

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF SHOREHAM RESIDENTS**

Notice is hereby given of the following ordinance for the Town of Shoreham, adopted at the Selectboard's duly warned meeting on December 26, 2006. This notice is published in its entirety. Please contact the Town Constable if you have any questions. You may also review the ordinance at the Town Clerk's Office. Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance at an annual or special meeting as provided in Section 1973 Title 24. Unless a petition is filed for a permissive referendum, this ordinance will become effective February 24, 2007, which is sixty days after the date of its adoption.

**ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS**

At a meeting held in accordance with 24 VSA 1972(a) and pursuant to 24 VSA 2291(10),

The Selectmen of the Town of Shoreham Adopted the following ordinance relating to the regulation and keeping of dogs and the providing for their leashing or restraint with the "Town of Shoreham" as defined below:

1. **DEFINITIONS:** a dog "running at large" shall mean a dog which is not (a) on a leash, or (b) on or within a vehicle, or (c) on the property of its owner or his agent; or (d) clearly under the verbal command of its owner or his agent or (e) hunting with its owner or his agent.

The pound and poundkeeper shall be that place and that person specifically designated by the Selectmen of the Town of Shoreham from time to time.

2. A person shall not allow a dog to run at large within the limits of the Town of Shoreham.
3. A person shall not permit any female dog in heat to be outside a building or outside a fenced enclosure.
4. A person shall not permit a dog to bark excessively, or to otherwise become a public nuisance, or to create a disturbance.
5. The Shoreham Town Constable shall be the chief enforcement officer of this Ordinance.
6. The Constable and any law enforcement officer may use all reasonable methods for catching and impounding a dog in violation of this Ordinance, including the use of tranquilizing and marking apparatus.
7. The Constable or any law enforcement officer may impound a dog found in violation of this Ordinance.
8. The procedure for claiming or releasing a dog from the pound shall be as follows:
  - A. Upon delivery to the pound, the poundkeeper shall notify the dog's owner if the dog is licensed. The dog shall be held for three (3) days after the owner is notified, unless claimed earlier.
  - B. If the dog is unlicensed, the poundkeeper shall notify a local radio station of the dog's description, and the dog shall be held for three (3) days after the first broadcasting of the dog's description, unless sooner claimed.
  - C. If the owner does not claim the dog within the three-day period, the dog shall be given to whomever pays the poundkeeper's fees, rabies shots, and necessary licensing fees.
  - D. If no person claims the dog, the dog may be humanely destroyed, and the Town shall pay all necessary fees.
  - E. No dog shall be released from the pound until it is properly licensed, and all pound and other charges paid.

9. A person claiming a dog from the pound shall pay to the poundkeeper a reasonable fee for the dog's board, all fees for licensing, and all other necessary charges and expenses incurred by the poundkeeper. In addition, such person shall pay to the poundkeeper, for the benefit of the Town, *a reasonable compensation for expenses incurred for the enforcement of this ordinance.*

10. A person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.
11. If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
12. This Ordinance shall be effective on February 24, 2007.

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Selectmen of the Town of Shoreham      Dated: December 26, 2006

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