MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 566

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS
6.08.110 AND 6.08.130 OF CHAPTER 6.08
ENTITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL" OF THE MARIPOSA
COUNTY CODE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I: Section 6.08.110 of the Mariposa County Code is amended to read as follows:

6.08.110 Impoundment--Disposition of animals. Impounded dogs and other animals shall be kept at the pound, shelter, or other facility approved by the county and may be disposed of in the following manner:

A. Unlicensed, nonexempt dogs and other domestic animals will be kept for at least five days (120 hours), cats will be kept for three days (72 hours). Thereafter, they may be given to any person who will comply with this chapter or they will be destroyed in a humane manner. Persons taking unclaimed or stray animals from the control of the animal control officer shall pay to the County a fee in an amount to be set by resolution of the Board of Supervisors which fee shall constitute charges for licensing, rabies, inoculations and/or impoundment. Spaying and neutering of cats shall be in conformance with Agriculture Code Sections 31750 and 31751.

B. A dog, cat, or other domestic animal, whose owner can be identified and which is impounded, will be kept ten days

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after mailing notice of impoundment by certified mail to its owner. The owner may reclaim it upon payment of expenses resulting from the impoundment. If the owner does not reclaim the dog, cat or other domestic animal in that time, the animal control officer may dispose of it as described in subsection A of this section. The animal control officer, or those with whom the board has contracted, may dispose of domestic animals whose owner cannot be identified in the same manner after five days.

C. If an animal has bitten a person or there is reason to suspect that it is infected with rabies or other communicable diseases, to wit: "Q" fever, psittacosis, brucellosis, encephalitis, and others as may be designated by the State Department of Health from time to time, the health officer may impose a quarantine which will be carried out by the animal control officer. Charges for animals held in quarantine are the expense resulting from the impoundment. If the animal proves to be infected with rabies, it will be disposed of as directed by the health officer.

D. The animal control officer shall have the discretion to allow an animal to be confined by a leash or chain on the owner's premises on the condition that the animal be placed under the observation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner for a period of ten days.

E. Dogs, cats and other domestic animals and livestock brought to a county shelter for disposal by their owners, shall be euthanized provided that the owners sign a release and pay the fee specified in Section 6.08.130.
SECTION II: Section 6.08.130 of the Mariposa County Code is amended to read as follows:

6.08.130 Pound--Fee required when. The pound, Mariposa County S.P.C.A. animal shelter, or any other shelter facility approved by the county, should the county not operate and maintain such pound or shelter, or such pound or shelter which the county may contract with pursuant to Section 6.08.140, will receive dogs, cats, other domestic animals and livestock when they are brought by their owners for disposal, provided the owners presenting them for euthanasia and disposal shall be charged and pay the prevailing veterinarian's fee.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall take effect THIRTY (30) DAYS after the date of final enactment pursuant to Government Code Section 25123.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 18th day of August, 1981, by the following vote:

AYES: Moffitt, Erickson, Dalton, Barrick

NAYS: Taber

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

WILLIAM H. MOFFITT, Chairman
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

RICHARD K. DENHALTER
County Counsel