

Maricopa County – Ordinance P-13, Rabies/Animal Control, Section 7

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SECTION 7. DOGS NOT PERMITTED AT LARGE, WEARING LICENSES

- a. Within the unincorporated areas of Maricopa County, no dog shall be permitted at large. Each dog shall be confined within an enclosure on the owner's property, or secured so that the dog is confined entirely to the owner's property, or on a leash not to exceed six feet in length and directly under the owner's control when not on the owner's property.
- b. Any dog over the age of four months on or off the premises of owner and not under control of the owner or other persons acting for the owner, or any dog not in a suitable enclosure which actually confines the dog, shall wear a collar or harness to which is attached a valid license tag. Dogs used for control of livestock or while being used or trained for hunting or dogs while being exhibited or trained at a kennel club event or dogs while engaged in races approved by the Arizona Racing Commission, and such dogs while being transported to and from such events, need not wear a collar or harness with a valid license attached provided that they are properly vaccinated, licensed and controlled.
- c. If any dog is at large on the public streets, public parks or public property, then said dog's owner or custodian is in violation of this ordinance.
- d. Any person whose dog is at large is in violation of this ordinance. A dog is not at large,
 1. If said dog is restrained by a leash, chain, rope, or cord of not more than six (6) feet in length and of sufficient strength to control action of said dog.
 2. If said dog is used for control of livestock or while being used or trained for hunting or being exhibited or trained at a kennel club event or while engaged in races approved by the Arizona Racing Commission.
 3. While said dog is actively engaged in dog obedience training, accompanied by and under the control of his owner or trainer, provided that the person training said dog has in his possession a dog leash of not more than six feet in length and of sufficient strength to control said dog, and, further, that said dog is actually enrolled in or has graduated from a dog obedience training school.
 4. If said dog whether on or off the premises of the owner, or person acting for the owner, is controlled as provided in regulation 7(D)(l) of this ordinance, or is within a suitable enclosure which actually confines the dog.
- e. Any dog at large shall be apprehended and impounded by a County Enforcement Agent.
 1. Said agent shall have the right to enter upon private property when it be necessary to do so in order to apprehend any dog that has been running at large. Such entrance upon private property shall be in reasonable pursuit of such dog and shall not include entry into a domicile or enclosure which confines a dog unless it be at the invitation of the occupant.
 2. Said agent may issue a citation(s) to the dog owner or person acting for the owner when the dog is at large. The procedure of the issuance of notice to appear shall be as provided for peace officers in ARS, Section 13-3903, except the county enforcement agent shall not make an arrest before issuing the notice. The issuance of citation(s) pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to provisions of ARS, Section 13-3899.
 3. In the judgment of the County Enforcement Agent, if any dog at large or other animal that is dangerous or fierce and a threat to human safety cannot be safely impounded, it may be slain.