

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Animal Control Act, 510 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*, a county may prohibit animals from running at large and may further control and regulate dogs, cats or other animals provided that no regulation or ordinance is specific to breed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1005 a county may take all necessary measures and institute proceedings to enforce all laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union, Illinois has previously adopted an Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-16; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois finds that the health, safety and welfare of the People of the County of Union, Illinois will be fostered and promoted by amending the Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-16, is hereby amended by changing Section __-4-1 as follows:

__ 4-1 Inoculation Against Rabies; Tag Required.

- (a) Every owner of a dog four (4) months or more of age shall cause such dog ~~or cat~~ to be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian at such intervals which have been required by the Department and the Act.
- (b) The fee for a rabies inoculation tag, as required by Section 8 of the Act, shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) for a one year tag and fourteen dollars (\$14.00) for a three year tag.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to make or produce a counterfeit or forged rabies tag.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a counterfeit or forged rabies tag knowing such rabies tag to be counterfeit or forged or under such circumstances as would reasonably induce him to believe the rabies tag was counterfeit or forged.

SECTION 2: The Animal Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2010-16, is hereby amended by deleting Section __-4-3 in its entirety and Section __-4-10 in its entirety and replacing such Sections with the following:

__ 4-3 **Running At Large.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who is the owner or keeper of any dog, bison, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, equidae, or geese to allow or permit such dog, bison, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, equidae, or geese to run at large on any public way, public property or public place or upon the private premises of any person other than the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog.
- (b) Any dog, bison, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, equidae, or geese found running at large shall be apprehended and impounded.
- (c) A dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this Section a second or subsequent time must be spayed or neutered within thirty (30) days after being reclaimed unless already spayed or neutered; failure to comply shall result in impoundment.

__ 4-10 **Dangerous Animals.** No person shall have a right of property in, keep, harbor, care for, act as custodian of or maintain in his possession any dangerous animal.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 18 day of october, 2010.

Chairman: *Randall Smith* voting yes.

County Commissioner: *John Gurn* voting YES.

County Commissioner: *Don Jerry* voting YES.

ATTEST:

County Clerk: *Bobby Jones*