**§3912. Disposition of dogs at large**

**1. Ownership of dog unknown.**  Except as provided in subsection 2, an animal control officer or person acting in that capacity shall seize, impound or restrain a dog found in violation of section 3911 and deliver it to an animal shelter as provided for in section 3913, subsection 2‑A. If ownership can not be established, such a dog may be handled as a stray dog for the purpose of acceptance by an animal shelter.

[PL 1997, c. 690, §10 (NEW).]

**2. Ownership of dog known.**  An animal control officer or person acting in that capacity shall seize, impound or restrain a dog found in violation of section 3911 and, if the owner is known, shall:

A. Take the dog to its owner; or [PL 1999, c. 254, §4 (NEW).]

B. Deliver it to an animal shelter as provided in section 3913. An animal shelter receiving a dog in accordance with this paragraph shall follow the procedure for stray dogs provided in section 3913. [PL 1999, c. 254, §4 (NEW).]

[PL 1999, c. 254, §4 (RPR).]

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