

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY – BY-LAWS ADOPTED AT TOWN MEETINGS

DOGS

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All dogs owned or kept within the limit of the Town shall be restrained from running at large or shall be kept within the immediate control of their owners and keepers. The Dog Officer may apprehend all dogs which are not so restrained and controlled and may prosecute all violations of this by-law as provided in Chapter 140 Section 173A Massachusetts General Laws. Upon apprehension of any dog found in violation of this by-law, the Dog Officer may impound such dog, and shall make a record upon which shall be recorded the breed, color, and sex of said dog and whether or not it is licensed. If licensed, he shall enter the new name and address of the owner, and the number of the license tag. The owner, if known, shall be notified as soon as possible that the dog has been impounded. The owner of any dog so impounded may reclaim such dog upon payment of the license fee, if unpaid, and all costs and charges incurred by the Town for apprehending, impounding and maintenance of said dog.

Approved by the Attorney General 6 August 1975

(See Articles 30 and 30A of same Town Meeting for establishment of fees involved.):

“Article 30A. Passed by majority.

To see if the Town will vote to establish the costs and charges incurred by the Town for apprehending, impounding, and maintaining of each dog apprehended and impounded by the Town Dog Officer as \$10.00 for the first day and \$5.00 for each succeeding day of the dog’s impoundment; and, further, that the Selectmen may change such amounts by publication to reflect changes in the Town’s above costs and charges.”