

93B.

~~All ANY dogs DOG at large shall MAY be seized by the Animal Welfare Agency, or such other agency as the County Commissioners may designate, confined and destroyed~~ **DISPOSED OF (EITHER BY DESTROYING OR BEING OFFERED FOR ADOPTION)** if not identified and claimed by its owner within ~~ten~~ **FIVE** days after its capture. No owner may claim his dog unless and until all charges incident to the confinement of the dog shall be paid. Upon the capture of any dog the Agency shall notify the owner of its capture if his identity can be ascertained through license records, if any, or otherwise.

93C.

The County Commissioners shall pay such expenses as are incurred by the Animal Welfare Agency or other such agency in the enforcement and execution of the requirements in Section 93B from the general funds of the county.

93D.

*The requirements of Sections 93A and 93B shall not apply to a bona fide farmer's dog while engaged in herding, dogs being used for hunting or trained for hunting, dogs **ON DUTY OR IN TRAINING** owned by any law enforcement agency of Howard County or any of its subdivisions, the State of Maryland or the United States of America.*

93E.

THE POLICE MAY DIRECT THE AGENCY TO IMPOUND THE ANIMAL OF ANY HABITUAL VIOLATOR OF THIS SUBTITLE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 93B, HEREOF.

93E F.

Any person who violates this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00), nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense. Each day the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it is the intent of the General Assembly that this Act be effectively enforced and to that end the County Commissioners of Howard County are directed to implement this Act immediately and the Police are directed to enforce it immediately.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That any laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.

Approved April 17, 1963.