

upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace of Anne Arundel County shall be fined a sum of not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Excepting as provided under Section 256B paragraph (b), governing kennel licenses no dog shall be permitted to be at large without wearing a collar or harness with its individual license tag attached thereto and it shall constitute a misdemeanor for any person, except the owner of a dog or his duly authorized agent, to remove such tag from a dog unless such removal be necessary because of accident or injury to the dog, and punishable as hereinafter provided.

256G. SEIZURE AND DISPOSITION OF UNLICENSED OR UNTAGGED DOGS. A peace officer or Warden or other duly authorized officer whenever circumstances make it possible shall seize any dog reasonably known to be unlicensed either on or off the owner's premises and any such officer shall seize any dog found at large not wearing the license tag required by this Act.

Every dog so seized shall be properly cared for and fed at the expense of the Dog Pound Fund until disposition is made thereof as hereinafter directed. Provided, however, that said officers shall not be required to take to a pound or shelter any dog suffering from serious injury or wounds or from contagious or infectious disease, and he is hereby given full authority in his sole discretion immediately to dispose of such afflicted dogs in the most humane manner possible under the circumstances.

The owner of any dog seized as above provided may redeem it from the Warden within 96 hours from the time of its apprehension, first, by describing it and in some fair manner, to the satisfaction of the Warden, proving ownership, and then by securing a current license and tag and paying a pick up charge of Fifty Cents (50c) and the board bill at the rate of Thirty-five Cents (35c) per day for the time the dog is held at a duly established public pound or shelter.

If not so redeemed within the time stated or while it is still being held and not actually sold or otherwise disposed of by the Warden, it shall be the duty of said Warden to dispose of said dog either by sale for not less than the amount of the board bill to any person wishing to adopt it, or by destruction in the most humane manner possible. Provided, however, that the Warden shall not release to an owner a dog that has a record or is known to be vicious excepting upon receipt of a permit for so doing signed by the chief police authority in said owners home community and this permit shall remain on file with the Warden and provided further that no stray or unlicensed dog having an infectious or contagious disease