

## Town of Woodstock Dog Ordinance Summary

**Adopted: August 15, 2017**

**Effective: October 14, 2017**

The Select Board approved a revised ordinance entitled Town of Woodstock, Ordinance Regulating Dogs and Wolf Hybrids.

The following is a summary of the ordinance.

**Section 1. Authority to enact:**

**Section 2. Purpose:**

**Section 3. Definitions:**

**Section 4. Nuisances**

Describes nuisances that are subject to enforcement.

New ordinance version has a fine for failure to clean up after a dog that defecates on public property, or property not owned by dog's keeper.

New ordinance establishes 60 minutes of continuous barking between 7:00AM and 8:00PM and 30 minutes continual barking 8:01PM to 6:59AM to be a nuisance. Existing ordinance does not specify time limits for barking to be a nuisance.

**Section 5. Collar and License**

Requires all dogs to wear a license and a collar, or be subject to impoundment and fines.

**Section 6. Enforcement**

Violations are a civil matter.

**Section 7. Penalties and Costs**

Establishes penalties and waiver fees

**Section 8. Impoundment**

Establishes violations of this ordinance that can lead to impoundment.

**Section 9. Investigation of Vicious Dogs**

Requires Select Board to hold a hearing on a complaint of a dog biting a person.

**Section 10. Other Laws**

Other state laws apply.

Other local laws that regulate dogs and wolf hybrids are repealed when this ordinance becomes effective.

**Section 11. Severability**

Any section of this ordinance found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall not invalidate remainder of ordinance.

**Section 12. Effective Date**

Ordinance becomes effective on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, unless an appeal is filed according to the laws of the State of Vermont prior to September 29, 2017.

A full copy of the ordinance can be found on the website at [www.townofwoodstock.org](http://www.townofwoodstock.org) , or available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office in the Woodstock Town Hall. To request a hard copy, please contact Lynn Beach at (802) 457 - 3456.