

## **CASCADE TOWNSHIP DOG ORDINANCE #1990-1**

In March 1990, Cascade Town Board Supervisors initiated a special Dog Ordinance (#1990-1) governing dogs owned or harbored by residents &/or homeowners of Cascade Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota. This ordinance was the result of public request and complaints by Cascade Township residents as well as requests by the Olmsted County Sheriff Office and Olmsted County Public Health Department. As per law, this ordinance was presented for Public Hearing on September 5, 1989 and adopted into effect in March of 1990.

The Cascade Township Dog Ordinance #1990-1 is listed in its entirety below along with an addendum concerning the Cascade Township Noise Ordinance #1982-1 added on May 6, 1991. Official copies of these ordinances are on file at the Olmsted County Courthouse.

### **STATE OF MINNESOTA**

### **COUNTY OF OLMSTED**

### **TOWN OF CASCADE**

### **ORDINANCE**

#### **THE TOWN OF CASCADE ORDAINS:**

An ordinance for the restraint and licensing of dogs in Cascade Township, effective as of March 1, 1990. Under authority provided in Minnesota Statutes Sections 368.01 and 366.01, Subd.2 it is hereby ordained by the Town of Cascade, Olmsted County, Minnesota, that:

#### **Section 1. Definitions**

**a. "At large."** Any dog shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under the control of a competent person.

**b. "Restraint."** a dog is under restraint within the meaning of this ordinance; if it is controlled by a leash, under control of a competent person, or such other property owner who has consented to its presence, on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the street, or within the property limits of its owner or keeper.

#### **Section 2A. Restraint of Dogs.**

In all areas of Cascade Township the owner of any dog shall keep his or her dog under restraint at all times and shall not permit such dog to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, unless under the control of a competent person.

#### **Section 3.1A. License Required.**

All dogs kept, harbored or maintained by their owners in the Township of Cascade shall be licensed and registered if over six months of age. Dog licenses shall be issued by the Clerk upon payment of an annual license fee of \$5.00 for each male or female and upon receipt by the Clerk of a certificate from a qualified veterinarian showing that the dog to be licensed has been given a vaccination against rabies in compliance with Olmsted County Public Health Regulation #36. Such license shall be for the whole or unexpired portion of the period of the duration of such vaccination. Licenses shall be renewable thereafter for the period of the duration of such vaccination. The Clerk shall cause a notice of the necessity of obtaining dog licenses and registration to be published in the official township newspaper one time prior to March 1 of each year. This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of the publication the enacted ordinance.

#### **Section 3.1B. Tag and Collar**

Upon payment of the license fee, the Clerk shall provide and furnish for each licensed dog, a metallic tag upon which there shall be stamped or engraved the registered number of the dog, the word "Cascade" and the year licensed. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate or new tag will be issued by the Clerk upon proof that such dog was licensed, and the payment of 50 cents for such duplicate. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee because of death or the dog or the owners leaving the Township before expiration of the license.

#### **Section 4.**

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding the maximum limit established by Minnesota Statutes for the punishment of misdemeanors or imprisonment in the Olmsted County Jail for a period of 90 days. Each day's violation shall be a separate offense.

**CASCADE TOWNSHIP DOG ORDINANCE #1990-1 (cont.)**

**Section 5.**

The costs incurred by the Town of Cascade in prosecuting violations of this ordinance shall also be added to the sentence of any person deemed guilty of this ordinance.

Passed and Approved This 5 day of February, 1990.

**ADDENDUM:**

**CASCADE TOWNSHIP NOISE ORDINANCE** (as it pertains to the Dog Ordinance).

No person shall keep or harbor an animal that habitually barks and/or cries that disturbs the comfort or repose of persons in the vicinity by its frequent or continual noise or otherwise constitutes a nuisance.

**CASCADE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL LICENSING CENTER:**

**NORTHERN VALLEY VETERINARIAN CLINIC**

**1903 EAST CIRCLE DRIVE (east of Shopko North)**

**Rochester, MN (507)282-0867**

This center is able to provide immunization for your dog at an additional fee.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN INTEREST OF THE SAFETY OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**