

MONTREAT CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES

CHAPTER I - DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND PUBLIC NUISANCES

ARTICLE III: DOGS

Section 1. Dog Control

- 1) Collar and Tags. No Person or Entity shall own or keep any dog over the age of six (6) months in the Town unless that Person has provided a collar and tags for each dog as herein provided. The collar shall contain a current rabies vaccination tag and an identification tag with the owner's name and telephone number imprinted upon it.
- 2) Vaccination. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to keep the dog unless it is vaccinated by a licensed veterinary surgeon with anti-rabies vaccine as required by the General Statutes of North Carolina. Proof of rabies inoculation must be attached to the collar of the dog.
- 3) Restraint. The owner or custodian of a dog shall keep the dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit the dog to be At Large.
- 4) Impoundment. Any dog not displaying the proper tags as required in this Ordinance or any dog found running At Large shall be taken up by the Animal Control Officer, or authorized representative thereof, or a Montreat police officer, and impounded in the Black Mountain Animal Shelter or other animal shelter designated by the Town Administrator. All dogs not claimed within twenty-four (24) hours shall be turned over the Buncombe County Animal Shelter. Upon arrival at the Buncombe County Animal Shelter, dogs not claimed within seven (7) days may be put up for adoption or humanely euthanized.
- 5) Notice to Owner. As soon as a dog has been impounded, the Town will attempt to notify the owner by telephone and inform the owner of the dog's impoundment and how custody of the dog may be regained.
- 6) Impoundment Fees. An owner may reclaim an impounded dog by paying the necessary impoundment fees at the temporary animal shelter in the Town of Black Mountain. If the dog has been turned over to Buncombe County officials, the owner must first pay the Town's impoundment fee at the temporary animal shelter in the Town of Black Mountain, obtain a release for the dog from the Town of Black Mountain, and then pay the required Buncombe County fees at the County shelter. Dogs will not be released from the Buncombe County shelter unless a release slip has been issued by the Town of Black Mountain showing that the appropriate Black Mountain fees have been paid.

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- 7) Records. Animal control personnel shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of the licensing, impoundment, and disposition of all dogs that come into their custody. Records shall also be kept of all moneys collected under this Section.

Section 2. Records. All previous ordinances relating to the keeping, licensing, and restraining of dogs are hereby repealed. All other ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.