

76, titled "Animals and Fowl," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 76-3, titled "Administration of Article," Section 76-4, titled "Applicability of Article," Section 76-18, titled "Injured or diseased dogs and cats generally," Section 76-24, titled "Same—Disposition of such dogs," Section 76-25, titled "Unlawful concealment," Section 76-29, titled "Issuance generally," Section 76-30, titled "Duty of owner to obtain license; fee; no fee required for 'dog guide'," Section 76-40, titled "Maintenance of vaccination clinics," Section 76-46, titled "Duty of Health Officer to report danger of rabies," and Section 76-47, titled "Proclamation of quarantine; notice," to authorize the County Council to regulate generally the licensing and humane treatment of dogs, the business of selling, boarding and breeding of dogs, the operation of animal hospitals, the care, treatment, vaccination and humane destruction of animals; to authorize the County to establish and operate a dog pound and adopt rules and regulations therefor; to authorize the County to enter into agreements for the removal, care and disposition of impounded dogs; to provide for the administration of Chapter 76, titled "Animals and Fowl," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, by the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the direction of the County Executive; to authorize the County to enter into agreements with municipalities adopting Chapter 76; to authorize the County to enter into agreements with veterinarians for the care of injured or diseased animals; to provide for the notification of the owner of a dog involved in an attack on livestock by the County; to provide that it shall be unlawful to conceal a dog or cat from an official authorized by the County; to authorize the County Executive to designate the time and place for the issuance of dog licenses; to authorize the County Executive to increase or diminish dog license fees; to authorize the County Executive to regulate the fees for rabies vaccinations administered by the County; and to delete redundant references to the County Council.

Be It Enacted by the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, that—

Section 1. Section 3-5 of Chapter 3 of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, titled "Animals," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3-5. Dogs and cats—Authority to regulate.

The County Council is authorized from time to time to provide by law, insofar as the subject matters thereof are not provided by public general laws for the licensing of dogs and the impounding and humane destruction of unlicensed dogs; for the regulation of the business of boarding, selling or breeding dogs or cats and in the operation of hospitals for dogs or cats, for the seizure, quarantine and treatment of dogs suspected of having rabies; for the protection of livestock and poultry against damage by dogs and for the reimbursement of owners of such livestock and poultry for such damage; for the collection and disposal of dead dogs and cats and the care of injured dogs and cats; for the seizure and confinement of dangerous and diseased dogs and cats, female dogs in season, dogs and cats running at large within the County, and dogs found on public recreation areas and on school grounds on school days and not on a leash or chain or under a muzzle; for the control of dogs and cats creating public nuisances; for the protection of dogs and cats from illegal killing, maiming or poisoning; and for the administration and enforcement of such laws,