

or known to be vicious shall be surrendered for adoption but shall upon the expiration of 96 hours for redemption be forthwith destroyed; with the exception that if any such dog is suspected of having rabies it shall be held for a period of at least ten days for observation before it is destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

It shall be the duty of the Warden upon learning of a dog being suspected of rabies immediately to investigate the case, confer with the owner and if in the Warden's judgment or the judgment of any licensed veterinarian called in consultation, there is reasonable ground to believe the dog may have rabies, he shall immediately impound the dog at the owner's home if satisfactory facilities are available or a public pound or shelter and keep it completely isolated from all persons and animals for a period of at least ten days and if at the end of the period of observation the dog seems fully recovered of its malady or shows that it has no further symptoms of rabies, the Warden shall then release the dog to its owner who shall be liable for the board bill for said dog at Thirty-five Cents (35c) per day for the period of its detention at any public pound or shelter.

256H. OWNERSHIP OF DOGS. Only such dogs in the County of Anne Arundel of licensing age as are duly licensed shall be deemed personal property when at large and may be the subject of larceny and unlawful trespass and the owners thereof may maintain any action for the unlawful killing of such licensed dogs or injury thereto or unlawful use thereof as in the case of other personal property; the fact that a dog is without a tag attached to a collar, as provided in this Article, shall be presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed.

Legal title to a stray dog or a dog not wearing a license tag with complete defense against an action in replevin can be perfected only by strict compliance with the following provisions:

A person, without fraud, lawfully and innocently gaining possession of such a dog must, within four days, deliver it to the Warden of his licensing district and at that time shall file with the Warden a written description of the dog stating when, where, and how it came into his possession and declaring in writing his assumption of boarding expense at Fifty Cents (50c) per day and intention legally to adopt the dog provided it is not properly redeemed by an owner. If said dog is not reclaimed, as herein before provided, then any former title to it is forfeited and such person shall have the first right to its adoption and it shall be surrendered to him upon his taking out a current license for the dog and paying the board charge at Fifty Cents (50c) per day.