AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF RABIES; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION OF DOGS FOR RABIES; RESTRICTING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDING AND EXTERMINATION OF CERTAIN DOGS; DECLARING VIOLATIONS THEREOF MISDEMEANORS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.

Every person, firm, association or corporation which owns, controls, harbors, or has possession of a dog in the County of Mariposa, shall forswear cause each such dog so owned, controlled, harbored or in possession, to be vaccinated against rabies, and shall within ten (10) days thereafter register such dog and the fact of vaccination thereof with the Sanitarian of the County of Mariposa. Annually thereafter every person, firm, association or corporation which owns, controls, harbors, or has in its possession a dog shall cause said dog to be re-vaccinated and re-registered with the Sanitarian of the County of Mariposa as aforesaid. The Sanitarian of the County of Mariposa shall issue or cause to be issued at the time of registration as aforesaid a metal tag showing such registration and vaccination, and shall keep a permanent record of all dogs so registered and vaccinated in the County of Mariposa. The metal tags issued by the said Sanitarian shall be affixed and remain continuously affixed to a collar upon each dog so vaccinated and registered. In the event said metal tag should be lost, the Sanitarian of the County of Mariposa shall issue a duplicate or substitute tag upon receiving a fee to cover the actual cost thereof.

SECTION 2.

Every dog in the County of Mariposa which is found without a current vaccination and registration tag affixed to its collar may be impounded in a place to be designated by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa or the Sanitarian.
of the County of Mariposa until said dog is either destroyed or vaccinated and reclaimed by the owner thereof or other person as hereinafter provided. Every dog so impounded may be destroyed after being impounded for seventy-two (72) hours. The person, firm, association or corporation which owns, controls, or is entitled to the possession of any dog so impounded may reclaim said dog by procuring a vaccination for rabies for said dog, by registering said dog with the Sanitarian of the County of Mariposa, and by paying the actual cost of the impoundment and vaccination of said dog.

SECTION 3.

Every person, firm, association or corporation which violates the foregoing provisions of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Fifty and no/100 Dollars ($50.00) or by imprisonment in the Mariposa County Jail not exceeding ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4.

No person, firm, association or corporation which owns, controls, harbors or has possession of a dog shall intentionally or negligently suffer, allow, or permit such dog to run, or be, or remain at large upon the real property of any other person, firm, association or corporation in the County of Mariposa without the prior written consent of said person, firm, association or corporation.

SECTION 5.

Every person, firm, association, or corporation who violates the provisions of Section 4 of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars ($500.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail not exceeding six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
SECTION 6.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa hereby find that the entire County of Mariposa is a rabies endemic area. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage as an emergency measure for the protection of the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Mariposa.

SECTION 7.

If any section, sub-section, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance irrespective of the validity of any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses or phrases thereof declared unconstitutional.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, at a regular session of said Board held on the 10th day of April, 1957, by the following vote:

AYES: McGregor, Miller, McCay, Ellis, Conrad.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

[Signature]
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Mariposa, State of California.

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