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EXCERPT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, May 1, 2023  
Chocksett Middle School 40 Boutelle Road

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**ARTICLE 39. CHAPTER 18 ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 18-7 of the Town's General Bylaws, Animal Control, Impoundment of Animals, relative to the duration of impound, with deletions shown in ~~strike through~~ and additions shown in **bold/underline**, or take any action in relation thereto.  
§ 18-7 Impoundment of animals.

B. Duration of impound. Each animal in the Municipal Impound may be held for a period of up to 48 hours. In the event that such animal's owner cannot be identified within 48 hours, said animal shall be deemed a stray animal and transferred as such to an approved animal facility for the remainder of the state-required ~~ten-day~~ **7-day** holding period.

*Passage requires majority vote*

**Motion made** that the Town vote to amend § 18-7 of the Town's General Bylaws, Animal Control, Impoundment of Animals, as presented in Article 39 of the Warrant.

Submitted by: Animal Control Officer Kelly Jones with the approval of the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Recommendations: Select Board recommends

*Summary: The purpose of this article is to update the previously required 10-day holding period to the newly required 7-day holding period in accordance with MGL c140 s167: Ordering dogs to be restrained.*

**Motion passed by majority as declared by the Moderator**

A True Copy Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen K. Farrell, Town Clerk