

CHAPTER 346

ANIMALS; ESTRAYS, DAMAGE, CRUELTY

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346.50 DOGS; IDENTIFICATION.

An owner or custodian of a dog who permits the dog to be uncontrolled off the owner's or custodian's premises shall have the dog identified in one of the following ways:

(1) by a device, tag, or plate attached to the dog by a collar, harness, or device giving the name, address, and telephone number of the current owner;

(2) by an electronically activated identification device within or attached to the body of the dog through which the owner can be promptly identified;

(3) by a number legibly tattooed on the thigh, abdomen, or ear of the dog through which the owner can be promptly identified using information from official dog registries, city or county registries, veterinary hospital registries, or driver's license records;

(4) by an official license tag of a city or county through which the owner can be promptly identified; or

(5) by a current rabies vaccination tag or other identification device of a city, a county, or a veterinarian through which the owner can be promptly identified.

History: 1985 c 294 s 1

346.51 BITES.

An owner or custodian of a dog which does not have an appropriate anti-rabies vaccination and which bites or otherwise exposes a person to rabies virus may be penalized under section 346.53.

History: 1985 c 294 s 2

346.52 LOCAL PROGRAMS.

Sections 346.50 to 346.54 do not prohibit or restrict a local governmental unit from imposing an identification or rabies control program with more restrictive provisions or prohibiting dogs from running uncontrolled.

History: 1985 c 294 s 3

346.53 PENALTIES.

Violation of sections 346.50 and 346.51 is a petty misdemeanor.

History: 1985 c 294 s 4

346.54 NOTIFICATION OF OWNERS.

Animal shelter personnel who receive animals shall check for identification on each animal, identify the owner by the identification whenever possible, and promptly notify the owner of the location of the animal by the most expedient means.

History: 1985 c 294 s 5