

**Town of Athelstane  
Dogs/Cats Running at Large Ordinance  
Ordinance # 2**

The Town Board of Athelstane, Marinette County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Statutory Authorization - This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization in 62.3(2) (3) and 60.22(3).

**Definitions**

**A. Dogs/Cats running at large** - A dog/ cat is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under control of the owners or some other person.

**B. Untagged Dog/Cat** - A dog /cat considered to be untagged if a valid license tag is not attached to a collar which is kept on the dog/cat whenever the dog/cat is outdoors unless the dog/cat is securely confined in a fenced area.

**C. Dog/Cat Running at Large or Untagged Dog /Cat are Subject to Impoundment-** Any Town Board Member or Designee shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog/cat running at large or untagged.

Exception to this section shall be dogs while in use for hunting purposes or dogs being used by police or law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel in law enforcement.

**1.** It shall be unlawful to allow any dog/cat to run loose and unaccompanied by its owner or some other person in control of such animal, at any time, in the Town of Athelstane. The exceptions of this section shall be dogs while in use for hunting purposes, dogs being used by police or law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel in law enforcement and in the location of lost or missing persons.

**2.** The enforcement of this ordinance shall be carried out by any Town of Athelstane Town Board Member or Designee. If the identity and ownership of the dog/cat offending private property can be readily ascertained, the Town Official or Designee will advise owner of the dogs/cats transgressions.

**3. Penalties:** If the owner of a dog /cat negligently or otherwise permits the dog/cat to run at large or untagged, the owner shall forfeit not less than \$25.00 or more than neither \$100.00 for the first offense and not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 for subsequent offenses.