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CHAPTER 512

AN ACT to amend 174.10 (2); and to create 174.10 (2m) of the statutes, relating to safekeeping of dogs by humane officers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 174.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

174.10 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor or permit to remain about his premises any dog for which no license exists and for which one is required. Any person who shall kill a dog not his own or not in his keeping shall forthwith report such fact in writing to the town, village or city clerk of the town, village or city in which the killing occurred. Such report shall state the name and address of the person who killed the dog, the time, place and circumstances of such killing, and the disposition made of the carcass. Any person who shall have seized or impounded a dog with or without license under s. 174.10 shall deliver such dog to the humane officer of the village, town or city, if such officer exists; or if there be no such officer to the constable, village marshal, or the town, village or city police officer. The officer to whom the dog is delivered shall notify the owner personally or through the United States mail, if such owner be known to the

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officer or can be ascertained with reasonable effort * * *. Such officer shall carefully read the "lost and found" column of local daily newspapers having general circulation in the community to determine whether or not a dog is therein advertised which answers the description of any such impounded dog, and shall promptly communicate with the advertiser thereof if such be found. If such owner be unknown or cannot be ascertained, then the officer shall post written notice in 3 public places in his town, giving a description of the dog, stating where it is impounded and the conditions for its release within 48 hours, Sundays excepted, after such officer shall have taken such dog into his possession. If after * * * 7 days the owner does not claim such dog such officer shall dispose of the dog in a proper and humane manner.

SECTION 2. 174.10 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

174.10 (2m) Every officer to whom a dog is delivered under sub. (2) shall keep a record of every dog sold or otherwise disposed of, describing the dog with reasonable certainty of identification and listing the name and address of the party to whom sold or delivered or the manner of otherwise disposing of the dog. In addition, any person to whom such dog is sold or delivered must sign a statement to that effect giving his name, address and the date of delivery or receipt of such dog.

Approved July 9, 1953.
