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NOISE COMPLAINT PROTOCOL

I. First Written Complaint Received:

- a. A courtesy notice is mailed to the address provided on Complaint Form, regarding the excess barking.
- b. Dog owner has 14 days to attempt to resolve the noise issue.
- c. If the noise has not improved, a second complaint may be filed after 14 days of the initial complaint.

❖ If dog is not current on county licensing requirements, owner has 10 days to license dog and ensure current rabies vaccination status.

II. Second Written Complaint Received:

- a. Dog owner is mailed a second courtesy notice regarding the excess barking at address.
- b. An A.S.O. (Animal Services Officer) is assigned to contact dog owner, whom must cooperate with ASO to resolve issue.
- c. If the noise has not improved after 14 days of second courtesy notice, additional complaints may be filed; as well as, may be subject to additional fines and citations for noise violations.

❖ If dog is still not current on county licensing requirements at time of second notice, owner may be subject to additional fines and citations.

III. Third Written Complaint Received:

- a. Dog owner is mailed a third courtesy notice regarding the excess barking at address.
- b. An A.S.O. is assigned to contact dog owner, whom may be subject to fines and citations for noise violations.

❖ If dog is still not current on county licensing requirements at time of third notice, owner may be subject to a second sequence of additional fines and citations.

If a noise complaint is received for the same address after 6 months from the previous complaint filed, the process will redevelop.

At any time during the noise complaint investigation process, dog owners are welcome and encouraged to respond in writing to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office ~ Animal Services Section; if a complaint is believed to be received in error, the noise is related to extenuating circumstances and/or you need assistance in resolving the complaint.

“Honored to Serve”

Noise Ordinances.

Yolo County Code Section, Article 4, Section 6-1.403

No owner shall permit his animal, except a domestic cat, habitually to make noise or act in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance.

(ss 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

California State Penal Code Section 370, Public Nuisance defined

Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by an entire community or neighborhood, or by any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or highway, is a public nuisance.

(Enacted 1872. Amended by Code Am. 1873-74, c. 614, p. 431, ss30.)

Rabies Vaccinations.

Yolo County Code, Sec. 6-1.415

No owner shall have a dog within the unincorporated area of Yolo County unless such dog has been vaccinated against rabies pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

California Health & Safety Code, 121690 (b)

Every dog owner, after his or her dog attains the age of four months, shall, at intervals of time not more than often than once a year, as may be prescribed by the department, procure its vaccination by a licensed veterinarian with a canine anti-rabies vaccine approved by, and in a manner prescribed by, the department.

Additional Animal Complaint forms can be found on the Department's website at www.yolocountysheriff.com tab to "*Forms & Fees*".

Completed forms can be submitted to the address listed above, faxed to (530) 668-5288 or emailed to animalcomplaint@yolocounty.org.

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Sec. 6-1.305. Chief of the Animal Control Division.

“Chief of the Animal Control Division” shall mean the person designated by the Sheriff as the Chief of the Animal Control Division for the County and his or her duly authorized deputies. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974, as amended by § 4, Ord. 1061, eff. November 26, 1987)

Sec. 6-1.306. Dog.

“Dog” shall mean any domesticated animal of the canine family, excluding domesticated coyotes, foxes, dingoes, wolves, or other wild species of the same, as well as all hybrids thereof, which are defined separately in this Title as “wolf hybrids.” (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974, as amended by § 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007)

Sec. 6-1.307. Health Officer.

“Health Officer” shall mean the Health Officer of the County and any Health Department employee or other person duly authorized by the Health Officer to act on his behalf. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.308. Kennel.

“Kennel” shall mean any enclosure, premises, building, structure, lot or area, except where reasonably necessary to support an agricultural use (i.e., to contain herding dogs), where five (5) or more dogs or other small domestic animals, as defined in Title 8, which are not sick or injured and are ten (10) weeks in age or older are boarded for compensation, cared for, trained for compensation, kept for sale, or bred for sale, or ten (10) or more dogs or other small domestic animals that are ten (10) weeks of age or older which are kept and maintained as pets, “rescue” animals, or for any other non-commercial purpose. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974, as amended by § 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007)

Sec. 6-1.309. Owner.

“Owner” shall mean a person who possesses, has title to, or an interest in, harbors, or has control, custody, or possession of an animal, and the verb forms of “to own” shall include all these shades of meaning. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.310. Person.

“Person” shall mean any person, firm, company, corporation, partnership, or association. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.311. Vaccination.

“Vaccination” shall mean the inoculation of a dog with canine anti-rabies vaccine approved by and in the manner prescribed by the Department of Public Health of the State. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.312. Veterinarian.

“Veterinarian” shall mean a person licensed by the State to practice veterinary medicine. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.313. Vicious animal.

“Vicious animal” shall mean any dog or other animal, except a dog assisting a peace officer in law enforcement duties, which has attacked any person or other animal, without provocation by such person or other animal, at a place other than on private property where the attacking animal is maintained by its owner. (§ 1, Ord. 950, eff. June 2, 1983, as amended by § 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007)

Sec. 6-1.314. Wolf Hybrid.

“Wolf hybrid” shall mean a mammal that, based on substantial evidence, is determined to be the offspring of any species of wild canid or wild canid hybrid and a domestic dog or a wild canid hybrid, or any mammal that is represented by its owner to be a wolf hybrid. “Wolf hybrid” includes hybrids of wolves, coyotes, dingoes, foxes, or any other kind of wild canid. Substantial evidence used to identify wolf hybrids may include the opinion of an expert in wolf hybrid identification. (§ 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007)

Article 4. Prohibitions

Sec. 6-1.401. Animals running at large.

The territory to which the provisions of this chapter shall apply is hereby fixed as the limits within which animals shall not run at large, and no owner shall permit his animal, wild or domestic, except a domestic cat, to run at large within the territory to which the provisions of this chapter apply. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.401.1. Dogs on leashes.

No owner shall permit his dog to be in any area, other than on private property where the dog is maintained by or on behalf of its owner, unless the dog is restrained by a leash not exceeding eight (8') feet in length; provided, however, this section shall not apply if the dog is (1) assisting a peace officer in law enforcement duties, (2) under the control of a person engaged in hunting pursuant to a license issued under Sections 3031 et seq. Of the Fish and Game Code of the State, (3) enrolled and actually participating in a dog training or obedience class, exhibition, or competition conducted by an organization with the permission of the owner or operator of the grounds or facility, or (4) actively herding on an agriculturally zoned parcel. (§ 1, Ord. 949, eff. May 26, 1983, as amended by § 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007)

Sec. 6-1.401.2. Animals running at large: Fees.

Whenever the Chief of the Animal Control Division or authorized personnel thereof take up, assume control over, herd, or otherwise respond to a situation involving any animal which is at large, and which is not impounded pursuant to the provisions of Article 8 of this chapter, the owner or other person responsible for the care or restraint of such animal shall pay, and be charged and liable for a fee not to exceed the actual costs incurred by the County in taking up, assuming control over, herding, or otherwise responding to the at large animal. (§ 4, Ord. 1013, eff. August 15, 1985)

Sec. 6-1.401.3 Wolf Hybrids.

(a) After November 1, 2007, no person shall possess, purchase, acquire, or breed a wolf hybrid, except for:

(1) Wolf hybrids possessed in the County prior to November 1, 2007; or

(2) Any wolf hybrid born to a wild canid or wolf hybrid that was both pregnant with such hybrid and possessed in the county prior to that date.

(b) Any wolf hybrid falling within either of the above exceptions shall be spayed or neutered, and shall at all times be vaccinated against rabies. Notwithstanding such vaccination, however, any wolf hybrid that bites or scratches a human being or other animal must be quarantined as required by the current California Rabies Compendium. Wolf hybrids may not be bred. The owner of a wolf hybrid may be required, upon reasonable request by the Chief of Animal Services, to provide satisfactory evidence that the hybrid falls within either of the above exceptions.

(c) Except as otherwise set forth in this section, any wolf hybrid falling within either of the exceptions set forth in subsection (a), above, shall be subject to all of the same requirements of the Yolo County Code that apply to dogs.

(d) Any wolf hybrid that is determined to be possessed illegally may, in addition to other penalties provided in this Title, be seized and disposed of as determined to be appropriate by the Chief of Animal Services. The Chief of Animal Services may, in his or her sole discretion, provide the person in possession of such wolf hybrid not more than 30 days to transfer such animal out the county prior to seizure.

Any person determined to have violated the provisions of this Code with respect to wolf hybrids may file an appeal regarding the identification of the animal. Such appeal must be initiated within fifteen (15) days of the determination that the animal is possessed illegally, and shall be commenced by filing an application for an appeal with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall hear the appeal in accordance with the provisions of Title 1 of this Code. If the appeal is filed with regard to an animal that is in the custody of Animal Services, the animal shall be maintained at the cost of the Owner until there is a final decision on the appeal. (§ 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007).

Sec. 6-1.402. Trespassing.

No owner shall permit his animal, except a domestic cat, to trespass on any property, public or private, without the consent of the owner of the property. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.403. Noise.

No owner shall permit his animal, except a domestic cat, habitually to make a loud noise or act in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.404. Female dogs in heat.

No owner of any unspayed female dog shall permit such dog to stray or run at large in the territory to which this chapter applies while such female dog is in the copulating season. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.405. Proper care.

No owner or person in charge of an animal shall permit such animal to go without proper food, water, care, shelter, or attention. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.406. Unlicensed dogs.

No owner shall have a dog required to be licensed within the territory to which this chapter applies unless such dog has been licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)

Sec. 6-1.407. Tags and collars.

No owner shall fail, neglect, or refuse to attach, by means of a collar, harness, or other device, any tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to the licensed dog, or pot-bellied pig; nor shall any owner fail, neglect, or refuse to keep such tag attached to such dog or pot-bellied-pig at all times while the license is in force. In addition, pot-bellied pigs must be micro-chipped and chip numbers recorded with Yolo County Animal Services. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974 and amended by § 2, Ord. 1365, eff. December 6, 2007).

Sec. 6-1.408. Replacement of tags.

No owner shall fail to apply for a new license within ten (10) days after the date of the loss of the license tag. (§ 2, Ord. 703, eff. May 22, 1974)