

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 1: FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)

§ 1124. Unlicensed Dogs.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any dog found to be without a license shall be caged and if the owner does not claim and license the dog within 5 days it shall be disposed of as set forth in [10 CMC § 1125](#).

(b) The Department of Natural Resources may provide a warning notice to owners of unregistered dogs to register such dogs within 5 days. If such dogs are not registered within the allowed period, the owner shall be fined the amount of the cost of disposal for each unregistered dog.

(c) Licensed dogs shall be issued a color-coded collar to indicate their license status and when a dog is loose and at large shall be impounded and the owner shall be notified. The owner shall have five (5) days to pay an impounded fee of \$20.00 to claim the dog. If the owner does not pay the impound fee to take the dog back after five days, the Department of Natural Resources may advertise for 10 days for a dog's adoption. If the dog is adopted, the new owner must register and pay the license fee. If the dog is not adopted, it shall be disposed of as set forth in [10 CMC § 1125](#) and the owner shall be penalized the cost of disposal as set forth in (b).

(d) Any person who is caught abandoning unwanted puppies produced by their dogs by leaving them anywhere outside of their properties shall be penalized \$100.00 plus the cost of disposing them as set forth in [10 CMC § 1125](#).

Source: RLL 7-3, § 5, modified; amended by RLL 18-7 § 2(c) (Oct. 30, 2013); repealed and reenacted by RLL 23-03, § 2 (May 12, 2023), modified.

Commission Comment: In codifying RLL 23-03, the Commission inserted a space between the words "10" and "days" in 10 CMC § 1124(c) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).