

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING DOGS

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara as follows:

SECTION ONE: Inoculation against rabies; required, when.

It shall be the duty of every person who owns or harbors any dog or dogs in the Town of La Jara to have such dog or dogs inoculated against rabies by a person legally authorized so to do. Such vaccination shall be performed during the months of April and May for the remainder of the current calendar year and that portion of the following year extending through May; provided, however, that any person who acquired any dog or dogs between June 1, and December 31, shall immediately following such acquisition have such dog or dogs inoculated for the remaining portion of that calendar year.

SECTION TWO: Certificates and tags--preparation by town clerk; distribution to authorized vaccinators.

The town clerk shall prepare certificates in triplicate form, together with corresponding tags, for distribution to persons legally authorized, containing spaces for the name and address of the owner or harborer of the inoculated dog, the date of inoculation, the year and series number of the dog tag, and the breed, age, color and sex of the inoculated dog and for such other information as the town clerk may require to be filled in by persons authorized to vaccinate dogs. Said dog tags shall be made of durable material suitable to be attached to the collar or harness of the inoculated dogs. Each tag shall state the year for which it is issued and the series number of the certificate and tag. Such tag and certificates shall be prepared and distributed to the persons legally authorized to inoculate dogs without charge by the town clerk, subject to the provisions hereinafter made as to the fees to be paid by dog owners.

SECTION THREE: Same--Duties of vaccinators.

It shall be the duty of each person legally authorized to perform vaccinations on dogs when inoculating any dog to fill out the triplicate certificate obtained from the town clerk with the information required therein and immediately present one triplicate copy to the owner or harborer of the inoculated dog and to mail one triplicate copy to the town clerk within five days of the day of the inoculation.

The remaining triplicate copy of the certificate shall be retained by the person performing the vaccination. At the time of the inoculation of any dog the person performing the vaccination shall also deliver to the owner or harborer of such dog the dog tag obtained from the city clerk as evidence of such inoculation and registration.

SECTION FOUR: Same--Duty of dog owner or harborer.

Every owner or harborer of a dog shall attach said tag to the collar or harness of the inoculated dog and such collar or harness shall be worn by said dog at all times. The copy of the certificate shall be retained by the owner or harborer of the inoculated dog for inspection by any authorized representative of the city.

SECTION FIVE: Same--filing of vaccination-registration by town clerk; duration of validity; period when previous and current year vaccination valid.

The town clerk shall file and register copies of such triplicate certificates received as above provided and retain and file the same as the official registry of all dogs inoculated with antirabic vaccine for the town of La Jara. Such vaccination-registration shall be valid for the period of the current calendar year and through May of the following year. For the period of April and May in each year the vaccination-registration from the previous calendar year and for the current calendar year shall both be valid.

SECTION SIX: Same--Possession by other than owner, harborer.

Only those persons who own or harbor a dog duly vaccinated in accordance with the provision hereof shall be permitted to possess the certificates and tags provided for herein. No person may affix a tag evidencing vaccination, as provided herein, to the collar or harness of any dog except the tag issued for that dog at the time of vaccination.

SECTION SEVEN: Vaccinators, inoculation and license fees designated annually by city council.

The town board in March of each year shall designate the persons legally authorized to inoculate dogs in the manner herein provided and it shall at the same time determine and set the annual inoculation and license fee for the following year. At the same time the council shall designate the proportion of said fee to be retained by any person legally authorized to inoculate and issue said certificate and tag and the proportion of said inoculation and license fee which shall within thirty days after the collection

thereof be remitted to the town clerk by the person legally authorized to inoculate dogs.

SECTION EIGHT: Impounding of unvaccinated dogs--Authorized.

It shall be the duty of every police officer, dog catcher, town marshall or other person duly authorized by the town board or the town health officer to catch and impound any dog not wearing a tag as herein provided, or a tag issued by Conejos County showing similar inoculation, in a pound or other suitable place to be designated by the town board or by the town health officer for such purpose. Upon impounding any dog a record shall be made of the breed, color and sex of such dog, where it was caught and whether or not it was licensed.

SECTION NINE: Same--Care and vaccination prior to release.

All dogs so impounded shall be properly housed, fed, watered and cared for and it shall be the duty of the city health officer to cause provision to be made for all necessary facilities required to carry out the provisions hereof. It shall be the duty of the town health officer or his authorized representatives to provide access to such dogs so impounded so that they may be vaccinated for rabies prior to their release.

SECTION TEN: Same--Notice to owner.

Upon the impounding of any dog it shall be the duty of the town health officer or his authorized representative to notify the owner from whom the dog was taken if the owner is known. If the owner is not known there shall be posted at the place where the dog is impounded and at the office of the town clerk a notice containing a description of the dog impounded.

SECTION ELEVEN: Same--Duration of impoundment; redemption; fees.

All dogs impounded shall be kept for a period of three days unless sooner redeemed by their respective owners and a fraction of a day shall be computed as being a full day for the purposes of this section. It shall be the duty of the town health officer or his authorized representative to release any dog upon receipt of satisfactory proof of ownership, upon payment of a service fee of one dollar per day for each day the dog has been impounded, and upon presentation of proof of vaccination and registration of said dog in accordance with the provisions hereof.

SECTION TWELVE: Same--Disposal of unclaimed dogs authorized.

After notice as above set forth has been given and after three days of impounding as above required herein, such dog may be released to any person upon payment of a service fee equal to one dollar for each day such dog has been impounded, and upon presentation of written proof of vaccination-

registration of such dog in accordance with provisions hereof. All unclaimed and unsold dogs shall be otherwise disposed of in accordance with the direction of the health officer.

SECTION THIRTEEN: Impounding of dogs suspected or known to have bitten a person, dogs known to have been exposed to rabid animals.

A dog which is suspected or known to have bitten or injured any person so as to cause an abraision of the skin or a dog appears to be infected with rabies shall be impounded or in such certain instances as the town health officer may permit shall be closely confined by its owner in accordance with the directions of the town health officer, for a period of fourteen days. A dog which is known to have been exposed to any animal infected with rabies shall be impounded and such disposition of such dog shall be made as the city health officer shall direct, or in such certain instances as permitted by the health officer, shall be closely confined by its owner in accordance with the directions of the health officer for a period of not less than six months from the date of exposure.

SECTION FOURTEEN: Impounding of vicious dogs, bitches in heat found running at large; when slaying of vicious dogs authorized.

No dog of fierce dangerous or vicious propensities and no female dog in heat, whether licensed or not, shall be allowed to run at large or upon the premises of one other than the owner. If any such dog is found running at large in violation it shall be taken up and impounded; provided, however, that if any dangerous, fierce or vicious dog, so found at large, cannot be safely taken up and impounded, such dog may be slain by any policeman.

SECTION FIFTEEN: Requirements for imported dogs.

All dogs which are brought into the Town of La Jara shall be in compliance with the laws and rules and regulations of the State of Colorado regarding the handling of the animals and shall have been vaccinated not less than thirty days nor more than twelve months prior to importation. The metal tag denoting vaccination shall be firmly affixed to the collar or harness of the dog and shall be evidence of compliance with this section. If said imported dog remains in the Town of La Jara more than thirty days said dog shall be licensed in accordance with the provisions of this article. A certificate of vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian to the

owner or harborer of a dog by any municipality, county or state shall be exchanged for a current inoculation and license tag of the Town of La Jara upon the payment of a transfer fee of one dollar.

SECTION SIXTEEN: Killing, injuring, poisoning, disfiguring dogs prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully or intentionally poison or cause to be poisoned, kill, injure or disfigure any dog within the Town of La Jara.

SECTION SEVENTEEN: Interference with health officer, violation of article provisions declared unlawful

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, molest, hinder, or prevent the town health officer or his authorized representatives in the discharge of their duties herein or to violate any of the provisions of this article.

SECTION EIGHTEEN: Penalty for violation of article provisions.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in a sum of not more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not to exceed ninety days or be both so fined and imprisoned.

ADOPTED AND PASSED This _____ day of _____, 1964.

Clerk:

Mayor

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