

Pursuant to 20 V.S.A § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10) and 2291 (14 & 15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59 the Selectboard of the Town of Shrewsbury has adopted on 06/15/2016 a new Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids Ordinance .

The Shrewsbury Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids Ordinance contains the following enumerated Sections:

Section 1, Authority:

Section 2, Purpose: It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs, wolf- hybrids and to provide for their leashing, muzzling, restraint, impoundment and destruction and their running at large, so as to protect the public health and safety of the Town and to protect the residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes and properties.

Section 3, Definitions: Defines "dog", "wolf- hybrid", "owner", "running at large", "potentially vicious dog", "enforcement official" and "working farm dog."

Section 4, Collar and License: Each dog shall be licensed according to the laws of this State and shall wear a collar or harness with the current license attached. A dog that is visiting from out of state must wear a collar or harness with a current license from its home state attached. A dog that is found without a collar or harness and license shall be immediately impounded.

Section 5, Nuisances:

Section 6, Enforcement: The violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Rutland County Superior Court....

Section 7, Penalties and Costs:

Section 8, Impoundment:

Section 9, Notice of Impoundment and Release from Impoundment

Section 10, Investigation of Vicious Dogs:

Section 11, Other laws:

Section 12, Severability:

Section 13, Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective (60 days after its adoption by the Selectboard) – Actual date 08/14/2016.

This ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the Shrewsbury Town Office or on the Town of Shrewsbury website www.shrewsburyvt.org. Questions and comments on proposals regarding the ordinance can be directed to *(Selectperson Steven Nicholson, 492-3824 or the Town Clerk, 492-3511)* 9823 Cold River Rd. Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance at an annual or special meeting provided in Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the new Shrewsbury Animal Control Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.