

**Town of Ashland
Local Law #2 of 2021
Dog Control**

SECTION 1 - This Local Law shall be known as the Town of Ashland “Dog Control Local Law”

SECTION 2 - It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person harboring any dog or dogs in the Town of Ashland to permit or allow such dog to:

- A. Run at large unless said dog is restrained by an adequate collar and leash or unless accompanied by its owner or a responsible person able to control the animal. For the purpose of this Local Law, a dog or dogs hunting in the company with a hunter or hunters shall be considered as accompanied by its owner.
- B. Engaged in habitual loud howling of barking or to conduct itself in such a manner so as to habitually annoy any person other than the owner or person harboring such dog. For the purpose of the Local Law, a dog or dogs engaged in the work of livestock guardians shall be exempt from this restriction while in the performance of their work.
- C. Cause damage or destruction to property or commit a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than the owner or person harboring such dog.
- D. Chase or otherwise harass any person in such manner as reasonable to cause intimidation or to put such person in reasonable apprehension of bodily harm of injury.
- E. Habitually chase or bark at motor vehicles.

SECTION 3 - It shall be unlawful for the owner or person harboring any female dog to permit such dog to run at large when in heat and such dog shall be confined to the premises of such person during such period.

SECTION 4 - Any un-licensed or untagged dog found to be running at large in violation of Section 114 of the Agriculture and Markets Law shall be seized and such dog shall be properly fed and cared for until disposed of as provided by said Section 114.

SECTION 5 - A Dog Control officer, to be designated by the Town Board, as provided by Section 119 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, may enforce the provisions of this Local Law and may also investigate and report to a Justice of the Town of Ashland any dangerous dogs, as described in Section 116 of the Agriculture Law, and see that the order or orders of the Town Justice in such case are carried out.

SECTION 6 - Any person who observes a dog causing damage or destruction to property of a person other than its owner, or committing a nuisance upon the premises of a person other than its owner, may file a signed complaint, under oath, with a Justice of the Town of Ashland specifying the objectionable conduct of the dog, the date thereof, the damage caused, a description of the dog and the name and residence if known of the owner or other person harboring said dog.

SECTION 7 -

Upon receipt of the Town Justice of any complaint against the conduct of any particular dog, the Justice may summon the alleged owner, or other person harboring said dog, to appear in person before him. If the summons is disregarded, the Justice may permit the filing of any information and issue a warrant for the arrest of such person.

SECTION 8 -

The Ashland Town Justices shall be empowered to use their discretion in ordering an owner or harboring of dogs, that have been found in violation of any section of this ordinance more than once, to confine said dogs in a manner that will prevent future violations.

SECTION 9 -

A violation of this Local Law shall be deemed an offense against the Ordinance and any person convicted of a violation after investigation and hearing shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each violation.

SECTION 10 -

The Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of the State of New York.