

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**47-239. Same; publication notice for sale; contents; disposition of proceeds of sale; special stray fund; establishing of ownership within six months of sale.** (a) The notice for the sale of the stray shall be published for one issue in a publication or publications having general circulation in the area where such stray was taken up. Such notice shall describe the stray by stating the kind of animal, sex, age and brands. The notice shall not contain any statement as to the color of the stray or as to any marks or other distinguishing features and it shall not contain the name or address of the person who took up such stray. Out of the proceeds from the sale of such stray, the sheriff shall pay the person who took up such stray, reasonable compensation for keeping and feeding the stray. The sheriff also shall pay all costs of the stray proceedings. Any proceeds remaining in the hands of the sheriff after payment of feeding and sale costs, shall be paid by the sheriff to the treasurer of the county in which the stray was taken up. Such funds shall be placed by the county treasurer in a special stray fund.

(b) At any time prior to the expiration to six months following the date of such deposit with the county treasurer, a claimant may appear before the sheriff and submit evidence of ownership of such stray. If such evidence is acceptable and satisfactory to the sheriff and to the state animal health commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative, for purpose of establishing ownership of such stray, the sheriff shall direct the county treasurer to disburse the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of such stray to the claimant.

(c) Upon the expiration of a period of six months following the receipt of deposit of proceeds from the sale of any stray, without any such directive having been received from the sheriff, the county treasurer shall pay the remaining proceeds to the animal health commissioner to be remitted, deposited and credited as provided by K.S.A. 47-417a, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 1970, ch. 205, § 3; L. 1973, ch. 2, § 17; L. 2012, ch. 140, § 10; July 1.