



March, 1996

**To All Dog Owners:**

Last November's Special Town Meeting overwhelmingly voted to amend the relevant section of the Town's By-Laws, commonly referred to as the "leash law", to include certain sanitary control measures, commonly referred to as "pooper-scooper" provisions.

The By-Law is now in effect. It was designed to address some very real complaints from private property owners and from people using our parks and playgrounds about the mess some dogs and their owners leave behind.

The By-Law can be enforced by the Animal Control Officer or the Police through the issuance of a non-criminal ticket. The point, of course, is not to issue tickets, but to be a responsible owner and a good neighbor by cleaning up after your pet.

The full text of the By-Law is printed on the reverse. The leash law provisions remain unchanged.

If you have any questions, please call 762-3159 and leave a message; your call will be returned as promptly as possible.

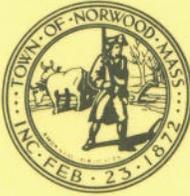
**Henry Cerqueira**  
Animal Control Officer

The Norwood Animal Shelter is open for pick-up and adoptions Monday through Saturday from 4 to 5 P.M. If you need assistance in placing or adopting a dog, call CANINE FRIENDS at 617-440-0447.

Remember: 1996 Dog Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall. If your dog does not have a current license, please pick one up as soon as possible.



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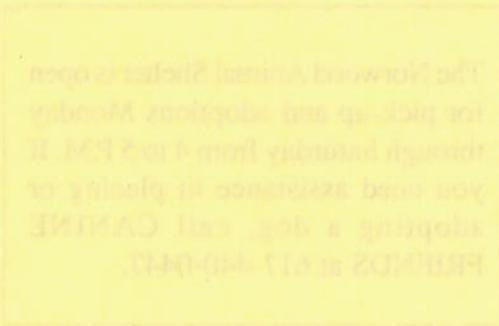
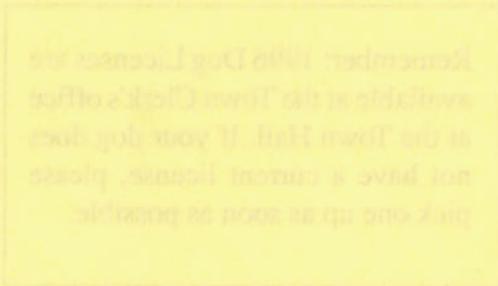


## Town of Norwood By-Laws

### ARTICLE XII - Section 33

- (a) No owner or keeper shall cause or permit any dog to run at large within the town. While on any public way or place, dogs shall be under restraint by the owner or keeper. A dog is under restraint within the meaning of this by-law if he is controlled by a leash or at "heel" beside a competent person and obedient to the person's commands, or on or within a vehicle being driven or parked on the street. Dogs running at large will be caught and confined and the owners notified.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to have in his or her immediate possession an appropriate device for removing dog excrement whenever such person permits or causes a dog under his or her control to be on property not owned or possessed by such person.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to remove the excrement left by any dog under his or her control that was deposited on any public or private property not owned or possessed by such person. Excrement that is removed shall be placed in a standard refuse container located upon the property owned or possessed by the person in control of such dog.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow dog excrement to accumulate in any yard, pen, building, structure or premises so as to cause an annoyance or discomfort to the public. The accumulation of dog excrement is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- (e) This section and its subsections may be enforced by complaint to the District Court or by the Non-Criminal Disposition provisions referred to in Article XXIV of these By-Laws. Owners or keepers in violation of any provision of this section will be liable to a penalty of \$20.00 for the first violation and \$25.00 for each subsequent violation.

(Amended by Article 20 of the Special Town Meeting of November 2, 1995)



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