

**6. RELEASE FROM IMPOUNDMENT**

The owner or keeper of any impounded animal may obtain the release of such animal by appearing before the person in control of impounding within 10 days of receiving notice of such impounding and satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) Compliance with all licensing requirements of the State of Maine and Town of Chelsea.
- (b) Payment to the Town Treasurer of impoundment fee of \$25.00.

**7. DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS**

Upon the expiration of the 10 day period and such animal has not been reclaimed by its owner or keeper, the animal may be humanely destroyed or placed in the custody of some person deemed to be a responsible and suitable owner, who will agree to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

The person having control of impounding shall keep a record of the disposition made of each animal placed in his control. Such record shall include the manner of disposing of such animal and, if such animal is transferred to another person, the name and address of the transferee. In addition, the transferee shall sign a statement giving his name, address and the date of delivery or receipt of the animal.

**8. PENALTIES**

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance shall be punished by a "court imposed fine" of not less than \$75.00, nor more than \$400.00 plus reasonable attorney s fees and costs incurred by the Town of Chelsea, Maine, recoverable in a civil action in Maine District Court. The Town Of Chelsea or any appropriate officer may institute proceedings to enjoin violations of this Ordinance. Any fines imposed under this Ordinance shall revert to the Town of Chelsea.

9. This ordinance replaces any other ordinance, which may be in force at the present time.

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