

ORDINANCE NO 851

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OWNERS, CUSTODIANS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS, CATS OR OTHER ANIMALS IN THE NATURE OF PETS FROM ALLOWING SUCH TO RUN AT LARGE OR TO REMAIN IN THE OPEN AND TO HOWL, YELP OR BARK OR TO PERMIT SAID TO CAUSE ANNOYANCE TO THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS OR OTHER PERSONS LAWFULLY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE, BY BARKING, YELPING, HOWLING, BITING, JUMPING ON, KNOCKING DOWN OR ATTACKING PERSONS OR OTHERWISE DAMAGING OR INJURING PROPERTY, BUSHES OR SHRUBS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of White Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Supervisors of White Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, as follows

SECTION 1 It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to allow such dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to run at large unattended at any time either upon any of the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township of White, or upon the property of anyone other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such unless accompanied by and under the immediate control of such owner, custodian or keeper.

SECTION 2 It shall be the duty of the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet, and the duty of the parent or guardian of any minor owner of any such to keep such securely tied or penned in an enclosure in such a manner that such cannot break loose and run at large over the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township of White or upon the property of anyone other than the owner, custodian or keeper of such.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the owner, custodian or keeper ~~or attendant of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet,~~ while travelling on the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township of White to have such on a lease at all times and to prevent such from entering upon the property of any person or persons in the Township of White without the owner's consent.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to permit said dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to injure any human being by biting, jumping on, knocking down or by attacking said human being.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to permit such dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to damage or injure personal property, real estate, shrubs, hedges, flowers or any growing thing by running over or running across the said property, or by urinating thereon or defiling the same, or by causing excrement to be placed thereon.

SECTION 6 It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to permit such dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to remain in the open and to howl, yelp or bark for extended periods of time.

SECTION 7. It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to permit said dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet to cause annoyance to the citizens, residents or other persons lawfully in the Township of White, by barking, yelping, howling or causing any other unseemly noise.

SECTION 8. There is excluded from the provisions of this Ordinance hunting with dogs, training dogs and field trials while such activities are actually in progress.

SECTION 9. Any police officer, constable, peace officer or dog catcher is hereby authorized to seize and impound any dog, cat or other animal in the nature of a pet found running at large and unattended at any time in the Township of White at a place to be designated by the Township Supervisors as a pound. Notice of such seizure shall be sent to the owners of a licensed dog in the manner prescribed by law, and such dog may be redeemed by the owner thereof within the time specified by law upon the payment of the reasonable expenses incurred by reason of such detention. Unlicensed dogs shall be turned over to the humane league for further disposition according to law. As to animals other than dogs, the seizing officer shall make reasonable efforts to locate and notify the owner and such animal may be redeemed at a reasonable time upon payment of reasonable expenses incurred by reason of such detention. In the event the owner cannot be located or does not redeem such animal, such animal shall be turned over to the humane league.

SECTION 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof before any magistrate or justice of the peace of the Township of White be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$300.00, and the cost of prosecution, for each and every offense, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, shall undergo imprisonment in the Indiana County Jail for a period of not more than thirty (30) days. Provided such fine and costs to be in addition to any charges or penalty imposed by this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. If any provision or application of this Ordinance shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12 All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of White, County of Indiana and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 30th DAY OF November, 1976

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WHITE TOWNSHIP

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