

# Sandusky County Dog Warden

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## **DANGEROUS DOG REQUIREMENTS**

### **PURSUANT TO SECTION 955.22(D) ORC**

EXCEPT WHEN A DANGEROUS DOG IS LAWFULLY ENGAGED IN HUNTING OR TRAINING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE OWNER, KEEPER, HARBORER, OR HANDLER OF THE DOG, NO OWNER, KEEPER, OR HARBORER OF A DANGEROUS DOG SHALL FAIL TO DO EITHER OR THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHILE THAT DOG IS ON THE PREMISES OF THE OWNER, KEEPER, OR HARBORER, SECURELY CONFINE IT AT ALL TIMES IN A LOCKED PEN THAT HAS A TOP, LOCKED FENCED YARD, OR OTHER LOCKED ENCLOSURE THAT HAS A TOP.
2. WHILE THAT DOG IS OFF THE PREMISES OF THE OWNER, KEEPER, OR HARBORER, KEEP THAT DOG ON A CHAIN-LINK LEASH OR TETHER THAT IS NOT MORE THAN SIX FEET IN LENGTH AND ADDITIONALLY DO AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
  - KEEP THAT DOG IN A LOCKED PEN THAT HAS A TOP, LOCKED FENCED YARD, OR OTHER LOCKED ENCLOSURE THAT HAS A TOP.
  - HAVE THE LEASH OR TETHER CONTROLLED BY A PERSON WHO IS OF SUITABLE AGE AND DISCRETION OR SECURELY ATTACH, TIE, OR AFFIX THE LEASH OR TETHER TO THE GROUND OR A STATIONARY OBJECT OR FIXTURE SO THAT THE DOG IS ADEQUATELY RESTRAINED AND STATION SUCH A PERSON IN CLOSE ENOUGH PROXIMITY TO THAT DOG SO AS TO PREVENT IT FROM CAUSING INJURY TO ANY PERSON.
  - MUZZLE THAT DOG.

### **PURSUANT TO SECTION 955.22(E) ORC**

THE OWNER, KEEPER, OR HARBORER OF A DANGEROUS OR VICIOUS DOG SHALL NOT FAIL TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. OBTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH AN INSURER AUTHORIZED TO WRITE LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THIS STATE PROVIDING COVERAGE IN EACH OCCURRENCE BECAUSE OF DAMAGE OR BODILY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF A PERSON CAUSED BY THE DANGEROUS DOG IF SO ORDERED BY A COURT AND PROVIDE PROOF OF THAT LIABILITY INSURANCE UPON REQUEST TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, COUNTY DOG WARDEN, OR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH ENFORCING SECTION 955.22 ORC.
2. NOTIFY THE LOCAL DOG WARDEN IMMEDIATELY IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:
  - THE DOG IS LOOSE OR UNCONFINED
  - THE DOG BITES A PERSON, UNLESS THE DOG IS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE OWNER OF THE DOG, AND THE PERSON WHO IS BITTEN IS UNLAWFULLY TRESPASSING OR COMMITTING A CRIMINAL ACT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THAT PROPERTY.
  - THE DOG ATTACKS ANOTHER ANIMAL WHILE THE DOG IS OFF THE PROPERTY OF THE OWNER OF THE DOG.
3. NOTIFY THE COUNTY AUDITOR WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE SALE, TRANSFER, OR DEATH OF THE DOG.
4. OBTAIN A DANGEROUS DOG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 955.22(I) ORC AND AFFIX THE DANGEROUS DOG TAG TO THE DOG'S COLLAR AND ENSURE THAT THE DOG WEARS THE COLLAR AND TAG AT ALL TIMES.

### **PURSUANT TO SECTION 955.22(F) ORC**

NO PERSON SHALL DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. DEBARK OR SURGICALLY SILENCE A DOG THAT THE PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS A DANGEROUS DOG.
2. POSSESS A DANGEROUS DOG IF THE PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE DOG HAS BEEN DEBARKED OR SILENCED.
3. FALSELY ATTEST ON A WAIVER FORM PROVIDED BY THE VETERINARIAN UNDER DIVISION (G) OF SECTION 955.22 THAT THE PERSON'S DOG IS NOT A DANGEROUS DOG OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON THAT WRITTEN WAIVER FORM.

### **PURSUANT TO SECTION 955.54 ORC**

NO PERSON CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY TO A FELONY OFFENSE OF VIOLENCE COMMITTED ON OR AFTER MAY 22, 2012 OR A FELONY VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF CHAPTER 959, 2923, OR 2925 OF THE ORC COMMITTED ON OR AFTER MAY 22, 2012 SHALL KNOWINGLY OWN, POSSESS, HAVE CUSTODY OF, OR RESIDE IN A RESIDENCE WITH EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS:

1. AN UNSPAVED OR UNNEUTERED DOG OLDER THAN TWELVE WEEKS OF AGE
2. ANY DOG THAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A DANGEROUS DOG UNDER CHAPTER 955, OF THE REVISED CODE.

THE CONVICTED FELON SHALL MICROCHIP FOR PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION ANY DOG OWNED, POSSESSED BY, OR IN THE CUSTODY OF THE PERSON. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PERSON WITH RESPECT TO ANY DOG THAT THE PERSON OWNED, POSSESSED, HAD CUSTODY OF, OR RESIDED IN A RESIDENCE WITH PRIOR TO MAY 22, 2012.

### **PURSUANT TO SECTION 955.222(E) ORC**

THE OWNER, KEEPER, OR HARBORER OF A VICIOUS DOG AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 955.11(A)(6)(a) MUST COMPLY WITH DIVISIONS (D) TO (I) OF SECTION 955.22 ORC AS IF THE DOG WERE A DANGEROUS DOG.