



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW
BYLAW NO. C11-24

WHEREAS Part 2 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time, provides that a Council of a Municipality may pass a bylaw respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Fort Saskatchewan, duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw is called the "Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Bylaw:

- a. "Animal" means any live creature, both domestic and wild, and includes Dogs, Nuisance Dogs, Restricted Dogs, Cats, fowl, fish and reptiles, but does not include humans.
- b. "Animal Shelter" means the premises designated by the City for the purpose of impounding and caring for all Dogs, Cats, and other Animals when required by this Bylaw.
- c. "At Large" means and includes the situation where:
 - i. a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat is found on any place other than the Owner's property; and
 - ii. while on such place, the Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat is not being restrained by a leash and under the effective control of the owner or someone acting on behalf of and with the authority of the owner, as required by this Bylaw.
- d. "Attack" means force applied by an Animal to another Animal or a Person which involves direct physical contact that results in, or could reasonably result in harm, injury, or death.
- e. "Cat" means either a male or female of the Felidae family.

- f. "City" means the municipal corporation of the City of Fort Saskatchewan or any lands within the City's corporate limits, where the context requires.
- g. "City Manager" means the City's Chief Administrative Officer or designate.
- h. "Council" means the municipal Council for the City of Fort Saskatchewan.
- i. "Disabled Person" means an individual who has any degree of disability except blindness or visual impairment and is dependent upon a Service Dog.
- j. "Dog" means either a male or female member of the Canidae family, other than a Nuisance Dog or Restricted Dog.
- k. "Guide Dog" means a dog trained as a guide for a visually impaired person and identified on an identification card issued by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind under the provisions of the *Blind Persons' Rights Act*.
- l. "Harass" means to continuously subject an animal to physical contact, noise, or other stimuli that is likely to provoke a reaction, potentially leading to injury or distress.
- m. "Herding Dog" means a Dog trained to herd sheep situated on public or private property, for the sole purpose of rounding up or herding sheep, as part of the City's Sheep Grazing Program.
- n. "Injure" means to cause physical harm to a person or Animal.
- o. "Livestock" means Poultry, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, donkeys and mules.
- p. "Municipal Tag" means a tag or similar document issued by the City pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) for the purpose of notifying a person that an offence has been committed, and which fine or prosecution may follow.
- q. "Night Time" means the period beginning at 10:00 PM and ending the following day at:
 - i. 7:00 AM if the following day is Monday through Friday; or
 - ii. 9:00 AM if the following day is a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holiday
- r. "Nuisance Dog" means any Dog that has been the subject of three or more convictions within the previous three years for any combination of offences listed in Section 4, Section 6, or Section 7 in this Bylaw.
- s. "Off-Leash Area" means an area designated by the City Manager or designate where a Dog or Nuisance Dog is permitted and is not required to be held by a leash.
- t. "Order" means a written order pursuant to the MGA, to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw.
- u. "Owner" means any person:

- i. in actual or apparent possession or control of the Animal, or property where an Animal resides.
 - ii. having legal title ownership, temporary care, control or custody or permanent possession of an Animal.
- v. "Peace Officer" means a Peace Officer as defined in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- w. "Poultry" means domestic fowl, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese, and includes any bird from the Phasianidae family.
- x. "Prohibited Animal" means any of the following:
 - i. Livestock;
 - ii. bees; (unless permit issued)
 - iii. poisonous snakes, poisonous reptiles, or poisonous insects; and
 - iv. any other animal except a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat, in the adult form or weighing more than 5 kilograms, or the young of that animal.
- y. "Restricted Dog" means any dog which:
 - i. has, attacked, injured, or threatened any person or Animal causing physical injury; or
 - ii. has been made the subject of an Order under the *Dangerous Dogs Act*.
- z. "Service Dog" means a Dog trained as a guide for a Disabled Person and having the qualifications prescribed by the Service Dog Act of Alberta.
- aa. "Threaten" means engaging in behaviours that suggests or signals danger to, or an intent to inflict physical harm upon, an Animal or Person which may include, but not be limited to stalking, chasing, baring teeth, growling, barking, snarling, lunging, or snapping.
- bb. "Violation Ticket" shall mean a Violation Ticket as defined in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

3. IDENTIFICATION

- 3.1 The Owner of a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cat shall ensure a visible tag attached to a collar or harness containing the phone number of the Owner is worn at all times by the dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cat when off the property of the owner.
 - a) The owner of the dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cat shall ensure the telephone number on the tag is a current telephone number at which the Owner can be contacted.

- b) The onus of proving a telephone number is current is on the person alleging the telephone number is current.
- 3.2 A visible tag shall not be required for a Hearing Dog, Police Service Dog or Service Dog.

4. REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS

- 4.1 No more than three Dogs, Nuisance Dogs, or Restricted Dogs, in any combination, shall be kept at any municipal address within the City. This Section shall not apply:
 - a. in the case of Dogs, Nuisance Dogs, or Restricted Dogs under the age of six months;
 - b. if the person has a valid Business Licence to operate a small animal breeding/boarding establishment or the general business of a pet store pursuant to other applicable City bylaws; or
 - c. to any veterinary clinic or hospital.
- 4.2 No more than three Cats shall be kept at any municipal address within the City. This Section shall not apply:
 - a. in the case of Cats under the age of six months;
 - b. if the person has a valid Business Licence to operate a small animal breeding/boarding establishment or the general business of a pet store pursuant to other applicable City bylaws; or
 - c. to any veterinary clinic or hospital.
- 4.3 The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall not permit the animal to be At Large within the City.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding Section 4.3, this Section shall not apply to:
 - a. Herding Dogs when they are actively engaged in rounding-up or herding sheep, and under control of the Owner or any other person; or
 - b. when the Animal is within a designated off-leash area.
- 4.5 Any person who takes control of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat who is At Large, other than the Owner of the Animal, shall notify the City, provide the required information and surrender the Animal to a Peace Officer, if directed to do so.

- 4.6 The Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall not permit the animal to damage public or private property.
- 4.7 The Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall not permit the animal to:
- a. chase a motor vehicle, bicycle, skateboard, micromobility device or other wheeled device used for transportation;
 - b. chase a person or another Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat belonging to another person;
 - c. Threaten a person or another Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat belonging to another person;
 - d. Harass a person or another Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat belonging to another person;
 - e. Attack a person or another Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat belonging to another person;
 - f. Injure a person or another Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat belonging to another person; or
 - g. kill a person or another Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat belonging to another person.
- 4.8 Section 4.7 may not apply in the sole discretion of a Peace Officer, if the Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat Threatens, chases, Attacks, Harasses, or injures:
- a. a trespasser on the property where its Owner resides;
 - b. a person who is physically abusing or provoking the animal; or
 - c. a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat that intrudes onto the property.
- 4.9 A person shall not provoke or abuse a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat in any manner that could reasonably expect the animal to:
- a. damage property;
 - b. chase, Attack, Threaten, or Injure any person or animal, which could cause physical injury; or
 - c. bark, howl, or meow.

5. SECURING ANIMALS IN VEHICLES

- 5.1 No person shall transport an Animal outside of the passenger cabin of a motor vehicle on a highway.
- 5.2 Section 5.1 shall not apply if the Animal is:
 - a. In a fully enclosed trailer;
 - b. In a fully enclosed cargo area of the bed of a motor vehicle;
 - c. Contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device which is securely fastened to the cargo bed of a motor vehicle or trailer; or
 - d. Is securely tethered in the cargo bed of a motor vehicle or trailer in such a manner that the animal;
 - i. Can not jump or be thrown from the cargo area of the motor vehicle or trailer;
 - ii. Is not in danger of strangulation; and
 - iii. Can not reach beyond the outside edges of the motor vehicle or trailer.

6. **DEFECATION**

- 6.1 The Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall remove any defecation left by the animal on public or private property, other than the Owner's property.
- 6.2 Section 6.1 shall not apply to a visually impaired person being assisted by a Guide Dog.
- 6.3 The Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat, shall ensure that defecation left by the animal on the property of the Owner does not accumulate to an extent that it is reasonably likely to annoy or pose a health risk to others.
- 6.4 In the opinion of a Peace Officer, no Owner shall allow an accumulation of fecal matter on a property in which an Animal is expected to live or be confined, in such a quantity as to create a health hazard to the Animal or pose a health risk to others.

7. **NOISE**

- 7.1 The Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall not permit the animal to bark, howl, or meow excessively.
- 7.2 In determining whether the barking, howling or meowing is reasonably likely to disturb the peace of others, consideration may be given, but not necessarily limited, to the:
 - a. Proximity of the complainants(s) to the property where the animal is located;

- b. duration of the barking, howling or meowing. Continuous for a one (1) hour period, or continuous for a twenty (20) minute period during Night Time.
- c. time of day and day of the week;
- d. nature and use of the surrounding area, and
- e. effect of the barking, howling or meowing on the complainant(s).

8. NUISANCE DOGS

- 8.1 With fifteen (15) days written notice to the Owner, the City Manager or designate may deem a dog a Nuisance Dog imposing any of the following conditions:
- a. that the Owner keep the Nuisance Dog indoors or secured in a fully enclosed outdoor pen;
 - b. that the Owner ensure the Nuisance Dog is muzzled while outdoors;
 - c. that the Owner undertake repairs to the property where the Nuisance Dog resides to ensure compliance with this Bylaw;
 - d. that the Owner and Nuisance Dog together complete a specified Behavioural Modification Course; and / or
 - e. other conditions deemed reasonable.
- 8.2 An Owner may appeal the conditions imposed on a Nuisance Dog order to the City Manager or designate within fourteen (14) days, pursuant to the provisions of Section 13.3.
- 8.3 An Owner shall not contravene any condition of a Nuisance Dog order.
- 8.4 An Owner may request removing the Nuisance Dog order after one (1) full calendar year of no violations under this Bylaw.

9. DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED DOGS

- 9.1 If a Peace Officer believes on reasonable and probable grounds that a dog has:
- a. damaged property;
 - b. Chased, Attacked, Threaten or bite any person or Animal;
 - c. been previously determined to be a Dangerous Dog under the *Dangerous Dog Act* R.S.A 2000 c D-3, or similar legislation or bylaws from another Municipality, Province, or Country;

- d. the Peace Officer may seize and impound the Dog and recommend to the Municipal Enforcement Supervisor that the Dog be declared Restricted.

9.2 Upon receipt of a recommendation from a Peace Officer, the Municipal Enforcement Supervisor may declare the Dog to be Restricted and impose conditions on the Dog Owner that may include any one or more of the following:

- a. An Owner of a Restricted Dog shall have liability insurance specifically covering any potential damages for personal injury or property damage caused by the Restricted Dog in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
 - i. The Owner of a Restricted Dog shall provide proof of insurance to the City upon request.
 - ii. The certificate of insurance shall contain a provision requiring the Owner or issuer to immediately notify the City in writing, should the policy expire, be cancelled or terminated.
- b. When off the property of the Owner, including an Off-Leash Area, the Owner shall ensure a Restricted Dog is at all times:
 - i. Muzzled;
 - ii. Held on a leash not exceeding two metres in length; and
 - iii. Under the effective control of the Owner or someone over the age of 18 years.
- c. When on the property of the Owner:
 - i. The Restricted Dog shall be under the effective control of someone over the age of 18 years, when outdoors;
 - ii. Have signs posted alerting the public that a Restricted Dog is located on the property;
 - iii. The Restricted Dog shall be secured in a fully enclosed holding pen, when outdoors; and / or
 - iv. The Restricted Dog shall be muzzled and secured by a chain preventing the restricted dog from entering within two (2) metres of the property's boundary, when outdoors.
- d. Any other condition deemed appropriate by the Peace Officer Program Supervisor.

- 9.3 If the Municipal Enforcement Supervisor has declared a dog to be Restricted, written notification of the declaration and any conditions imposed shall be provided to the Dog's Owner.
- 9.4 During the appeal period and until final disposition has been given, the Dog Owner shall ensure that the Dog subject to the declaration, is muzzled at all times when off the property of the Owner.
- 9.5 The Owner of a Dog declared restricted pursuant to this Bylaw shall obey and abide by all the conditions imposed pursuant to section 9.2 of this Bylaw.
- 9.6 In addition to the remedies set forth in this Bylaw, if a Peace Officer determines that a Restricted Dog is in contravention of this Bylaw, they may make a complaint pursuant to the *Dangerous Dogs Act* for an Order or direction that the Animal be controlled or destroyed.

10. CONTROL OF OTHER ANIMALS

- 10.1 A person shall not keep or have Prohibited Animals on any property within the City, including land annexed by the City, unless:
 - a. the Prohibited Animal is participating in a parade, circus, rodeo, agricultural show, or any other similar function approved by the City; or
 - b. A Development Permit has been issued by the City's Development Authority for a Use allowing the Prohibited Animal(s).
- 10.2 A person may keep or own no more than four (4) pigeons or rabbits, in any combination, on any premises within the City.
- 10.3 The Owner shall at all times have the pigeons or rabbits:
 - a. secured in one or more fully enclosed pen(s);
 - b. maintained in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition; and
 - c. not located within two meters of the premises' boundary.
- 10.4 If a Peace Officer determines that pigeons or rabbits are not being kept in accordance with this Bylaw or that the Animals have caused damage to the property of another person, a Peace Officer may direct the Owner to restrain, dispose of, or destroy the Animals.

11. SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDING

- 11.1 A Peace Officer is authorized to seize and impound any Animal found contrary to any provision in this Bylaw.
- 11.2 The City may keep all Animals seized and impounded pursuant to this Bylaw for a period up to 72 hours, excluding statutory holidays.

- 11.3 Any Animal seized and impounded pursuant to the *Animal Protection Act* shall be addressed in a manner consistent with the provisions of that Act.
- 11.4 Any Animal seized pursuant to this Bylaw may be returned to the Owner or designate upon payment of outstanding fees associated with, shelter, care, and treatment.
- 11.5 If in the opinion of a qualified veterinarian, an Impounded Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, Cat or any other Animal in the possession of the City of Fort Saskatchewan requires treatment for medical reasons, the Director of Protective Services or designate, may direct the qualified veterinarian to:
 - a. Humanely euthanize the animal; and / or
 - b. Provide medical treatment to the Animal.
- 11.6 The cost of any treatment will be charged to the Owner of the Animal.
- 11.7 Failure to pay for the cost of treatment is an offence under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

12. OTHER REGULATIONS

- 12.1 Any person who deliberately or through negligence, Injures, hurts or otherwise harms any Animal, shall be guilty of an offence.
- 12.2 In the opinion of a Peace Officer, an Owner of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall ensure that any device used to permanently secure the Animal shall be of adequate length to be able to allow for adequate exercise of the Animal to ensure a healthy quality of life.
- 12.3 An Owner or person in charge of the care of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat must:
 - a. Ensure that the Animal has adequate food and water;
 - b. Provide the Animal with adequate care when the Animal is wounded or ill;
 - c. Provide the Animal with reasonable protection from injurious heat or cold;
 - d. Provide the Animal with adequate shelter, ventilation and space; and
 - e. Not abandon the Animal at any place or location.
- 12.4 The Owner or person responsible for the care of a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, or Cat shall ensure that it does not upset any waste receptacle or scatter garbage on public or private property.

- 12.5 A person shall not refuse to allow a Service Dog or Guide Dog in the company of a Disabled Person to enter any building or property that is accessible to the public.
- 12.6 With exception to a Service Dog or Guide Dog, a person shall not have an Animal in any City transit vehicle or facility, unless:
- a. It is within a fully enclosed carrier; or
 - b. It is carried or held by the person at all times.
- 12.7 Unless otherwise permitted by law, a person shall not leave a leg hold or foot hold trap in any place where it may reasonably capture any Animal.
- 12.8 A person shall not:
- a. Interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer who is attempting to seize or has seized an Animal that is subject to impoundment, pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - b. Open the vehicle or enclosure in which an Animal is being held, pursuant to seizure or impoundment;
 - c. Remove, or attempt to remove, any Animal from the possession of a Peace Officer;
 - d. Untie, loosen or otherwise free an Animal that has been tied or otherwise held by a Peace Officer;
 - e. Untie, loosen or otherwise free a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog or Cat which has been tied or otherwise restrained; or
 - f. Open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which a Dog, Nuisance Dog, Restricted Dog, Cat or any other Animal has been confined and thereby allow the animal to run at large or escape.
- 12.9 A person shall not provide false or misleading information to any Peace Officer or the City

13. **ENFORCEMENT**

- 13.1 Orders to Remedy Contraventions:
- a. If the City Manager or designate finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the City Manager or designate may by written order in accordance with the MGA, require any person responsible for the contravention to remedy it.
 - b. The Order may:

- i. Direct a person to stop doing something, or to change the way in which they are doing it;
 - ii. Direct a person to take any action necessary to remedy the contravention of this Bylaw to prevent a re-occurrence of the contravention;
 - iii. State a specified time to comply; and / or
 - iv. State that if the person does not comply within a specified time, the City shall take necessary action, at the expense of the person.
- c. The expense and costs resulting from action taken by the City under this Section, are due and payable by the person in contravention of this Bylaw.
- d. The City may, in accordance with the MGA, add outstanding amounts for unpaid expenses and costs referred to in Section 13.1(c) to a property Tax Roll, if the contravention of the Bylaw occurred on all or part of the owner's property.

13.2 Service of Order:

- a. In the case of an individual, an Order issued in accordance with the Bylaw may be served:
 - i. By delivering it personally to the individual;
 - ii. By leaving it for the individual at their apparent place of residence, with someone who appears to be at least 18 years of age; or
 - iii. By registered mail addressed to the individual at their apparent place of residence, or to any address for the individual on the property Tax Roll of the City.
- b. In the case of a corporation, an Order issued in accordance with this Bylaw may be served:
 - i. By delivering it personally to any director or officer of the corporation;
 - ii. By delivering it personally to a person apparently in charge of an office of the corporation at an address believed to be the corporation's address; or
 - iii. By registered mail addressed to the registered office of the corporation.

13.3 Review by Council:

- a. A person who receives a written notice or Order under this Bylaw may submit a written request for Council to review the notice or Order within fourteen (14) days after the date it was received.
- b. After review, Council may confirm, vary, substitute, or cancel the notice or Order.

13.4 Offence:

- a. A person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- b. A person shall not interfere with a Peace Officer in the exercise of their powers and duties under this Bylaw.

13.5 Vicarious Liability:

- a. For the purpose of this Bylaw, an act or omission by the Owner or another person acting on their behalf is deemed to be an act or omission of the Owner, if the act or omission occurred in the course of exercising the powers or performing any duties on behalf of the Owner.

13.6 Corporations and Partnerships:

- a. When a corporation commits an offence under this Bylaw, every principal, director, manager, employee or agent of the corporation who authorized the act or omission, or agreed or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the offence, is guilty of the offence whether or not the corporation has been prosecuted.
- b. If a partner in a partnership is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, each partner in that partnership who authorized the act, who agreed or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the offence, is guilty of the offence.

13.7 Fines and Penalties:

- a. A person who is guilty of an offence is liable for a fine pursuant to Schedule "A", not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or for the imprisonment of not more than six months for non-payment of a fine, as per the MGA.
- b. Without restricting the generality of Section 13.7(a), the fine amounts set out in Schedule "A" are established for use on Municipal Tags and Violation Tickets, if a voluntary payment option is offered.

13.8 Municipal Tag:

- a. A Peace Officer is hereby authorized to issue a Municipal Tag to any person who the Peace Officer believes has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
 - b. A Municipal Tag may be issued:
 - i. Personally; or
 - ii. By mailing a copy to such person at their last known municipal address.
- 13.9 The Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by the City Manager or their designate and shall state:
- a. The name of the person;
 - b. The offence;
 - c. The specified penalty established by this Bylaw for the offence;
 - d. That the penalty shall be paid within seven days of the issuance; and
 - e. Any other information as may be required by the City Manager or their designate.
- 13.10 Payment in Lieu of Prosecution:
- a. Where a Municipal Tag is issued pursuant to this Bylaw, the person to whom it is issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay the penalty to the City, specified within the prescribed time indicated on the Municipal Tag.
- 13.11 Violation Ticket:
- a. Where a Municipal Tag has been issued and the specified penalty has not been paid within the prescribed time, the Peace Officer is authorized to issue a violation Ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
 - b. Notwithstanding Section 13.11(a), a Peace Officer is hereby authorized to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* to any person who the Peace Officer believes has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
- 13.12 Where a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, it may:
- a. Specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence; or
 - b. Require a person to appear in court, without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.

13.13 Voluntary Payment:

- a. A person who commits an offence may submit the voluntary payment noting the specified penalty to the Provincial Court Clerk, on or before the initial appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket, if:
 - i. The Violation Ticket is issued with respect to the offence; and
 - ii. The Violation Ticket specifies the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence.

14. **POWERS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

14.1 Without restricting any other power, duty, or function granted by this or any other Bylaw, the City Manager or designate may:

- a. Carry out inspections to determine compliance with this Bylaw;
- b. Take steps or carry out actions required to enforce this Bylaw;
- c. Take necessary steps or carry out actions required to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw;
- d. Establish forms for the purposes of this Bylaw;
- e. Establish an Animal Shelter for seized and impounded Animals; to make rules and regulations for an Animal Shelter; and to regulate the conduct and form of an Animal Shelter, pursuant to this Bylaw.
- f. Establish Off-Leash Area(s);
- g. Approve any parade, circus, rodeo, agricultural show, or any similar function which contains prohibited animals, within the City; and
- h. Delegate powers, duties or functions under this Bylaw to an employee of the City.

15. **GENDER REFERENCES**

All references in this Bylaw will be read with such changes in number and gender as may be appropriate, and references shall be read as a corporation or partnership, and pronouns shall be deemed to not be gender specific.

16. **INTERPRETATION**

- 16.1 References to provisions of statutes, rules or regulations shall be deemed to include references to such provisions as amended, modified or re-enacted from time to time.
- 16.2 Nothing in this Bylaw relieves any person from compliance with any other bylaw

or applicable federal or provincial law, regulation or enactment.

17. **SEVERABILITY**

If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

18. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Bylaw becomes effective January 1, 2025.

19. **PRIOR BYLAWS**

This Bylaw supersedes and takes precedence over all previously passed bylaws which refer to animal control, as well as any previously passed resolutions which may be in conflict with this Bylaw.

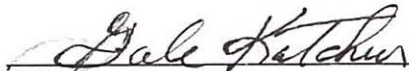
20. **REPEAL OF BYLAWS**

Upon third reading of this Bylaw C11-24, Bylaw C7-16 – Animal Control Bylaw and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ a first time this 12th day of November 2024

READ a second time this 12th day of November 2024

READ a third time this 26th day of November 2024



MAYOR



ACTING DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES

Date Signed: Nov. 26, 2024

**CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
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**SCHEDULE "A"
SPECIFIED PENALTIES**

Section	Offence	Penalty 1st Offence	Penalty 2nd and Subsequent Offence
3.1	Failure to attach a tag to a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cat's collar or harness	\$200	\$300
3.1(a)	Failure to keep information on a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cats tag current	\$200	\$300
4.1	Harbouring more than three dogs, nuisance dogs, or restricted dogs	\$150	\$300
4.2	Harbouring more than three cats	\$150	\$300
4.3	Permitting dog or cat to be at large	\$200	\$300
4.3	Permitting a nuisance dog to be at large	\$250	\$500
4.3	Permitting a restricted dog to be at large	\$500	\$1000
4.6	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat cause damage to public or private property	\$150	\$300
4.7(a)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to chase a motor vehicle, bicycle, skateboard, micromobility device or other wheeled device	\$250	\$500
4.7(b)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to chase a person or another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat belonging to another person	\$250	\$500
4.7(c)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to threaten a person or another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat belonging to another person	\$250	\$500

4.7(d)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to harass a person or another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat belonging to another person	\$250	\$500
4.7(e)	Allow a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to attack a person or another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat belonging to another person	\$500	\$1000
4.7(f)	Allow a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to injure a person or another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat belonging to another person	\$750	\$1000
4.7(g)	Allow a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to kill a person, or another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat belonging to another person	\$1000	\$2000
4.9	Provoking or abusing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat	\$500	\$1000
5.1	Allow an animal to be riding outside of the passenger cab of a motor vehicle	\$150	\$300
6.1	Failure to remove dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat defecation from private or public property, other than the property of the owner	\$150	\$300
6.3	Failure to ensure that defecation left by the animal on the property of the owner does not accumulate to an extent that it is reasonably likely to annoy or pose a health risk to others	\$150	\$300
6.4	Allow an accumulation of fecal matter on a property in which an animal is expected to live in such quantity as to create a health hazard to the animal or pose health risk to others	\$150	\$300
7.1	Permitting a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to bark, howl, or meow excessively	\$250	\$500
8.1	Failure to meet the conditions of a Nuisance Dog order.	\$250	\$500
9.2(a)	Failure to insure a restricted dog	\$250	\$500

9.2(b)	Failure to follow restricted dog conditions, when off the owner`s premises	\$1000	\$2000
9.2(c)	Failure to follow restricted dog conditions, when on the owner`s premises	\$1000	\$2000
10.1	Harbouring prohibited animals	\$250	\$500
10.2	Harbouring more than four pigeons or rabbits, in any combination	\$150	\$300
10.3	Failure to follow conditions of owning pigeons or rabbits	\$150	\$300
11.7	Fail to pay for the cost of treatment	\$500	\$1000
12.1	Any person who deliberately injures, hurts or otherwise harms any animal	\$250	\$500
12.2	Device used to permanently secure an animal not adequate length to allow for adequate exercise and ensure healthy quality of life	\$150	\$300
12.3(a)	Owner or person in charge of the care of a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat fail to provide adequate food and water	\$250	\$500
12.3(b)	Owner or person in charge of the care of a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat fail to provide adequate care when animal is wounded or ill	\$250	\$500
12.3(c)	Owner or person in charge of the care of a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat fail to provide animal with reasonable protection from injurious heat or cold	\$250	\$500
12.3(d)	Owner or person in charge of the care of a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat fail to provide animal with adequate shelter, ventilation and space	\$250	\$500
12.3(e)	Owner or person in charge of the care of a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat abandon the animal at any place or location	\$500	\$1000
12.4	Allow a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cat to upset any waste receptable or scatter garbage on public or private property	\$150	\$300

12.5	Refuse to allow a service dog in the company of a person requiring its assistance to enter any building or property accessible to the public	\$250	\$500
12.6	Allowing an animal in any City transit vehicle or facility that is not in an enclosed carrier or held at all times	\$150	\$300
12.7	Use of an illegal trap	\$250	\$500
12.8(a)	Interfere or obstruct a Peace Officer who is attempting to or has seized an animal under this Bylaw	\$500	\$1000
12.8(b)	Open vehicle or enclosure in which an animal is being held pursuant to seizure or impoundment	\$500	\$1000
12.8(c)	Remove, or attempt to remove, any animal from the possession of a Peace Officer	\$500	\$1000
12.8(d)	Untie, loosen, or otherwise free an animal that has been tied or otherwise held by a Peace Officer	\$500	\$1000
12.8(e)	Untie, loosen, or otherwise free a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog or cat which has been tied or otherwise restrained	\$250	\$500
12.8(f)	Person open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure that an animal is confined in, allowing it to run at large	\$250	\$500
12.9	Provide false or misleading information to a Peace Officer or the City	\$1000	\$1500
13.4(b)	Interfere with a Peace Officer in the exercise of their powers and duties under this Bylaw	\$1000	\$1500