

MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 662

AMENDING CHAPTER 6.08, ANIMAL CONTROL,
BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 6.08.110
IN ITS ENTIRETY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California does ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Chapter 6.08, of the Mariposa County Code entitled, "Animal Control", Section 6.08.110, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"6.08.110 Impoundment--Disposition of Animals. Impounded dogs and other animals shall be kept at the pound, shelter, or other facility approved by the county and may be disposed of in the following manner:

A. Unlicensed, nonexempt dogs and other domestic animals will be kept for at least five days (120 hours), cats will be kept for three days (72 hours). Thereafter, they may be given to any person who will comply with this chapter or they will be destroyed in a humane manner. Persons taking unclaimed or stray animals from the control of the animal control officer shall pay to the county a fee in the amount of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), plus reasonable charges for licensing, rabies, inoculations and/or impoundment. Spaying and neutering of cats shall be in conformance with Agriculture Code Sections 31750 and 31751.

B. When a dog which is impounded bears a valid current license tag, said dog shall be kept ten (10) days after mailing notice of impoundment by certified mail at the owner's expense, to the licensed owner. The owner may reclaim said dog upon payment of a fee in the amount of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), plus the expenses resulting from impoundment and the mailing of notice. If the owner does not reclaim the dog within ten days from the date notice is mailed, the animal control officer may dispose of it in the manner described in subsection A of this section.

C. If an animal has bitten a person or there is reason to suspect that it is infected with rabies or other communicable diseases, to wit: "Q" fever, psittacosis, brucellosis, encephalitis, and others as may be designated by the State Department of Health from time to time, the health officer may impose a quarantine which will be carried out by the animal control officer. Charges for animals held in quarantine are the expenses resulting from the impoundment. If the animal proves to be infected with any of the above diseases, it will be disposed of as directed by the health officer.

D. The animal control officer shall have the discretion to allow an animal to be confined by a leash or chain on the

owner's premises on the condition that the animal be placed under the observation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner for a period of ten days.


E. Dogs, cats and other domestic animals and livestock brought to a county shelter for disposal by their owners, shall be euthanized provided that the owners sign a release and pay the fee specified in Section 6.08.130.

F. When any dog, cat, other domestic animal or livestock is impounded and reclaimed for a second time, an additional fee in the amount of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) shall be charged to reclaim such animal the second time; when any such animal is reclaimed three or more times, an additional fee in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged each time the animal is reclaimed commencing with the third time. All fees described herein shall be in addition to the basic impound and notice fees.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of final passage, pursuant to Government Code Section 25123.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 1986, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

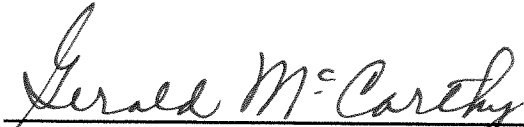
AYES:	BARRICK, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE



BEVERLY BARRICK, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



GERALD MC CARTHY, County Clerk and
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board



JEFFREY G. GREEN,
County Counsel