

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN**

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown after a public hearing, duly advertised and posted, held on July 22, 2024.

**ORDINANCE NO. 420  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103 – DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS**

**Section 1.** The Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby ordains that Chapter 103 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Charlestown is amended as follows:

See Exhibit A for a full version of the proposed amendments.

Note: Words set as ~~strikeover~~ are to be **deleted** from the ordinance; words set in underline are to be **added** to the ordinance.

**Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to the Town of Charlestown's Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Attested To By:  
Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

Passed By Town Council On:  
July 22, 2024

**To be advertised in the Westerly Sun, in full: July 29, 2024**

## EXHIBIT A

### Article I - Restraint, Nuisances and Regulations

#### § 103-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms mean as indicated below:

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

The person employed by the town as its officer to enforce this chapter. The Animal Control Officer shall report both functionally and administratively to the Chief of Police. All full-time employees of the Police Department of said town by virtue of their office shall be Deputy Animal Control Officers. During the absence of the Animal Control Officer, ~~he~~ they may designate a substitute to act in ~~his~~ their place.

[Amended 1-13-1986 by Ch. 145]

#### **AT LARGE**

Any animal shall be deemed to be "at large" when he is off the property of his owner and not under control of a competent person.

#### **DOG POUND**

Any premises designated by action of the town for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals in violation of this chapter.

#### **EXPOSED TO RABIES**

An animal that has been bitten by or been exposed to any animal determined by competent authority to have been infected with rabies.

#### **KENNEL**

Any establishment engaged in breeding, buying, selling, training or boarding animals.

#### **OWNER**

Any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal.

#### **RESTRAINT**

An animal that is controlled or at heel beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the street or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

#### **SPAYED FEMALE**

Any bitch which has been operated upon by an ovarian hysterectomy to prevent conception.

#### **VETERINARIAN**

A veterinarian licensed to practice under the laws of Rhode Island.