



**Town of Pittsfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall, 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263**

Dog Ordinance

Words and Phrases Defined:

Compact Area of the Town: Shall be any area where dwellings are located less than 500 feet apart.

Dog: Shall be intended to mean both male and female.

Owner: Shall be intended to mean any person, group, association, firm, corporation or organization, maintaining, keeping, harboring or owning a dog.

Running at Large: Shall be intended to mean without the premises, residence or property of the owner and not under the control of a responsible individual.

Licensing. All dogs over three(3) months of age within the Town of Pittsfield shall be licensed and collared in accordance with RSA 466:1 on or before April 1st of each year.

Running at Large: In addition, effective May 9th, 1975, no dog shall be permitted to run at large within the compact area of the Town of Pittsfield.

Impounded Dogs:

Any properly licensed dog found running at large without the premises, residence or property of the owner, and within the compact area of the Town, shall be impounded by the Pittsfield Police Department. The Police Department shall promptly notify the owner of such dog and how the owner may reclaim the dog. Impounded dogs not claimed by the owners within seventy-two(72) hours after notification, may be disposed of by the Town.

Claiming Impounded Dog: Any owner claiming an impounded dog shall pay to the Town of Pittsfield a fee of \$5.00, plus \$2.00 for each day the dog has been impounded.

Any dog found running at large that is not properly licensed, will be impounded as above and a notice posted on the Town Hall bulletin board, giving the description of said dog and how the owner may reclaim the dog. Any dog not claimed within seventy two(72) hours may be disposed of by the Town.

An owner reclaiming a dog not properly licensed, in accordance with RSA 466:1, shall be issued a summons therefore to appear in Pittsfield District Court; and, further, shall pay to the Town, the impounding fee of \$10.00, plus \$5.00 for each day the dog has been impounded.