

of Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement) being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County," subtitle "Chapter 3. Animals and Fowl," subheading "Article II. Dogs," ~~to follow immediately after Section 3-30 thereof,~~ relating to the responsibilities of owners for keeping dogs under control in Anne Arundel County and providing penalties for their failure to do so, AND CHANGING CERTAIN FEES AND CHARGES FOR LICENSING, PICKING UP AND BOARDING DOGS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 3-31.1 be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County," subtitle "Chapter 3. Animals and Fowl," subheading "Article II. Dogs," to follow immediately after Section 3-30 thereof, and to read as follows:

3-31.1.

(a) *No owner of a dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall permit such dog to run at large off the premises of the owner in Anne Arundel County, except when it is under the control of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner by leash, cord, or chain; provided, however, certain dogs will be permitted to run at large when accompanied by the owner or an authorized agent and kept within sight or calling distance, that is to say: (i) dogs proven to be obedient, in accordance with regulations to be promulgated by the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Anne Arundel County (hereinafter referred to as the S.P.C.A.) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THEIR AGENTS; (ii) dogs being used for hunting, or trained for hunting and (iii) dogs being accompanied by the owner on horseback.*

(b) *The S.P.C.A. will investigate any reports of violations and shall seize or cause to be seized any dog seen at large. If, upon investigation of any report of violations, the dog is not in sight and the owners of the dog are known by the complainant, the S.P.C.A. will make available an "Order of Complaint" which may be completed by complainant and which should also bear the signatures of two other residents in the same area attesting to the violation. When there is no previous seizing of the dog or previous complaint against the owner, the dog, if seized, shall be returned to the owner, and the S.P.C.A. may issue to the owner a written warning. A copy of any such warning shall be filed in the office of the S.P.C.A. The S.P.C.A. in the enforcement of the provisions of this act shall use the services and personnel of the Humane Society of Anne Arundel County.*

(c) *Where there is a record of a previous seizing of a dog or previous complaint against an owner, upon seizing the dog or upon receipt of a properly completed "Order of Complaint," the Dog, if seized, shall be returned to the owner, and the S.P.C.A. may cause summons to be issued to the owner of said dog.*

(d) *Any owner failing to comply with the provisions of this section after a warning has been issued in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) hereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,*