

Ordinance for the Town of Felsenthal, Arkansas
Dogs Running at Large

Ordinance # 01-2011

Running at Large:

It shall be unlawful for any person who owns a dog--whether it be vaccinated or unvaccinated, licensed or unlicensed—to run at large. The owners of the dog shall confine such dog within a secure enclosure which shall include an adequate fence or enclosure or within a house, garage, or other building, or shall confine such dog by chain or leash affixed to the dog's collar and attached to some substantial stationary object adequate to prevent the dog from running at large. It shall further be the duty of any owner or keeper of any dog to keep such a dog under such control so as to:

- A. Prevent such dog from becoming a danger to persons or property, and
- B. Prevent such dog from running at large upon the streets, alleys, parks or other public places in the town.

Any dog not confined as set forth herein shall constitute a public nuisance.

Fines:

When any dog shall threaten the safety of or become a nuisance to the public as described, it shall be captured by the town and confined by Union County Animal Protection Society (UCAP). The owner will have 5 days to claim the animal as per our agreement with UCAP. After that time, the dog will be put up for adoption.

If the owner of a captured dog is known, he/she shall be notified by the town and charged a fee of \$15.00 for its return to the owner. If the dog has to be turned over to UCAP, the owner will be issued a citation and charged the \$30.00 fee the city pays UCAP for its services plus the \$15.00 fine for its capture.

The town shall make reasonable efforts to determine the ownership of any dog impounded.

Authority to Destroy:

(a) The mayor or other official designated by the mayor shall be authorized to euthanize any dog which is too aggressively hostile to capture or which repeatedly evades capture but has been deemed a nuisance as described.

(b) The mayor or other official designated by the mayor shall be authorized to euthanize any dog which he finds or which has been reported to him as having been injured to such an extent that it is suffering with little hope of recovery and the owner of which is unknown or not readily available to assume responsibility for the dog.

(c) The mayor or any other authorized official shall be authorized to euthanize any stray or dog at large which he takes into custody that has no identity of ownership and which, in the opinion of the mayor or other official designated by the mayor, is so disease ridden or physically impaired as to be suffering and the impoundment of which would only prolong the condition.

Repeal of previous ordinances and resolutions:

All Ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflicts.

Done this 14th day of June, 2011

Mayor, Linda Newbury

Recorder/Treasurer, Joyce Norwood