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GENERAL REFERENCES

Noise — See Ch. 148.
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ARTICLE I

Dogs

[Adopted 11-7-1989 by Ord.No.89-1 as§ 4.02 of the 1989 Code; amended in its entirety 11-4-2003]

§ 55-1. Definitions.

For this article, the following definitions shall apply:

AT LARGE — To be off the premises of the owner and not under the control of some person either by leash, other physical means of restraining a dog, or voice control, but shall not include the following:

- A. A dog within an automobile of its owner or in an automobile of any other person with the consent of the dog's owner shall be deemed to be on the owner's premises.
- B. A farm dog working or herding animals in the normal course of its duties shall not be considered to be at large within the meaning of this article.

DOG — A domestic canine animal (*Canis familiaris*), regardless of age or sex, but not including coyote and wolf mixes or hybrids of wolves or coyotes.

OWNER — Any person owning, harboring or keeping a dog. The occupant of any premises on which a dog remains or to which it customarily returns daily for a period of 10 days, or the

owner of operator or any kennel, whether or not a dog or dogs are housed thereupon for profit, is presumed to be harboring or keeping the dog within the meaning of this article.

§ 55-2. Listing, licensing and tagging of dogs.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person in the Town of Pleasant Springs to own, harbor or keep any dog more than five months of age without complying with the provisions of §§ 174.05 through 174.09, Wis. Stats., relating to the listing, licensing and tagging of dogs.
- B. Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall not obtain the necessary licenses by April 1 of any year shall be charged a late payment fee which may be revised from time to time by the Town Board. The Board may, at its discretion, commence an action at law to collect such license and/or late payment fees or issue a citation in accord with the penalty provisions of this article.
- C. All persons, firms or corporations who or which shall be subject to this article shall submit proof of current rabies vaccination annually with the payment of the above fees. Failure to so do shall result in the nonissuance of a license, and such nonissuance shall be deemed a violation subject to the penalty provisions of this article.

§ 55-3. Restrictions on keeping certain animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person with the Town of Pleasant Springs to own, harbor or keep any coyote, wolf or hybrid or mixed-breed wolf or coyote or other canine animal that is not a dog as defined in the article, regardless of age or sex.

§ 55-4. Restrictions on keeping dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Town of Pleasant Springs to own, harbor or keep any dog which:

- A. Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street or highway in the Town.
- B. Assaults, chases or attacks any person.
- C. Is at large in the Town of Pleasant Springs.
- D. Habitually barks or howls to the reasonable annoyance of any person or persons.
- E. Kills, wounds or worries any domestic animal.
- F. Is known by such person to be infected with rabies or to have been bitten by an animal suspected to have been infected with rabies.

§ 55-5. Duty of owner in case of dog bite.

Every owner or person harboring or keeping a dog who knows that such dog has bitten any person shall immediately report such fact to the Dane County Humane Society and shall keep

such dog confined for not less than 14 days or for such period of time as the Dane County Humane Society shall direct. The owner or keeper of any such dog shall surrender the dog to any Town representative upon demand for examination.

§ 55-6. Violations and penalties.

The penalty for violation of this article shall be as provided in Chapter I, General Provisions. § 1-1.

§ 55-7. Article not exclusive.

This article shall not be deemed exclusive, and any person or the Town may proceed against any person, firm, or corporation that may be in violation of this article by this article or any other ordinance, including nuisance statutes, as may be applicable, or all of them.

ARTICLE II

Care and Confinement

[Adopted 11-7-1989 by Ord.No.89-1 as § 4.04 of the 1989 Code]

§ 55-8. Restrictions.

It shall be unlawful to keep, confine or possess one or more animals, whether considered wild or domestic, in the Town of Pleasant Springs under any of the following circumstances or situations:

- A. Any circumstances which endanger the health, safety or welfare of surrounding residents due to physical danger or health hazard.
- B. Any circumstances under which the animal(s) in question is not receiving reasonable and adequate supplies of feed, water, and shelter or is confined in unsanitary conditions which are life-threatening to the animal(s).

§ 55-9. Violations and penalties.

Violations of this article shall be considered as and are subject to the same penalties as public nuisances arising under Chapter 152, Nuisances, and may be abated as provided therein.