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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 RE: Stray Dogs**

Mrs. Jo Ann Newton
P. O. Box 237
Williamston, South Carolina 29697

Dear Mrs. Newton:

We are in receipt of your letter of February 22, 1973. The Attorney General is sorry to hear of the problems your child is experiencing.

I am uncertain of whether Anderson County may have enacted a leash law, which it may do under South Carolina law. However, there are some Code sections which may help in your situation. Any dog which is found wandering at large off the land of its owner is an 'estrays' pursuant to [S. C. Code Section 47-7-10](#). The school principal may cause such an animal to be turned over to the local magistrate who may sell it if the owner does not claim it.

I am by copy of this letter requesting the Anderson County Attorney to advise you whether there are any local leash laws that are applicable. In summary, if there is no such leash law, it will be up to the school principal to take proper action to prevent stray dogs from coming onto school property.

I am sorry that we are not in a position to be of greater assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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