

**HOLLISTER ANIMAL CONTROL
LOCATED AT THE WEST END OF SOUTH ST.
636-4320**

**SAN BENITO COUNTY ANIMAL ORDINANCES
MOST COMMONLY USED**

____ **SECTION 13.01.020 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** No dog, whether licensed under this chapter or not, shall be allowed to run at large on any public street, alley, park, square, school or place; or upon the premises of a person other than the owner, without the knowledge and consent of such other person. All dogs shall be deemed running at large, within the meaning of this chapter, unless under restraint by a substantial leash, chain, strap or cord, not to exceed eight feet in length, attached to their collars and actually held by an able bodied person or made fast to some stationary object. The term “at large” shall mean off the premises of the owner and not under restraint. (HMC 6.08.010)

____ **SECTION 13.01.030 LICENSE REQUIRED** No person, hereinafter called “owner”, shall own, possess, maintain, harbor or have control of any dog over the age of four months within the County for a period in excess of thirty (30) days, unless such dog is licensed as provided in this chapter. Every owner so having any dog over the age of four months shall apply for a license for such dog and shall pay a license fee. License fees shall be paid to the animal control officer. Such licenses shall be issued pursuant to a current rabies vaccination valid throughout the license period.

____ **SECTION 13.01.023 VACCINATION REQUIRED** The owner of every dog over the age of four months shall ensure that his or her pet is currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian and secure a license. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any dog that has been certified in writing by a licensed veterinarian to be unable to undergo a vaccination on account of a danger to the health of the dog and if the exemption is approved by the Health Officer or County Veterinarian.

____ **SECTION 13.01.025 BARKING DOG DECLARED A NUISANCE.** It is unlawful for any person to keep any dog which by habitual howling, barking or yelping or other noises, disturbs the peace of any person.

____ **SECTION 25.33.002 KEEPING MORE THAN FIVE DOGS PROHIBITED** It is unlawful for any person to keep more than five dogs on their property. Such person will need to provide proof of a Conditional Use Permit for Kennels and/or Administrative Permits for Hobby Kennels. Such person not having a permit shall be in violation.

____ **SECTION 13.01.016 MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES, PENS, ETC.** All structures, pens, coops or yards wherein animals, poultry or birds are kept or permitted to be kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, devoid of all rodents and vermin and free from objectionable odors.