

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 13, 2001

ARTICLE 4: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will adopt the following provision: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a, which make it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such?"

Provided that this provision shall be voted on by ballot of the Town.

ELECTION RESULTS: 278 YES 91 NO Article 4 carries.

466:30-a Dog Control Law.

I. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such. For the purpose of this section, "accompanied" means that the owner or custodian must be able to see or hear, or both, or have reasonable knowledge of where the dog is hunting, herding, or where training is being conducted or where trials are being held. Nothing herein provided shall mean that the dog must be within sight at all times.

II. In this section, "at large" means off the premises of the owner or keeper and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog, unless accompanied by the owner or custodian.

III. Any authorized person may seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of this section and deliver said dog to a person or shelter authorized to board dogs. Such dogs shall be handled as strays or abandoned dogs pursuant to applicable laws.

IV. In addition to impounding a dog found at large or in violation of this section, any law enforcement officer may issue, in the name of the owner or keeper of such dog, a notice of violation. Such notice shall impose upon the owner or keeper of such a dog a forfeiture of \$10, which must be paid to the clerk of the town or city wherein such dog is owned or kept within 96 hours of the date and time notice is given, in full satisfaction of the assessed penalty. In the event such penalty is not paid to the town or city clerk within the time limitations specified, a summons shall be issued for appearance in district court or municipal court and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

V. The provisions of this section shall not be effective in any city or town unless adopted by a city or town pursuant to RSA 466:30-b.

HISTORY

Source. 1977, 379:1.

Effective date. 1977, 379:2, II, provided:
"RSA 466:30-a shall take effect as pro-

vided in RSA 466:30-b [which provides for adoption of the provisions of RSA 466:30-a by referendum]."

CROSS REFERENCES

Classification of crimes, see RSA 625:9.

Custody and disposition of unclaimed and abandoned animals, see RSA 437:18 et seq.
Sentences, see RSA 651.