words "running at large", mean not under the immediate control while off the premises of its owner.

256A. CREATION OF DOG WARDENS AND AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT OF LICENSING. The Board of County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County may establish and maintain one or more dog pounds or shelters in the County for the impounding of dogs under the provisions of this Act, the expense for construction and maintenance of which shall be paid out of the Pound Fund, and shall create the office of Dog Warden and at its first meeting in January each year shall appoint one or more persons to this office to act as dog license enforcement officers in the various election districts assigned to them. Such Wardens shall have all the power of a constable or other peace officer in the execution of the provisions of this Act, including the service of summons, the suing out and 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.

Beginning in January each year, Wardens shall make a complete canvass of the election district for which they are appointed and shall compile a census, in a book furnished by the County Treasurer, showing the names and addresses of every household in each district with the name of each member of a household that owns or harbors a dog and stating the num-