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Title 68 Health, Safety and Environmental Protection  
Health  
Chapter 8 Rabies

Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-8-107 (2016)

**68-8-107. Seizure of dogs running at large -- Notification of seized animals -- Redemption by owner -- Vaccination requirement.**

(a) Any dog found running at large may be seized by any peace officer and placed in an animal shelter in counties or cities where an animal shelter or pound is available.

(b) If the dog or cat is wearing a rabies vaccination tag or other identification, all reasonable effort shall be made to locate and notify the owners who shall be required to appear within five (5) days and redeem the animal by paying a pound fee as set by the city or county legislative body. A failure to pay the pound fee, or have the animal vaccinated if proof of current vaccination is not produced prior to release, shall require the animal to be adopted or destroyed.

(c) If any dog or cat is not wearing a vaccination tag or other identification, the animal may be adopted or destroyed, unless