

CHAPTER 7

ANIMALS AND FOWL

Recommended Amendments to the Santa
Barbara County Code



Overview of Recommendations

- General clean-up and updating language to current terms
 - Animal Shelter vs. pound
 - Euthanasia vs. destruction
- Add definitions
- Eliminate language for a committee deleted by the Board of Supervisors in 1982
- Clarify rabies quarantine requirements
- Poop scoop law added

Dangerous Dogs retitled to Vicious and Restricted Dogs

- New definitions:
 - Restricted dogs
 - Behavior requiring defensive action by a person
 - Bites a person resulting in less than “severe” injury
 - Injures or kills domestic pet or livestock
 - Vicious dogs
 - Trained to engage in exhibitions of fighting
 - Inflicts severe injury or kills a person
 - Continued behavior that resulted in “restricted” designation

Hearing Results

Restricted Dogs

- Hearing officer discretion on restrictions for dogs that have not inflicted severe injury to a person
- Licensed, microchipped, spayed/neutered and vaccinated

Vicious Dogs

- Euthanasia if threat to public safety
- Only other option is lifetime sanctuary

Conclusion

- Ordinance revisions will help to continue to promote responsible pet ownership
 - Scoop that Poop!
- Public Safety will be taken into consideration as Vicious Dog article is implemented
- Administrative guidelines will be developed for Hearing Officers
- Recommendations conform to current CA law and trends in animal care and control programs

- Questions?
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