

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04

AN ORDINANCE OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER COUNTY,
PROHIBITING DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE, ESTABLISHING
PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL, REMOVAL AND/OR
TRANSPORTATION OF DOGS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION.

The Board of Supervisors of Conestoga Township hereby ordains:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

OWNER - Any person having a right of property in any dog, or having custody of any dog, or any person who harbors or permits a dog to remain on or around his or her property.

RUNNING AT LARGE - Being upon any public highway, street, alley, park, or any other public land, or upon property of another person other than the owner, and not being accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.

Section 2. Dogs Running at Large. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog(s) to allow or permit such dog(s) to run at large in Conestoga Township.

Section 3. Seizing of Dogs. Any police officer may seize and detain any dog found running at large in Conestoga Township. Such dogs are to be impounded in a licensed kennel.

Section 4. Licensed Dogs. The Chief of Police or his agents shall notify the owner of a licensed dog by personal service or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to the last known address set forth in the license application record to claim the dog within five (5) days after receipt thereof. The owner or claimant of a dog so detained shall pay a penalty of \$50.00 to Conestoga Township and all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of its detention to the detaining parties before the dog is returned. If five (5) days after obtaining the postal return receipt the dog has not been claimed, the dog may be sold or dispensed with in accordance with the Dog Law of 1982, as may be amended.

Section 5. Unlicensed Dogs. Unlicensed dogs shall be held in a licensed kennel for 48 hours, not including days the kennel is not open to the general public. The owner or claimant of a dog so detained shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of its detention to the detaining parties before the dog is released. If unclaimed, the dog may be dispensed with in accordance with the Dog Law of 1982, as may be amended. In no event shall any dog required to be licensed by law

be released from detention and impoundment until it has been licensed.

Section 6. Threatening Dogs. Any police officer may humanely kill any dog which is found running at large and is deemed after due consideration by the police officer to constitute a threat to the public health and welfare.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

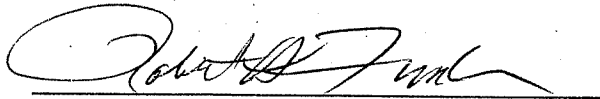
Section 8. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Conestoga Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on 9/3/2013.

CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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