

not be more than one inch in length, and shall be equipped with a substantial metal fastening device. The general shape of said tag shall be changed from year to year, and the tags furnished owners of kennels shall have the word "kennel" thereon. If any such tag is lost it shall be replaced by the county treasurer, or tax collecting office, upon application by the person to whom the original license was issued, upon the production of such license and payment of a fee of twenty-five cents.

(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

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(a) (1) The sheriffs of the several counties, or any deputy authorized by him, shall enforce the provisions of this subtitle. The sheriffs and their duly authorized deputies may issue a summons to any person violating any provision of this subtitle.

(2) In Calvert County the dog warden and his deputies have the duties imposed by this subsection.

(3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(i) (1) The county commissioners of Charles[,] AND St. Mary's [and Washington] counties are authorized and empowered by rule, regulation or resolution to provide that owners of dogs in the county shall not permit the dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large off the premises of the owner, except when it is under the control of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner by leash, cord or chain, provided that the following dogs may be permitted to run at large when accompanied by the owner or an authorized agent and when kept within sight or calling distance:

1. Dogs proved to be obedient, in accordance with any regulation or resolution of the county commissioners.

2. Dogs being used for hunting, or trained for hunting, and

3. Dogs being accompanied by the owner on horseback.

(2) The county commissioners by rule, regulation or resolution may provide for investigation of reports of violations of paragraph (1) and for enforcement of the provisions of this subsection.

(3) Any owner failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

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