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Editor. I am heartily in favor of any law that will not only protect property owners from ROAMING dogs but protect defenseless dogs that are unable to defend themselves when a "killer" dog is allowed to run loose. Many owners think because they have money to pay for the damage their animals do, are privileged characters.

In the 32 years I have been a San Diego resident I have had a dog and usually a small "house dog" type. Recently I have had one that is small and a breed that is noted for it's good disposition. When out doors he is fastened to our porch with a long leash that keeps him strictly on our property. For several months I have been bothered by a dog (known vicious breed) three times the size of mine, who comes on my property and bites my dog and digs in my lawn and garden. The few small dogs that come here are easily chased away but I am afraid of this big brute and several of my neighbors feel the same way. He has injured several dogs in my neighborhood which is four blocks from his home. He has a large fenced yard but the gate is left open so he can roam at will. When I remonstrated with the owner I was told to fence my yard if I did not like dogs coming in (we have lived in this house for 20 years and have had no trouble with dogs until this one came here) The owner said their dog could not stand to be shut up & they would not be as CRUEL as I was tying my dog up as I did. Little children and grownups step and play with our pet and he is as happy as can be until the big dog comes along.

Said owner admitted his dog was a "killer" and bragged about the many dog's legs that his dog had broken. Said his dog would kill him if "his dog got real mad" but that he "had plenty of money and would

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The Hon. Harley Knox, Mayor

Dear Mr. Knox:

I noticed that I am not the only one who is being plagued by neighborhood dogs.

My experiences point that the city could make money by going into the fertilizing business to pay expenses of the animal pound.

Believe it or not, so help me Ripley, the other day after I watered my lawn and clipped it nicely, some dogs held a convention and must have decided that the ~~grass~~ lawn would grow so much better by a rich application of fertilizer. Without consulting me about it, each dog set to work to carry out their lawn-enriching notions.

Now I love animals, especially when they are house broke; but this neighborhood dog industry sours me on the dogs because they don't seem to know how a well behaved lawn broke dog should act. By actual count it was ten dogs who left their free gift donations of fertilizer.

I know, Mr. Mayor, that your cows help

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improve the soil grow better grass by returning to it rich fertilizer, but I much question that the dogs help my lawn.

In fact my wife is all set against it. Her esthetic taste does not seem to coincide with ~~and~~ dog ideas in the matter.

May I suggest that in the pending ordinance a provision be set up by which dog gardeners report to the pound and take ~~out a~~ ~~line~~ license as landscape architects. Before issuing them the license they should undergo a course of training which would consist that they respect the privacy of common citizens like myself and first ask permission and inquire whether their services are wanted.

Dogs found practicing their trade without having passed the required period of training and graduation, should be forthwith removed to the pound until they qualified as gardeners.

Hoping this finds you well in these dog days where the thermometer ~~mk~~ makes us feel hot under the collar, but even so, not as hot as the dogs do after one of their general assemblies.

Respectfully, yours

G. E. Stebbins, D.O.

San Diego Calif.
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To the City Council, San Diego Calif. =
Dear Sirs,

We are lovers of dogs, but think there should be a proper place for them. But how would you? like to have a dog kennel within 12 feet of your back door, where they have from 9 to 15 dogs barking and yelping from 5 a.m. to all hours day and night, to say nothing about the odor from such.

The refuse is raked up and burned in an open fire, which of course smells something awful through our house,

These neighbors go out nearly every evening, they have French windows on either side of the front door and leave 2 or 3 dogs in the house, which come to these windows, and bark all evening, so loudly we can

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hardly hear our own conversations,
or a Radio Program.

If you want to take a vacation,
just bring your dogs here, and
they will board them for you.
We of course are getting so we
don't like dogs.

These people, are nice neighbors
otherwise, and we would like to
get along with out any personal
trouble.

This has been reported to the
Board of Health and the only
results, he built a 7 ft tight
board fence, in the back yard.
Now what we want to know, did
he get a city permit to build
a dog kennel in the City of
San Diego within 15 feet next
door to another residence?

Please give us a fair chance.

Very Respt yours.

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*City Clerk
for Dog File*

Aug. 3d 1947.

Mr. F. A. Rhodes and the City Council:

This letter is for the purpose of expressing my views on the dog situation now before you.

First I want to make it clear that I am wholeheartedly in favor of stricter dog control.

Many times I have seen dogs out of control of any one. In grocery stores, meat markets, chasing motor cars, bicycles, motor cycles, and even chasing children, therefore causing traffic and health hazards. If the dog owners and the so-called dog lovers had one half the love, respect and consideration for their neighbors and their fellow man as they pretend to have for their dogs, there would be no need for dog control. I am sure that 50 % of the dog owners in San Diego do not care enough for their dogs to feed and give them water. This is one reason the dogs become a nuisance. They are forced to roam the neighborhood in search of food and water, thereby becoming a nuisance. Dog owners who really love their dogs will keep them home, feed and water them properly

and will have no fear of dog restrictions. In conclusion, I suggest an increase in dog license, or a personal property tax, which would bring in addition revenue to the city or eliminate the cheap worthless dogs.

Sincerely yours E. B. Mattingly

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*Residents relative to
proposed ordinance
regulating the keeping
of dogs*

(For the Ordinance)