

make it possible shall seize any dog reasonably known to be unlicensed, and any such officer shall seize any dog found at large not wearing the license tag required by law.

The owner of any dog seized as above provided, may redeem it within 96 hours from the time of its apprehension, first, by describing it in some fair manner and proving ownership, and then by securing a current license and tag and paying the board bill for the time the dog is held at a duly established shelter.

If not so redeemed within the time stated it shall be placed with any responsible person willing to adopt it or humanely destroyed. All females must be spayed before adoption by a licensed Veterinarian.

200C. (Unauthorized Possession of Dog.) The unauthorized possession of a dog or dogs by any person not the true owner, for a period exceeding three days without notifying either the owner, or the authorized dog shelter and/or the local police authority, of such possession, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before a trial magistrate or Circuit Court of Baltimore County shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

200D. (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, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before a trial magistrate, shall be fined a sum of five dollars (\$5.00), which said fine shall be remitted to the Dog License Commission for the purpose of defraying expense of burial of said animal.

If the owner of any dead dog is not known and after inquiry cannot be found the County shall have said carcass disposed of by cremation or burial.

200E. (Destruction of and Reimbursement for Domestic Animals.) Owners of property seeking compensation from the Dog License Commission 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 the Dog License Commission for the appointment by the Commission of three disinterested persons, 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 Dog License Commission 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 Commission, the Commission Dr. representative shall view the premises and, if possible, the animals or carcasses, and investigate the claim and determine, if possible, the identity and ownership of the dog