

The County Treasurer or Warden shall mark across the face of all such certificates and their corresponding stubs the word "Adoption".

The unauthorized possession of a dog or dogs by any person not the true owner, for a period exceeding five days without notifying either the owner, the Warden or local society under contract to handle stray dogs, or in the absence of either then the local police authority, of such possession, shall be presumptive evidence of larceny.

256-I. DISPOSITION OF DEAD DOGS. The owner of any dog which has died from disease or any other cause shall forthwith provide for the cremation or burial of the same. If he fails to do so a justice of the peace or police officer, after notice to said owner, shall direct the Warden to dispose of the carcass for which service the said justice of the peace shall require the owner to pay the Warden the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) in full settlement for the services rendered.

If the owner of any dead dog is not known and after inquiry cannot be found, the compensation of Two Dollars (\$2.00) to the Warden shall be paid from the Bounty Fund of the district where the dog was licensed, or if not licensed, then from said fund in the district where the carcass was found.

256-J. DESTRUCTION OF AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS. Owners of property seeking compensation from the County are charged with the duty of providing reasonable care and protection for their animals and the requirements of this Section are to be construed strictly.

Whoever suffers loss by dogs on his own property by the maiming or killing of his livestock or poultry, outside the premises of the owners or keepers of such dogs, may, provided he acts within forty-eight hours from the date of his knowledge of the occurrence, apply to any justice of the peace in his district for the appointment of three disinterested persons, not being related or members of the family or household, as appraisers to view, if possible, and appraise the damages by him claimed; and they, or a majority of them, under oath, shall state in writing to the Board of County Commissioners their reasons for believing that a dog did the damage, the number of each kind of animal injured or killed, the character and extent of the injury done, the reasonable salvage possible and the net amount of damages sustained by the owners. The owner and the appraisers shall make oath that they believe the damage was done by a dog and when the claim so completed is filed with the said Board it shall direct the Warden of the district to view the premises and, if possible, the animals or carcasses, and investigate the claim and its manner of proof, and determine, if possible, the identity and owner-