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 - 2-103 – SAME-IMPOUNDMENT – Police officer shall take up and impound every dog or cat found running at large, whether licensed or unlicensed, and shall do so without making or requiring a complaint therefore, and shall, after compliance with 2-104, place or dispose of said animal in accordance with the provisions set forth in 2-106, 2-107, and/or 2-109.
 - 2-104 – SAME-ASCERTAINING OWNERSHIP – Upon the impounding of any licensed dog or cat pursuant to the foregoing section, the Town of Moorcroft and the Moorcroft Police Department and personnel thereof shall exert reasonable efforts to ascertain the ownership of each dog or cat so impounded. The owner, if known and ascertained, shall be notified by telephone, or in person, or be a writing mailed to the last known Moorcroft address of such owner, that the dog or cat has been impounded; such notice shall contain a general description of the dog or cat and the date of impounding. If the proper personnel are unable to ascertain and to so notify the owner, the dog or cat shall be placed or disposed of pursuant to the provisions set forth in 2-103, 2-107, and/or 2-109.

2-105 – SAME-ENFORCEMENT-ENTRY ON PRIVATE PREMISES – In the enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance, any Animal Warden or Police Officer, is authorized to enter the premises of any person and take possession of licensed or unlicensed dogs or cats when in fresh pursuit of such dog or cat at the time the dog or cat goes upon private property.

2-106 – RECLAIMING OR REDEMPTION – Only the owner may reclaim or redeem an impounded dog or cat after the impounding. No unlicensed dog or cat may be reclaimed or redeemed by anyone until after the person reclaiming or redeeming such dog or cat shall have paid the requisite license fee and complied with all other ordinances of the Town of Moorcroft relating to vaccination and licensing of dogs and cats. Dog or cats impounded pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance can only be reclaimed or redeemed upon the person reclaiming or redeeming such dogs or cats paying the Town its costs and charges incurred in the enforcement of this ordinance. Provided however, that at the impounding officer's discretion, the person claiming or redeeming said animal may be given limited custody no to exceed five (5) days of said animal for the purpose of complying with the provisions set forth under this Title. The officer may further require the person redeeming or claiming sad animal to sign an affidavit setting forth the conditions outlined before taking custody of said animal.

2-107 – DESTRUCTION – Any cat or dog running at large without a tag will be deemed a nuisance and destroyed or disposed of in a reasonable manner by the Chief of Police, or his representative pursuant to the provisions in 2-103, 2-104, 2-106 and/or 2-109.

2-108 – DEPRIVING OF COLLAR, LICENSE OR TAG – It is unlawful for any person other than the owner of a dog or cat who has legal title thereto, or other than a police officer or Animal Warden in the performance of his duty, to deprave a dog or cat of its collar or license, or tag.

2-109 – LICENSING REQUIRED – All dogs or cats, kept, harbored or maintained by their owners in the Town of Moorcroft, Wyoming, shall be licensed and registered if over three (3) months of age. Dog and cat licenses shall be issued by the Town Clerk upon the payment of license. License Tax to be set by the Mayor and Town Council by special ordinance. Application shall be made of a form prepared by the Town Clerk and shall state the name, address of the applicant, the name, breed, color and sex of each dog or cat owned or kept by him. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to apply to dogs or cats brought into the city for the purpose of participating in any dog or cat show, nor to "seeing eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons when such dogs are actually being used by blind persons for the purpose of aiding said person in going from place to place.

2-110 – PAYMENT OF FEE-DUTIES OF CLERK – Upon payment of the license fee, the Clerk shall issue to the owner a license certificate and a metallic tag for each dog or cat so licensed. The shape of the tag shall be changed every year and shall have stamped thereon the year for which it was issued and number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog or cat with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag are constantly worn. In case a dog or cat tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Clerk upon presentation of a receipt showing the payment the license fee for the current year and the payment of one dollar (\$1.00) fee for such duplicate. Dog or cat tags shall not be transferable from one dog or cat to another

and no refunds shall be made on any dog or cat license fee because of death of the dog or cat or the owner's leaving the Town before expiration of the license period.

2-111 – RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE PREREQUISITE TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE – As a part of the application for a dog or cat license, the person making such application must, before a license shall be issued, exhibit to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian that the dog or cat for which the license is to be issued has been vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine immunizing the said dog or cat against rabies for a period equal in time to, or in excess of, the term of the license applied for.

2-112 – DISPLAY OF TAG – Every owner or harbinger of a dog or cat shall attach the tag evidencing the licensing and inoculation thereof to the collar or harness of the licensed dog or cat and such collar or harness shall be worn by such dog or cat at all times. The license therefore shall be retained by the owner or harbinger of the licensed dog or cat for inspections by any member of the police department or other authorized official, at any time.

2-113 – MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION-HYDROPHOBIA-CONFINING DOGS TO PREMISES – Whenever it becomes necessary to safeguard the public from the dangers of hydrophobia, the Mayor, if he deems it necessary, shall issue a proclamation ordering every person owning or keeping a dog to confine it securely on his premises unless such dog shall have a muzzle of sufficient strength to prevent its biting any person. Any unmuzzled dog running at large during the time of the proclamation shall be seized and impounded, unless noticeably infected with rabies. All dogs so noticeably infected with rabies and displaying vicious propensities shall be killed by the Animal Warden without notice to the owner.

2-114 – VICIOUS ANIMALS-PRESUMPTION OF KNOWLEDGE BY OWNER-SEE ORDINANCE 10-2000

2-115 – UNLAWFULL TO ALLOW DOG TO CHASE-SEE ORDINANCE 4-1980

2-116 – MOLESTATION OF CONFINED ANIMALS-PENALTIES – Any animals confined by a fence, leash, rope, chain or other enclosure within the boundaries of the premises of the owner of the animal, shall be safe from annoyance and molestation. Any person, other than the owner of the animal, who shall in any manner annoy, molest or disturb an animal so confined, or who shall open any gate or other opening in a fence or other enclosure within which the animal is confined, or in any manner disturb any enclosure, is guilty of a violation of this Chapter, and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one dollar (\$1.00) and not more than two-hundred dollars (\$200.00); provided, however, that the portion of this section prohibiting persons other than the owner from opening gates and fences, the opening of which is necessary to gain access to the premises, shall not apply to persons authorized to enter such premises, as for the purpose of delivery merchandise ordered by such owner to be delivered, or of reading any meter placed upon the premises for the purpose of measuring merchandise already consumed by such owner.

2-117 – MOLESTATION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS-PENALTIES – It is unlawful for any person to annoy, molest or disturb any animal confined in the Town Shelter or to open any gate or other opening in a fence or other enclosure within which the animal is confined or in any

manner to disturb any enclosure operated by the Town to contain and confine animals under the provisions of this ordinance.

2-118 – KENNEL LICENSE-SEE ORDINANCE 13-2003

2-119 – PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION – Any owner found violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs for such offense, such fine to be in addition to any shelter fees or other expenses chargeable to the owner.