

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 County 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 diseases, 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 (50¢) and the board bill at the rate of Thirty-five Cents (35¢) 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 the 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 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