

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 (35¢) 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 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 expenses at Fifty Cents (50¢) 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 hereinbefore 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 (50¢) per day.

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 or the Warden, or in the absence of either of them, 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 to the County the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) in full settlement for the services rendered, after a hearing before the trial magistrate.