

shall not apply to dogs in the County for thirty days or less owned by a non-resident provided such dogs are duly licensed in their home city, county or state PROVIDING THE OWNER HAS A VALID RABIE VACCINATION CERTIFICATE FOR SAID DOG.

(a) Before any license shall be issued, the owner shall produce satisfactory evidence that the dog ~~has been vaccinated against rabies within the preceding year.~~ IS IMMUNIZED AGAINST RABIES IN A PROCEDURE APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN. This provision shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

(b) Application for licenses shall be made to the Bureau of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits, or its authorized representative, accompanied by a license fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for spayed female and male dogs, veterinarian certificate to be shown on request of licensing authority, and Seven (\$7.00) for femal dogs. However, if individual licenses for owned dogs exceeds Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) the owner may request a blanket dog license for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

(c) "Seeing Eye" dogs trained to assist the blind and dogs trained and used by police in the official performance of their duties shall be provided licenses free of charge.

(d) All licenses shall be valid for one year from each July first to the following June thirtieth.

17.502—Obtaining Title to Stray Dogs.

Any person obtaining possession of a stray unlicensed dog who wishes to keep the dog shall within forty-eight hours deliver it to the Animal Welfare Society of Howard County along with a statement declaring when, where and how the dog came into his possession and declaring his assumption of boarding expenses at One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per day and his intention of obtaining ownership of the dog. If the dog is unclaimed for five days, any former title shall be forfeited, and the person delivering the dog shall be given the dog upon payment of the board charge, other proper charges, his receiving a current dog license, and upon receiving adoption approval of the Animal Welfare Society of Howard County. No female dogs shall be adopted without having first been spayed.

17.503—Impoundment

Whenever any person finds a dog running at large, he may notify the Animal Welfare Society, which may cause the dog to be taken and impounded. Such dog may be confined and disposed of (either by destroying or being offered for adoption) if not identified and claimed within 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 Society shall notify the owner of its capture if his identity can be ascertained through license records, if any, or otherwise.

17.504—Impoundment Fee

Whenever a dog is impounded pursuant to this Section or any other provision of the law, the owner thereof shall pay an impounding fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and costs of any required veterinary services.