

By Mr. Pierce of Westfield, petition of Steven D. Pierce relative to adopting dogs. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADOPTING DOGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
2 section 3 of chapter 289 of the acts of 1976, is hereby amended by
3 striking out section 153 and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 Section 153. In the several cities and towns of the several coun-
6 ties, except Suffolk county, such warrant may be in the following
7 form: —

8 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

9 (Seal)

10 _____, ss.

11 To _____, constable of the city (or town) of _____.

12 In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
13 hereby required to proceed forthwith to seek out, catch and confine
14 all dogs within said city (or town) not duly licensed, collared or
15 harnessed, and tagged, according to the provisions of chapter one
16 hundred and forty of the General Laws, and you are further
17 required to make and enter complaint against the owner or keeper
18 of every such dog, and to kill or cause to be killed each such dog
19 which, after being being detained for a period of ten days, shall not
20 then have been duly licensed, collared or harnessed, and tagged,
21 unless delivery of such dog to an institution licensed under chapter
22 forty-nine A of the General Laws shall be required under the
23 provisions of section three of said chapter forty-nine A; except that
24 any dog not found to be diseased may be sold for not less than three

25 dollars and you shall keep an account of any such sale and forth-
26 with pay over the money to the town treasurer.

27 Before delivery of any dog so sold you shall require the purchas-
28 er to register and procure a license and tag for such dog from the
29 town clerk of the town where the dog is to be kept, in accordance
30 with the provisions of section one hundred and thirty-seven of
31 chapter one hundred and forty of the General Laws, and a deposit
32 of twenty-five dollars shall be paid for any unspayed or unneutered
33 dog and shall be turned over to the city or town treasurer to be
34 placed in a special fund and to be refunded to the pet owner upon
35 proof of spaying or neutering of said dog which proof must be
36 certified by the veterinarian who performed the operation.

37 Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your
38 doings therein, on or before the first day of October next, on or
39 before the first day of January next, and on or before the first day
40 of April next, and at the expiration of your term of office, stating
41 the number of dogs caught confined and/or killed, delivered to an
42 institution licensed under chapter forty-nine A of the General
43 Laws, or sold and the names of the owners or keepers thereof, and
44 whether all unlicensed dogs in said city (or town) have been caught,
45 confined and/or killed, delivered to an institution licensed under
46 said chapter forty-nine A, or sold and the names of persons against
47 whom complaints have been made under the provisions of said
48 chapter one hundred and forty, and whether complaints have been
49 made and entered against all the persons who have failed to comply
50 with the provisions of said chapter one hundred and forty.

51 Given under my hand and seal at _____
52 aforesaid the _____ day of _____ in the year nineteen
53 hundred and _____.

54 _____ Mayor of (or Chairman of the Selectmen of)

55 In the cities and towns of Suffolk county such warrant may be in
56 the following form: —

57 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

58 (Seal)

59 _____, ss.

60 To _____, constable of the city (or town) of _____.

61 In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are
62 hereby required to proceed forthwith to seek out, catch and confine
63 all dogs within said city (or town) not duly licensed, collared or
64 harnessed, and tagged, according to the provisions of chapter one
65 hundred and forty of the General Laws, and you are further
66 required to make and enter complaint against the owner or keeper
67 of every such dog, and to kill or cause to be killed each such dog
68 which, after being detained for a period of seven days, shall not
69 then have been duly licensed, collared or harnessed, and tagged,
70 unless delivery of such dog to an institution licensed under chapter
71 forty-nine A of the General Laws shall be required under the
72 provisions of section three of said chapter forty-nine A; except that
73 any dog not found to be diseased may be sold for not less than three
74 dollars and you shall keep an account of any such sale and forth-
75 with pay over the money to the town treasurer.

76 Before delivery of any dog so sold you shall require the purchas-
77 er to register and procure a license and tag for such dog from the
78 town clerk of the town where the dog is to be kept, in accordance
79 with the provisions of section one hundred and thirty-seven of
80 chapter one hundred and forty of the General Laws, and a deposit
81 of twenty-five dollars shall be paid for any unspayed or unneutered
82 dog and shall be turned over to the city or town treasurer to be
83 placed in a special fund and to be refunded to the pet owner upon
84 proof of spaying or neutering of said dog, which proof must be
85 certified by the veterinarian who performed the operation.

86 Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your
87 doings therein, on or before the first day of October next, on or
88 before the first day of January next, and on or before the first day
89 of April next, and at the expiration of your term of office, stating
90 the number of dogs caught, confined and/ or killed, delivered to an
91 institution licensed under chapter forty-nine A of the General
92 Laws, or sold and the names of the owners or keepers thereof, and
93 whether all unlicensed dogs in said city (or town) have been caught,
94 confined and/ or killed, delivered to an institution licensed under
95 said chapter forty-nine A, or sold and the names of persons against
96 whom complaints have been made under the provisions of said
97 chapter one hundred and forty, and whether complaints have been
98 made and entered against all the persons who have failed to comply

99 with the provisions of said chapter one hundred and forty.
100 Given under my hand and seal at _____
101 aforesaid the _____ day of _____ in the year nineteen
102 hundred and _____.

Mayor of (or Chairman of the Selectmen of)