

TOWN OF LADYSMITH
BYLAW NO. 2238

A Bylaw to provide for the management of Animals in the Town of Ladysmith

The Council of the Town of Ladysmith in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Animal Responsibility Bylaw" means Bylaw 2238, as amended from time to time.
- (b) "Animal" has the same meaning as in the Community Charter.
- (c) "Animal Control Officer" means:
 - i. A Person employed or contracted by the Town and authorized to administer or enforce this Bylaw; and
 - ii. Includes a Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or Poundkeeper acting within the scope of their authority.
- (d) "Backyard Poultry" means domesticated Hens permitted on a *Residential Parcel of Land* pursuant to Part 10 "Poultry & Livestock" of this bylaw.
- (e) "Business License" means a license to carry on business issued pursuant to "Business License Bylaw No. 1513, 2003" and all amendments thereto.
- (f) "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means a Person designated by the Town to administer and enforce this Bylaw.
- (g) "Cat" means a male or female of the species *Felis catus*.
- (h) "Cat At Large" means a Cat that is both:
 - i. Off the Owner's premises; and
 - ii. Not sterilized.
- (i) "Competent Person" means a person of sufficient age, capacity, height and weight to ensure a Dog under their control will be obedient to their commands or to physically restrain the Dog if required.
- (j) "Coop" means a shelter for *Backyard Poultry* with a solid roof, floor and walls with entries and exits that can be secured with Animal proof closures during the evening.
- (k) "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Town of Ladysmith.

- (l) "Director of Financial Services" means the Director of Financial Services of the Town of Ladysmith, or a person appointed by the Council to collect dog licence fees.
- (m) "Dangerous Dog" means:
 - i. a Dog that has been designated as a Dangerous Dog under Section 8 of this bylaw; or
 - ii. a Dangerous Dog as defined by Section 49 of the *Community Charter*.
- (n) "Dog" means an Animal of the species *Canis familiaris*, regardless of age or sex.
- (o) "Dog At Large" means a Dog that is off the Owner's premises and not restrained by a Competent Person by means of a leash not exceeding 6 ft in length attached to the Dog.
- (p) "Effective Control" means a Dog that is within the eyesight of a Competent Person, under the direct and continuous control of that Competent Person, responsive to verbal commands, and returns promptly when called.
- (q) "Hen" means a domesticated female chicken or domesticated female duck that is at least 4 months old.
- (r) "Identification" means:
 - i. A collar or tag worn by an Animal showing the Owner's name, current address, and telephone number;
 - ii. A tattoo or traceable microchip linked to the Owner's name, current address, and telephone number; or
 - iii. A valid licence tag issued by a local government in Canada.
- (s) "Intermunicipal Business License" means a business licence issued by the Licence Inspector of the Town of Ladysmith or another participating local government to carry on business within the boundaries of any participating municipality and issued pursuant to the Intermunicipal Business License Agreement.
- (t) "Livestock" means an Animal raised or kept for food, meat, milk or for wool or fiber, or a beast of burden, and includes, alpaca, cattle, donkeys, emus, goats, horses, llamas, mules, ostriches, sheep, or swine, including miniature pigs, and all other Animals that are solely used for agricultural purposes. Livestock also includes wild Animals kept in captivity for food or commodity production, including bison and ungulates.
- (u) "Municipality" means the area within the boundaries of the Town of Ladysmith.

- (v) "Owner" means a person who owns, possesses, has the care, custody, or control of an Animal, or who harbours or allows an Animal to remain on their premises, and "own" includes possess or harbour.
- (w) "Pen" means a fully enclosed outdoor space for Backyard Poultry.
- (x) "Pound" means a facility established in accordance with this Bylaw and includes any motor vehicle used by an Animal Control Officer and any building, enclosure, or land designated as a Pound.
- (y) "Poundkeeper" means a Person employed by, or under contract with, the Town and authorized by the Town to operate or manage a pound, and includes any persons acting under the direction and control of the Poundkeeper.
- (z) "Sterilized" means an Animal that is spayed, neutered, or otherwise rendered incapable of reproducing by a method approved by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.
- (aa) "Residential Parcel" means a parcel zoned to permit a single-family dwelling and excludes parcels zoned for agriculture or Farm Use pursuant to the Agricultural Land Commission Act and Agricultural Land Reserve Regulations.
- (bb) "Town" means the Town of Ladysmith.
- (cc) "Wildlife" means a wild Animal.
- (dd) "Wrangler" means a person who transports Animals to and from a work site, sets up fencing and provides 24-hour care and security for the Animals.

2. Exemptions

2.1 The following are exempt from the specified sections:

- (a) Owners of Dogs certified under the British Columbia Guide Dog and Service Dog Act, from:
 - i. Section 5.1 (c) ii. (dog licencing fees);
 - ii. Section 6.2 (dog prohibited areas);
 - iii. Section 6.3 (1st Avenue prohibition); and
 - iv. Section 9.1 (removal of feces)
- (b) Police officers with police service Dogs, from:
 - i. Section 5.1 (c) ii. (dog licencing fees);
 - ii. Section 6.1 (a) (leash requirement); and
 - iii. Section 6.1 (b) (effective control)

- (c) Persons with Dogs participating in a permitted show, exhibition, or performance, from Section 6.1 (a) (leash requirement.)

3. Dog Limit

- 3.1 A person must not keep more than three (3) Dogs over the age of 16 weeks on any Property.

4. Duties of the Poundkeeper

4.1 Appointing a Poundkeeper

- (a) Council may:
 - i. Appoint a Person to act as Poundkeeper.
 - ii. Enter into an agreement with any person or organization to act as a Poundkeeper, for the establishment, maintenance, operation, and regulation of a Pound, and the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - iii. Establish one or more Pounds for the keeping and impounding of Dogs and other Animals, and authorize the Poundkeeper to make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this Bylaw, for the administration of the Pound(s).
- (b) The Poundkeeper must keep the Pound clean and in good repair and must supply all impounded Animals with sufficient and wholesome food and water, and with reasonable shelter, segregation and care as circumstances warrant.

4.2 Keeping records

The Poundkeeper must keep the following records for each impounded Animal:

- (a) The date the Animal was impounded;
- (b) A description of the Animal;
- (c) If applicable, the place where the Animal was seized;
- (d) If applicable, the name and address of the person who brought the Animal to be impounded;
 - i. If applicable, the name and address of the person who redeems the Animal and, if the person is not the Owner, the name and address of the Owner;
- (e) The date the Animal was redeemed or otherwise disposed of;
- (f) A description of the method of and reason for the disposal;
- (g) The amount of money, if any, recovered in respect of the Animal.

4.3 Monthly reporting

At the end of every month the Poundkeeper must submit a report to the Town, containing:

- (a) The information referred to in section 4.2;
- (b) A complete record of any Dog bites which occurred in that month, including:
 - i. Information concerning the severity of the bite;
 - ii. The breed of the Dog;
 - iii. The name and address of the Owner of the Dog, if known;
 - iv. The name of the person bitten; and
 - v. The details of any charges laid under this Bylaw.

4.4 Money received

- (a) As part of its contract with the Town, the Poundkeeper may retain 100 per cent of any daily maintenance and impound fees collected under this Bylaw.

5. Dog Licensing

5.1 Dog Licence Requirement

- (a) A person must not own, possess or harbour an Unlicensed Dog within the boundaries of the Town.
- (b) A person who owns, possesses or harbours any Dog over the age of six (6) months shall make an application to obtain a Dog Licence and pay the required fee before the first day of February each year, in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - i. If any person becomes the Owner of a Dog after the 1st day of February in any year, such person shall make an application to obtain a Dog Licence and pay the required fee therefore as required by this Bylaw forthwith after the acquisition of such Dog.
- (c) A person may obtain a licence for a Dog by
 - i. Applying to the Town for a licence, and
 - ii. Paying the fee prescribed in Schedule 'A'.
- (d) Every Dog Licence and corresponding licence tag issued under this Bylaw:
 - i. Expires on the 31st day of December of the year in which it is issued; and
 - ii. Is valid only in respect of the Dog for which it is issued.

- iii. Are to be part of the record used to document offences and impoundments
 - iv. Shall be in such form or forms as the Director of Financial Services may prescribe.
- (e) Every Owner must ensure that a valid licence tag is affixed and displayed on a collar, harness or other suitable device that is always worn by the Dog for which the licence is issued.
- (f) The Owner of any Dog which has lost its metal tag may, upon producing the original receipt issued with the tag, obtain another from the Director of Financial Services by paying the fee prescribed in Schedule 'A' of this Bylaw.
- (g) No person other than the licensed Owner of the Dog, or the Poundkeeper, may remove a licence tag issued pursuant to this Bylaw from the subject Dog.
- (h) When the Owner of a Dog for which a licence has been issued under this Bylaw sells or otherwise ceases to be its Owner, the licence becomes invalid 14 days after the change in Ownership.
- (i) If the licensed Owner of a Dog transfers the Ownership of the Dog to another person, that person must obtain a new licence for that Dog by paying the licence transfer fee as prescribed in Schedule 'A' of this Bylaw and surrendering the licence tag previously held by that Dog to the Municipality, on or before the expiry of 14 days from the date of change of Ownership.
- (j) Where a Dog has been duly licensed in another municipality or regional district, that Dog may be licensed in the Town upon registration of the dog with the Town and payment of the licence transfer fee prescribed in Schedule 'A' of this Bylaw.
- (k) Where a Town bylaw provides for a reduced licence fee for a sterilized Dog, the Poundkeeper may require proof of sterilization.

6. Animal Control

- 6.1 The Owner of a Dog must ensure that when the Dog is off the Owner's premises, the Dog is:
 - (a) On a leash and under the immediate care and control of a Competent Person; or
 - (b) In an area designated by the Town as an off-leash area and under Effective Control.
- 6.2 No Dog is permitted on sports fields, playground areas of municipal parks or park areas marked as "No Dogs Allowed".

- 6.3 No Dog is permitted on 1st Avenue during street closures for special events.
- 6.4 The Owner of an Animal must not allow their Animal to chase, harass, molest, attack, injure or kill a person or Animal.
- 6.5 The Owner of an Animal must not allow the Animal to damage or destroy any building, structure, tree, shrub, plant, or turf in a public place.
- 6.6 The Owner of a female Dog in heat must keep the Dog confined within a building or kennel unless the Dog is on the Owner's property and under the direct control of a Competent Person.
 - (a) A Dog in heat that is outside a building or kennel must:
 - i. Be firmly held on a leash at all times; and
 - ii. Remain on the Owner's property.

7. Nuisances

- 7.1 The Owner of an Animal must not allow the Animal to make vocalizations;
 - (a) Continuously for ten minutes or more without significant periods of rest,
 - (b) Sporadically for a cumulative total of 15 or more minutes within 1 hour, or
 - (c) In a manner that disturbs the peace, quiet, rest, comfort or tranquility of the surrounding neighbourhood or vicinity, or of persons in the neighbourhood or vicinity.

8. Dangerous Dogs

8.1. Designating Dangerous Dogs

- (a) An Animal Control Officer may designate a Dog as a Dangerous Dog if the Dog;
 - i. Bites a human or Animal without provocation,
 - ii. Has a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack a human or Animal without provocation, or
 - iii. Has previously been designated as a Dangerous Dog and endangers the safety of a human or Animal.
- (b) A Dangerous Dog designation may be for any time period that an Animal Control Officer considers appropriate (with a minimum period of one year), considering;
 - i. The circumstances of the incident,
 - ii. The severity of the incident, and

- iii. Any previous incidents.
- (c) After designating a Dog as a Dangerous Dog, an Animal Control Officer must inform the Owner of the Dog in writing of:
 - i. The designation and its length; and
 - ii. The responsibilities of the Owner of a Dangerous Dog.

8.2 Control of Dangerous Dogs

- (a) Except as allowed under Section 8.2(b) and subject to subsection 8.2(c), the Owner of a Dangerous Dog must not allow the Dog to be in a public place or on any private lands and premises unless the Dog is:
 - i. Firmly held on a leash not exceeding two metres (2m) in length, and
 - ii. Properly fitted with a humane basket muzzle that allows the Dog to pant and drink.
- (b) A person may allow a Dangerous Dog on private property owned or occupied by the Owner, provided the Dog is securely confined:
 - i. Indoors,
 - ii. On a deck that is no less than three metres (3m) above ground level, or
 - iii. In a rear yard and inside a pen, enclosure or fenced area that
 - a. Is adequately constructed to prevent the Dog from escaping,
 - b. Is locked to prevent casual entry by another person, and
 - c. Has been inspected and approved by an Animal Control Officer.
- (c) The Owner must not allow a Dangerous Dog to be;
 - i. On school grounds,
 - ii. In a municipal park, or
 - iii. Within thirty metres (30m) of any playground apparatus

8.3 Signage

- (a) The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must display a sign in the form prescribed in Schedule 'D' of this Bylaw at each entrance to:
 - i. The property and building in or upon which the Dog is kept, and
 - ii. Any deck, pen, enclosure or fenced area used to securely confine the Dog.
- (b) A sign displayed in accordance with Section 8.3(a) must be

- i. Attached so that it cannot be removed easily by passersby, and
 - ii. Visible and capable of being read from any adjacent sidewalk, street or lane.
- (c) A person must not deface or remove a sign that is required to be displayed.

8.4 Duties of a Dangerous Dog Owner

The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must;

- (a) Provide a front and a side profile photograph (1 each) of the Dog, to the Poundkeeper,
- (b) Within two working days of moving to a new residence, provide the Poundkeeper with the Owner's new address,
- (c) Within two working days of selling or giving away the Dog, provide the Poundkeeper with the name, address and telephone number of the new Owner,
- (d) Within two working days of the death of the Dog, provide the Poundkeeper with a veterinarian's certificate of the death, and
- (e) Immediately advise an Animal Control Officer and the Poundkeeper if the Dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any person or Animal.

9. Animal Waste

9.1 If an Animal defecates on property other than property owned or occupied by the Owner of the Animal, the Owner shall cause the excrement to be removed immediately upon its deposit and lawfully disposed of.

- (a) No person who has removed Animal excrement may deposit it into a public litter receptacle except where the excrement is securely contained in an impermeable bag or other impermeable container so as not to ooze, leak or fall out in the public litter receptacles.

10. Poultry & Livestock

10.1 General Provisions

- (a) A person must not keep Backyard Poultry or Livestock on a Residential Parcel that is less than 0.81 hectares.
- (b) A person must not keep Livestock on property other than that zoned for agriculture.
- (c) A person must not keep, harbour, own, or possess a rooster within the Municipality.

10.2 Keeping of Backyard Poultry

- (a) Notwithstanding subsection 9.1, a person may keep Backyard Poultry on a residential parcel, subject to the following provisions:
 - i. A person must not keep Backyard Poultry within the area shown on Schedule 'E' "Backyard Poultry Exclusion Areas".
 - ii. A person must not keep Backyard Poultry without the written consent of the Owner of the parcel where the Backyard Poultry is to be located.
 - iii. No more than six Backyard Poultry may be kept on Residential Parcel.
 - iv. A person must not keep Backyard Poultry within a dwelling unit or on a balcony, roof, or deck.
 - v. A person must not allow Backyard Poultry outside of a Coop or Pen except to perform typical Animal husbandry practices such as wing clipping and veterinary care.
 - vi. Coops and Pens must not be located:
 - a. In a front yard.
 - b. Within 1.0 metre from any property line.
 - c. Within 3.0 metres of any dwelling unit.
 - vii. A Coop shall:
 - a. Provide a minimum volume of 0.6 cubic metres per hen.
 - b. Provide a minimum floor area of 0.37 square metres per hen.
 - c. Not exceed a maximum floor area of 10.0 square metres or volume of 30.0 cubic metres.
 - d. Not exceed a height of 3.0 metres.
 - e. Provide each chicken with its own nesting box and perch that is at least fifteen (15) centimetres long, and each duck with adequate ground-level nesting space.
 - f. Be kept clean, in good repair, and free of vermin.
 - viii. A Pen shall:
 - a. Provide a minimum volume of 1.0 cubic metres per hen.
 - b. Have a minimum Pen area of 0.93 square metres per hen.
 - c. Not exceed an area of 10.0 square metres.
 - d. Must not exceed a height of 3.0 metres.

- e. Be fully enclosed at all sides with corrosion-resistant metal wire fencing with a minimum wire gauge of 14 and a maximum opening of 2 inches (5.08 centimeters) securely fastened to the structure with corrosion-resistant fencing staples.
- f. Be covered with a roof wire fencing with corrosion-resistant metal wire fencing with a minimum wire gauge of 14 and a maximum opening of 2 inches (5.08 centimeters) securely fastened to the structure with corrosion-resistant fencing staples.
- g. Be kept clean, in good repair, and free of vermin.
- ix. A Parcel on which Backyard Poultry are kept must have a continuous Animal proof fence that encloses the Coop and Pen.
- x. A Pen shall be attached to or surround the Coop so as to provide the Backyard Poultry with full and unobstructed access to enter and exit the Coop at their leisure during daylight hours.
- xi. All Backyard Poultry must be kept within a secure Coop from sunset to sunrise.
- xii. All Backyard Poultry shall be provided with adequate litter within the Coop to nest in which shall be cleaned weekly.
- xiii. Food and water receptacles shall be frequently cleaned and disinfected and located to avoid contamination by excreta and attraction of vermin.
- xiv. The Owner must ensure that the Coop and Pen are situated in a way that would reasonably prevent entry by Wildlife and constructed to prevent any vermin from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls.
- xv. A person must not keep Backyard Poultry in a cage unless for the purposes of transport of the Backyard Poultry.
- xvi. Unless ordered to by an authority having jurisdiction, slaughtering Backyard Poultry is prohibited.
- xvii. Except for the sale of eggs, a person must not sell any products associated with Backyard Poultry, including manure and meat.
- xviii. Backyard Poultry eggs shall be sold in accordance the BC Centre for Disease Control "Guidelines for the Sale of Foods at Temporary Food Markets". In addition to the BC Centre for Disease Control guidelines, the following conditions shall be met:
 - a. The eggs must be produced on the property upon which the Backyard Poultry Owner resides.

- b. The eggs must be only for the consumption of the individual purchasing the eggs and/or that individual's household.
 - xix. The Owner of Backyard Poultry shall ensure poultry food is stored and secured in vermin-proof and wildlife-proof containers, and that no more than 0.085 cubic metres (3.0 cubic feet) may be stored at a time.
 - xx. The Owner of Backyard Poultry shall ensure manure is stored in an enclosed vermin-proof and wildlife-proof container that does not generate excessive heat or odour, and that no more than 0.085 cubic metres (3.0 cubic feet) may be stored at a time.
 - xxi. A person must not dispose of deceased Backyard Poultry other than by delivering it to a veterinarian, landfill in a sealed bag, a farm, an abattoir, or other facility with the ability to lawfully dispose of the carcass.
 - xxii. The Owner of Backyard Poultry must follow biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.
- (b) Backyard Poultry must not be left unattended for periods of more than 12 hours.

11. Goat Vegetation Management

11.1 Notwithstanding Section 10.1 of this Bylaw, a person may keep goats on any parcel of land within the Town, on a temporary basis, for vegetation management subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Goats shall be used to clear vegetation for no more than 30 consecutive days.
- (b) For the purposes of vegetation management, the total number of goats permitted on a parcel of land is to be calculated at one (1) goat per 100.0 square metres (1076.4 square feet) of parcel area to a maximum of thirty (30) goats per parcel.
- (c) Goats must be contained within a temporary, Animal proof woven wire (or similar material) fence at all times while on a work site or performing their vegetation management activities and must be cared for in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and all other applicable regulations and legislation.
- (d) Goats used for vegetation management must not remain overnight onsite unless a Wrangler or a person living onsite has been trained and equipped to wrangle the goats is present.

- (e) Any goats remaining onsite overnight shall be kept in a portable wildlife-proof enclosed and roofed shelter that is appropriately sized to accommodate each Animal.
- (f) Vegetation management using goats must only be carried out by business holding a valid Business License or Intermunicipal Business License.
- (g) A business providing goat vegetation management services must obtain and maintain third party liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000.

12. Agricultural Exemption

- 12.1 Any government authority, farm operation, or agriculturally zoned property is exempt from Part 10 (Poultry & Livestock) and Part 11 (Goat Vegetation Management) of this Bylaw.

13. Animal Welfare

- 13.1 A person must not keep any Animal unless the Animal is provided with:
- (a) Clean, potable drinking water and food in sufficient quantity and of a recognized nutritional quality to allow for the Animal's normal growth and the maintenance of the Animal's normal body weight;
 - (b) Sanitary food and water receptacles;
 - (c) The opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain the Animal's good health;
 - (d) Clean bedding material and an area maintained at a temperature warm and dry enough to prevent the Animal from suffering discomfort; and
 - (e) The necessary veterinary care to prevent or treat pain, suffering, or disease.
- 13.2 A person must not keep any Animal outside for more than 3 hours in any day unless the Animal is provided with a shelter that allows the Animal to move freely, and stand, sit or lie in a position that:
- (a) Protects the Animal from heat, cold and wetness; and
 - (b) Is shaded.
- 13.3 A person must not keep any Animal confined in an enclosed space, including a motor vehicle, without sufficient ventilation to prevent the Animals from suffering discomfort, heat stroke or injury.
- 13.4 A person must not keep any Animal hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object where a choke collar or choke chain forms part of the securing apparatus, or where a rope or cord is tied directly around the Animal's neck.

- 13.5 A person must not keep any Animal hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object as the primary means of confinement for more than three hours.

14. Authority to Seize and Impound Animals

- 14.1 In accordance with the *Community Charter*, an Animal Control Officer may, at reasonable times and on reasonable grounds, enter onto property to inspect and determine whether this Bylaw is being complied with.
- 14.2 An Animal Control Officer may apprehend or impound an Animal where the Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the Animal is in circumstances that constitute a contravention of this Bylaw, in accordance with sections 48 and 49 of the Community Charter.
- (a) Upon such apprehension or impoundment, the Animal Control Officer shall forthwith inform the Owner of the Animal.
 - (b) If the Owner of such Animal cannot be reasonably determined, the Animal Control Officer shall cause notice of such apprehension and impoundment to be made in writing and affixed in a prominent place upon the Notice Board at the main entrance to City Hall, and the posting of such notice as aforesaid shall be deemed for all purposes to be sufficient notice to the Owner of such Animal.

15. Cats

- 15.1 A person must not allow a Cat that does not have Identification to be a Cat At Large.
- 15.2 An Owner must not permit an unsterilized Cat to be a Cat At Large.

16. Enforcement

- 16.1 This Bylaw may be enforced by an Animal Control Officer.

17. Provision of Information

- 17.1 If a person occupies premises where an Animal is kept or found, the person must provide the following information when requested by an Animal Control Officer:
- (a) The person's name, address and telephone number;
 - (b) If the person is not the Animal's Owner, the Owner's name, address and telephone number;
 - (c) The number of Animals kept on the premises;
 - (d) The breed, sex, age, name and general description of each Animal kept on the premises;

- (e) Whether each Animal kept on the premises is licensed, and if so, the licence number(s).

17.2 If a person has care or custody of an Animal, the Person must provide the following information when requested by an Animal Control Officer:

- (a) The person's name, address and telephone number;
- (b) If the person is not the Animal's Owner, the Owner's name, address and telephone number;
- (c) The breed, sex, age, name and general description of each Animal owned by or in the custody of the Person;
- (d) Whether each Animal owned or in the custody of the person is licensed, and if so, the licence number(s).

18. Impound Release

18.1 The Poundkeeper may refuse to release an Animal to any person, including its Owner, where:

- (a) The Animal has been seized by the Poundkeeper under Section 49 of the *Community Charter* less than 21 days prior, or is the subject of an application under Section 49 of the *Community Charter*;
- (b) Authorized or required under applicable federal or provincial legislation; or
- (c) If any fees under this Bylaw remain owing.

19. Offences

19.1 A person must not obstruct, hinder, or interfere with an Animal Control Officer in the exercise of their duties under this Bylaw, including:

- (a) Providing false information;
- (b) Unlocking or unlatching or otherwise opening a vehicle or enclosure in which an impounded Animal has been placed; or
- (c) Removing or attempting to remove any Animal from the possession of the Animal Control Officer or Poundkeeper.

19.2 A person who contravenes this Bylaw, permits a contravention, or fails to comply with a requirement of this Bylaw commits an offence, and, upon summary conviction, may be fined up to \$50,000 and is subject to any other penalty or remedy available under the *Community Charter* and *Offence Act*.

19.3 Where an offence under this Bylaw is of a continuing nature, each day that an offence continues, or is permitted to exist, constitutes a separate offence.

- 19.4 Section 19.2 must not prevent the Town, or an authorized person on behalf of the Town, issuing and enforcing a bylaw notice or Municipal Ticket Information under this, or another of the Town's bylaws, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100.00.

20. Severability

- 20.1 If any section of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that section may be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw remains valid.

21. Citation

- 21.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Animal Responsibility Bylaw 2026, No. 2238".

22. Repeal of Previous Bylaws

- 22.1 The following bylaws are repealed:
- (a) "Dog Licencing, Control & Pound Bylaw 1995, No. 1155" including all amendments thereto; and
 - (b) "Animal Control Bylaw, 2024, No. 2167".

READ A FIRST TIME on the 22nd day of September, 2026
READ A SECOND TIME on the 22nd day of September, 2026
READ A THIRD TIME on the 22nd day of September, 2026
ADOPTED on the 6th day of October, 2026



Mayor (D. Beeston)

Corporate Officer (S. Bouma)

SCHEDULE 'A' – LICENCE FEES

For Spayed or Neutered Dogs:	
Fee paid before January 31 st	\$31.00
Fee paid February 01 – December 31 st	\$41.00
For Intact Dogs:	
Fee paid before January 31 st	\$49.00
Fee paid February 01 – December 31 st	\$59.00
Transfer of Ownership fee	\$5.00
Transfer from another municipality	\$5.00
Lost tag replacement fee	\$5.00

SCHEDULE 'B' – IMPOUND FEES

Licenced Dog	
First Impound	\$35
Second Impound	\$55
Third Impound	\$100
Unlicensed Dog	
First Impound	\$100
Second Impound	\$200
Third Impound	\$400
Dangerous Dogs	
Dangerous Dog	\$500
Dangerous Dog that has injured a person or Animal	\$1000
Cats	
Sterilized Cat	\$25
Unsterilized Cat	\$50 (a refund of \$25 is available if proof of sterilization is provided within 30 days)
Other Animals	
Livestock	\$50
Poultry	\$10
Rabbits	\$10
Boarding for All Animals	
Each day (or portion thereof)	\$10/day

SCHEDULE 'C' - FINES

Section	Description	A1 Penalty	A2 Early Payment Discounted Penalty	A3 Late Payment Penalty
3.1	More than 3 Dogs	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
5.1(a)	Unlicensed Dog	\$100.00	\$750.00	\$125.00
5.1(e)	Fail to display licence tag	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
5.1(g)	Remove licence tag	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
6.1(a)	Dog "At Large"	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
6.1(b)	Dog not under Effective Control	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
6.2	Dog in prohibited area	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
6.3	Dog on 1 st Avenue during street closure	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
6.4	Allow Animal to chase/attack/injure	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
6.5	Allow Animal to damage public property	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
6.6	Fail to enclose Dog in heat	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
7.1	Noisy Dog	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
8.2(a)(i)	Fail to maintain Effective Control of Dangerous Dog	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$275.00
8.2(a)(ii)	Fail to muzzle Dangerous Dog	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$275.00
8.2(b)	Fail to confine Dangerous Dog	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$275.00
8.2(c)(i)	Dangerous Dog on school grounds	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
8.2(c)(ii)	Dangerous Dog in park	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
8.2(c)(iii)	Dangerous Dog in 30m of playground	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
8.3(a)	Fail to display Dangerous Dog sign	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
8.3(b)	Improperly displayed Dangerous Dog sign	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
8.3(c)	Deface or remove Dangerous Dog sign	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00

8.4	Fail to comply with Dangerous Dog regulations	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
9.1	Fail to clean-up/dispose of Dog feces	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
10.1	Keep Poultry or Livestock on land less than 0.81 hectares	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
10.2(a)	Unlawfully keep Poultry	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
10.2(b)	Unattended Poultry	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
11.1	Unlawfully keep Goat	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
13.1	Neglect Animal Welfare	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
13.2	Inadequate Shelter	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
13.2	Confine Animal without adequate ventilation	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
13.4	Unlawfully Tether Animal	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
13.5	Tether Animal more than 3 hours	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
15.1	Cat "At Large" without identification	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
15.2	Unsterilized Cat "At Large"	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
17.1	Fail to provide information	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
17.2	Fail to provide information	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
19.1	Obstruct Animal Control Officer or Poundkeeper	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$275.00

SCHEDULE 'D' - DANGEROUS DOG SIGN

WARNING

AGGRESSIVE DOG ON PREMISES



SCHEDULE ‘E’ – BACKYARD POULTRY EXCLUSION AREAS (in RED)

