

**Animals**

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*Section 1. Definitions.*

As used in this ordinance the following terms shall mean as indicated below:

**Abandoned animal:** An animal whose owner has voluntarily relinquished possession of it with the intention of terminating his ownership, but without vesting possession in any other person.

**Animal:** The term animal shall include, but not be limited to, all dogs, cats, raccoons, skunks, reptiles, and any other animal kept as a pet.

**Animal shelter:** Any animal shelter established or designated by the Town Board to care for, or legally dispose of impounded animals.

**At large:** Off the premises of the owner while not under the control of the owner or other person by leash, cord, chain, or other device of actual physical restraint or under the control of and accompanying the owner or other person who has the ability to control the animal by voice command. An animal, which has been trained to work, and is working shall not be considered to be at large.

**Licensed dog:** Any dog on which a tax has been assessed and paid and for which a license tag has been issued as required by state law.

**Non immunized animal:** Any animal to be immunized against rabies, and which has not been so immunized.

*Section 2. Animal Warden.*

The Town Board may appoint an animal warden, who shall have full authority to enforce and carry out the provisions of this ordinance.

*Section 3. Impoundment.*

Any animal may be captured and impounded by any peace officer or the animal warden if such animal:

- (a) Is found running at large within the Town of Chalmers;
- (b) Is a menace to persons or to other animals;
- (c) Is suffering or reasonably suspected to be suffering from an infectious or contagious disease, or is injured;
- (d) In the case of a dog, is not wearing a collar with license tag as required by law;
- (e) Causes destruction of private property; mutilation of trash or trash bags; molesting of flowers, shrubs, or gardens; or otherwise makes a serious nuisance or annoyance of itself;
- (f) Kills, or maims a leashed or caged, or otherwise restrained animal unless owner makes reasonable restitution;
- (g) Is kept in an unsanitary manner thereby causing odors which are annoying and disturbing to persons in the neighborhood;
- (h) Is treated by the owner in a cruel and inhumane manner;

Section 7. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and signing by the President of the Town Board of Trustees and the filing thereof in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Marcus King  
Marcus King, Council President

Doug Barnard  
Doug Barnard, Council Member

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Clark Gick, Council Member

Don Park  
Don Park, Council Member

Don Cserep  
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Attest:

Debra Clawson  
Debra Clawson, Clerk Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me on the 14 day of OCTOBER,  
2003, at the hour of 7:50, P. M.

Marcus King  
Marcus King, Council President