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CHAPTER 713

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

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§ 3701. Keeping unlicensed dog

Whoever keeps a dog contrary to this chapter and chapters 701, 703, 705 and 711 and sections 3603 to 3605, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25 to be recovered by complaint before any District Court.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 13; 1963, c. 402, § 124.

§ 3702. Warrants; disposal

The municipal officers of each municipality shall annually within 10 days from the first day of June issue a warrant, returnable on July 15th following, to one or more police officers, constables or State Humane Agents, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog. The said police officer, constable or State Humane Agent shall, before entering such complaint and obtaining said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and pay the license fees due, and if the owner pays such license fees, he shall pay in addition thereto the officer's fee of \$3, which the officer shall retain and make return and pay over to the city or town clerk the license fees received by him.

On July 15th the municipal officers of municipalities shall issue to one or more police officers, constables or State Humane Agents a warrant returnable on the first Monday of the following January, directing him or them to seek out, catch and confine all dogs within such municipality which are not licensed, collared and tagged or enclosed, as required by this chapter and chapters 701, 703, 705 and 711 and sections 3603 to 3605, and to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any such dog. Such court may order such police officers, constables or State Humane Agents to sell, give away, kill or cause to be killed each such dog which, after being detained by him or

them for a period of 6 days, shall not have been licensed, collared and tagged.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 14; 1955, c. 274; 1957, c. 189; 1961, c. 94, § 1; c. 181, §§ 3, 4; c. 406, §§ 1, 2; 1963, c. 145.

§ 3703. Officers to make returns

Each police officer, constable or State Humane Agent to whom the warrants named in section 3702 are issued shall return the same at the time specified. Such officers shall receive from the municipality the sum of \$2 for each dog killed or otherwise disposed of, and for other services rendered under this chapter and chapters 701, 703, 705 and 711 and sections 3603 to 3605, they shall receive such compensation as the municipal officers may determine.

In no case shall such officer be entitled to more than \$2 as a fee for disposing of any dog.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 15; 1961, c. 94, § 2.

§ 3704. Official refusal or neglect of duty

Any mayor, selectman, clerk, constable or police officer who refuses or willfully neglects to perform the duties imposed by sections 3401 to 3403, 3451, 3452, 3501, 3651 to 3653 and 3701 to 3703 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, and costs.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 22.

§ 3705. Jurisdiction; fines

The District Court shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court of all violations of this chapter and chapters 701, 703, 705 and 711 and sections 3603 to 3605. All fines imposed shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is committed and shall accrue to and be used for the benefit of the town where the offense is committed unless otherwise provided.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 28; 1963, c. 402, § 127.