

#7 – Dog Ordinance

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November 4, 1980 VOTED to adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a, **Dog Control Law** of, RSA 466:30-a, IV was repealed and re-enacted in 1994 to take effect January 1, 1995.

466:30-a Dog Control Law

- I. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such. For the purpose of this section “accompanied” shall be defined as that the owner or custodian must be able to see or hear, or both, or have reasonable knowledge of where the dog is hunting, herding, or where training is being conducted or where trials are being held. Nothing herein provided shall mean that the dog must be within sight at all times.
- II. In this section, “at large” means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian.
- III. Any authorized person may seize, impound, or restrain any dog in violation of this section and deliver such dog to a person or shelter authorized to board dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.
- IV. In addition to impounding a dog found at large or in violation of this section, any local law enforcement officer may issue, in the name of the owner or keeper of such dog, a notice of violation for a nuisance dog pursuant to RSA 466:31, II(a).

RSA 466:31, II. Under this section, a dog is considered to be a nuisance, a menace, or vicious to persons or to property under any or all but not limited to the following conditions:

- (a) If a dog is “at large”, which means it is off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian. This subparagraph shall not include a dog which is being used for hunting, herding, supervised competition, or exhibition or training for such activities if accompanied by the owner or custodian, meaning that the owner or custodian must be able to see or hear the dog, or have reasonable knowledge of where the dog is

hunting or herding, or where training is being conducted or where trials are being held, provided that such dog does not have to be within sight at all times;

- (b) If it barks for sustained periods of time more than ½ hour, or during the night hours so as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or area;
- (c) If it digs, scratches, or excretes, or causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than its owner's;
- (d) If it growls, snaps at, runs after or chases any person or persons;
- (e) If it runs after, or chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or other vehicles to be driven, pulled or pushed on the streets, highways, or public ways;
- (f) If, whether alone or in a pack with other dogs, it bites, attacks, or preys on game animals, domestic animals, fowl or human beings.