

# Ordinance No. 199

## AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF RABIES IN THE COUNTY, AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS.

The Board of Supervisors of Marin County do ordain as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, having an interest in, harboring, or having the care, charge, custody, or possession of a dog to allow or permit such dog to go on the public streets in any manner, or to go free and run at large in or upon any place outside of incorporated cities in the county, unless such dog has been vaccinated with canine rabies vaccine—one injection or other approved method—within a period of twelve (12) months, and is officially tagged as provided in section 2 hereof.

Sec. 2. Said vaccination shall be performed by the health officer, or any duly qualified and licensed physician or veterinarian. The persons vaccinating said dog shall issue certificates of vaccination on blanks furnished by the county. Every person owning, having custody or control of any dog so vaccinated shall present said certificate of vaccination to the health officer, who shall issue an official vaccination tag which shall be securely fastened to a collar, which collar must at all times be worn by such vaccinated dog. It shall be unlawful to attach an official vaccination tag to any dog unless the same has been duly vaccinated as herein provided.

Sec. 3. The sheriff and his deputies, and every constable and his deputies, and every poundkeeper, and also any person employed for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors must and are hereby authorized and empowered to capture any dog not vaccinated, as required by this ordinance, and which is found going free or running at large in or upon any place within the county, outside of incorporated cities, or such officer or person shall be authorized and empowered to kill and destroy such dog.

Sec. 4. Officers or persons capturing a dog under the provisions of section 3 may separately confine, in some safe place, such dog captured by them, and shall report the capture to the health officer, and shall submit such dog to the examination of the health officer, or his representative, and it shall be the duty of the health officer, when called upon, to examine or have examined such dog, and to ascertain whether or not such dog is affected with rabies.

Sec. 5. Whenever the owner or person having the custody or possession of the animal shall observe or learn that such animal shows symptoms of rabies, or acts in a manner which would lead to a reasonable suspicion that it may have rabies, such owner or persons having the custody or possession of such animal shall immediately notify the health officer or his representative to make an inspection or examination

of such animal until it shall be established to the satisfaction of said official that such animal has or has not rabies.

Sec. 6. Whenever it is shown that any dog has bitten any person, the owner or person having the custody or possession thereof shall, upon order of the health officer, quarantine it and keep it tied up confined for a period of three weeks, and shall allow the health officer or other official of the board of health to make an inspection or examination thereof at any time during such period.

Sec. 7. If it shall appear to the health officer or his representatives upon examination of the aforesaid or otherwise, that a dog or other animal has rabies, he shall kill and destroy such animal forthwith.

Sec. 8. Whenever any animal shall be bitten by another animal having rabies, the owner or person having the custody or possession of the animal so bitten shall, upon being informed thereof, either kill such animal or quarantine it, and keep it confined or tied up for a period of six months, and the health officer or his representative shall have power, in his discretion, to kill or quarantine the animal so bitten, in case the owner or person having custody or possession thereof shall fail to do so immediately, or in case the owner or person having the custody or possession thereof is not readily accessible.

Sec. 9. No person shall take a dog, or permit or encourage a dog to go from a city or town in which rabies exist, or has existed within six months previously, or from a place in the county within five miles of which rabies exists or has existed, within six months previously, to any county in which rabies does not exist, or has not been known to be present within six months.

Sec. 10. No person shall bring a dog into the county from a county in which rabies is present or has known to be present within six months.

Sec. 11. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25, or not more than \$200, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than 100 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 12. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and shall take effect immediately, and prior to the expiration of fifteen days thereof after the passage thereof shall be published one week in a newspaper of general circulation published in said county.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin, on the 16th day of January, 1928, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes, Supervisors Sweetser, Martinelli, Deysher, Gardner.

Noes, Supervisors none.

Absent, Supervisor Barr.

C. J. GARDNER,  
Chairman.

Attest:  
(Seal)

ROB E. GRAHAM,  
Clerk.

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