

shall establish and maintain a department for the supervision and licensing of dogs, including the fixing of license fees, classes of licenses, handling, impounding and disposing of dogs, and they shall establish centrally located public dog pounds in the County, purchase and provide necessary equipment, employ adequate personnel, and have full power and authority properly to administer the provisions of this Act.

The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint Dog Wardens who shall have all the powers of a constable or other peace officer in the execution of the provisions of this Act, including the 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 or districts for which they are appointed and shall compile a census, in a book furnished by the County Treasurer, showing the names and post-office addresses of every householder in each district; and, after the name of each member of a household that owns or harbors a dog, they shall record a complete description of each dog and examine and record the license numbers of all current license certificates. The Wardens may carry a license book and offer licenses to cover any currently unlicensed dogs, and if such license is not obtained, the Wardens shall serve a ten-day notice on the delinquent and proceed with prosecution as provided herein.

It shall be the duty of the duly appointed Wardens diligently to seek out, pursue and destroy in as humane manner as possible all unlicensed dogs known to be living in a wild state in the county of his district, to collect all dead dogs found on the public grounds or highways of his district and either to bury or otherwise effectually to dispose of all such carcasses; and to respond promptly to all calls relating to proper enforcement of this Act. Compensation of the Wardens and other personnel shall be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners.

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 to such other agents, at such other places as may be designated by the Board of