

the appointment of Wardens as herein provided may contract with any incorporated Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or similar incorporated dog protective association operating in one or more election districts to act as Warden for the enforcement of the licensing act and for the maintenance of a shelter, the seizure and impounding of all untagged, unlicensed, lost, strayed, homeless or wild dogs, and for the destruction or other disposition of wild or seized dogs not redeemed as hereinafter provided in this Act; provided, however, that the compensation to be paid by the County to such Society or association shall not exceed in any one year the amount collected for dog licenses in the said County or election district involved in the contract less the districts prorated expense of the County Treasurer's office for the purchase of license certificates, tags, census books and printed matter.

256B. LICENSING OF DOGS. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a dog unless licensed as provided in this Act. Licenses shall not be required for dogs under the age of four months which are not at large. The license period shall run for the calendar year; namely, from January 1st to December 31st inclusive, and the license fee, which shall be the only license or tax on dogs in this County and which is payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or his duly authorized agent, shall be regulated and determined and, if paid when due and payable, shall be as follows:

(a) *Individual Dog License.* Every person owning or harboring a dog within Anne Arundel County shall apply either orally or in writing to the County Treasurer, or such agents as are duly authorized and advertised by the Board of County Commissioners to enforce this licensing act, for a license certificate and tag for each such dog owned or harbored by him, excepting dogs kept under a kennel license as provided for in the following sub-section, and such application shall state the name, sex, breed, age, color and markings of each such dog and be accompanied by a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each male or successfully spayed female, and a fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each unspayed female whose license tag shall be stamped with the letter "F" before the tag number.

In order to secure a license for a spayed female, the applicant must present for the inspection at the time of application a certificate in writing signed by a duly licensed veterinarian describing the dog and stating that to his knowledge it has been spayed and the inspection of this certificate shall be noted on the license certificate and stub for future reference by recording the veterinarian's name and address thereon.