

MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 566

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS  
6.08.110 AND 6.08.130 OF CHAPTER 6.08  
ENTITLED "ANIMAL CONTROL" OF THE MARIPOSA  
COUNTY CODE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Mariposa County, a political sub-  
division of the State of California, hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I: Section 6.08.110 of the Mariposa County Code is  
amended to read as follows:

6.08.110 Impoundment--Disposition of animals. Impounded dogs  
and other animals shall be kept at the pound, shelter, or other  
facility approved by the county and may be disposed of in the  
following manner:

A. Unlicensed, nonexempt dogs and other domestic animals  
will be kept for at least five days (120 hours), cats will be kept  
for three days (72 hours). Thereafter, they may be given to  
any person who will comply with this chapter or they will be des-  
troyed in a humane manner. Persons taking unclaimed or stray ani-  
mals from the control of the animal control officer shall pay to  
the County a fee in an amount to be set by resolution of the Board  
of Supervisors which fee shall constitute charges for licensing,  
rabies, inoculations and/or impoundment. Spaying and neutering of  
cats shall be in conformance with Agriculture Code Sections 31750  
and 31751.

B. A dog, cat, or other domestic animal, whose owner  
can be identified and which is impounded, will be kept ten days

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1 after mailing notice of impoundment by certified mail to its owner.  
2 The owner may reclaim it upon payment of expenses resulting from  
3 the impoundment. If the owner does not reclaim the dog, cat or  
4 other domestic animal in that time, the animal control officer may  
5 dispose of it as described in subsection A of this section. The  
6 animal control officer, or those with whom the board has contracted,  
7 may dispose of domestic animals whose owner cannot be identified  
8 in the same manner after five days.

9 C. If an animal has bitten a person or there is reason  
10 to suspect that it is infected with rabies or other communicable  
11 diseases, to wit: "Q" fever, psittacosis, brucellosis, encephalitis,  
12 and others as may be designated by the State Department of Health  
13 from time to time, the health officer may impose a quarantine  
14 which will be carried out by the animal control officer. Charges  
15 for animals held in quarantine are the expense resulting from the  
16 impoundment. If the animal proves to be infected with rabies, it  
17 will be disposed of as directed by the health officer.

18 D. The animal control officer shall have the discretion  
19 to allow an animal to be confined by a leash or chain on the owner's  
20 premises on the condition that the animal be placed under the ob-  
21 servation of a veterinarian at the expense of the owner for a  
22 period of ten days.

23 E. Dogs, cats and other domestic animals and livestock  
24 brought to a county shelter for disposal by their owners, shall be  
25 euthanized provided that the owners sign a release and pay the fee  
26 specified in Section 6.08.130.

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1 SECTION II: Section 6.08.130 of the Mariposa County Code is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 6.08.130 Pound--Fee required when. The pound, Mariposa  
4 County S.P.C.A. animal shelter, or any other shelter facility  
5 approved by the county, should the county not operate and maintain  
6 such pound or shelter, or such pound or shelter which the county  
7 may contract with pursuant to Section 6.08.140, will receive dogs,  
8 cats, other domestic animals and livestock when they are brought  
9 by their owners for disposal, provided the owners presenting them  
10 for euthanasia and disposal shall be charged and pay the prevailing  
11 veterinarian's fee.

12 SECTION III: This Ordinance shall take effect THIRTY (30)  
13 DAYS after the date of final enactment pursuant to Government Code  
14 Section 25123.

15 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa  
16 County this 18th day of August, 1981, by the following vote:


17 AYES: Moffitt, Erickson, Dalton, Barrick  
18 NAYS: Taber  
19 ABSENT: None  
20 ABSTAINED: None

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WILLIAM H. MOFFITT, Chairman  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


22 ATTEST:

23 ELLEN BRONSON

24 ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

25 BY:   
PATRICIA E. ALBERTA  
Clerk of the Board

26 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
27 AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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RICHARD K. DENHALTER  
County Counsel