

TOWN OF WILKIE
BYLAW NO. 2026-08

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF WILKIE TO PROVIDE FOR THE KEEPING, LICENSING, PROHIBITING,
REGULATING AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS AND THE BEING AT LARGE OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WILKIE.**

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the *Municipalities Act* includes authorization for Council to license, regulate, prohibit and protect any animal or class of animals and activities in relation to them;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Wilkie, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

I - SHORT TITLE

1. This bylaw may be referred to as "The Animal Control Bylaw."

II – PURPOSE

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to promote the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property in the Town of Wilkie, to ensure the humane treatment and protection of animals, to regulate the ownership or harbourage of any animals and to prohibit animals being at large.

III – DEFINITIONS

3. In this Bylaw:

"Animal" includes dogs, cats, exotic animals, wild animals and all domestic animals.

"Animal at Large" or an animal being **"at Large"** means any of:

- (a) an animal which is off the premises and boundaries of the land or vehicle occupied or owned by that animal's owner, possessor, or harbourer;
- (b) an animal which is beyond the boundaries of any lands on which the landowner has given permission for that animal or animals generally to be, or an animal which is within the boundaries of land on which the landowner does not wish the animal to be;
- (c) an animal which is in a public space and is not under proper control of the owner by being tied or secured to a leash or chain or other similar restraining device not exceeding 1.5 meters in length.

"Animal Control Officer" shall mean any person designated by the Town of Wilkie for the enforcement of this Bylaw and shall include the designated Poundkeeper, Town employees, Bylaw Enforcement Officers, their duly authorized representatives, any member of the Unity/ Wilkie/ Macklin Detachment of the RCMP, and any practicing veterinary professional.

"Animal Shelter" or **"Pound"** means such premises and facilities as may be designated by the Town from time to time for the purposes of impounding an animal or otherwise bringing an animal into the Town's care.

"Animal Unit" means the kind and number of permitted animals calculated in accordance with the attached **Schedule "F"**.

"Boarding" means keeping or harbouring of an animal or animals belonging to another person or an animal not owned by the person keeping that animal.

"Cat" means and includes every cat of either sex.

"Council" or **"Town Council"** means the Council of the Town of Wilkie.

"Commercial Breeding" means the whelping of a dog or cat for purposes of selling the offspring that animal for a profit where the owner of that animal has bred an excess of one litter of offspring from a single animal in a calendar year.

"Commercial Kenneling" means the keeping of multiple animals which are not owned by the keeper on behalf of other animal owners in exchange for payment.

“Dangerous Dog” means:

- (a) Any dog that without provocation in a vicious or menacing manner, chases or approaches a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
- (b) Any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals;
- (c) Any dog that, without provocation has bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal; or
- (d) Any dog which is owned primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is trained for fighting.

“Dog” means and includes every dog of either sex.

“Dog Run” means any enclosure or structure of any kind whatsoever, designed or used for the harbouring or containment of a dog or dog(s) outside of a residence or structure designed for occupations by humans.

“Exotic Animal” means those set out in *Schedule “D”* and *Schedule “E”*.

“Feeding Station” means any location where food is regularly deposited by any person for the purpose of feeding feral or stray animals or animals which are not otherwise under the control of an owner.

“Feral” means an animal at large which is not owned or controlled by any person.

“Keeping” means providing care to or harbouring an animal.

“Kennel” means an establishment for the breeding or boarding of dogs.

“Livestock” means any domesticated animal usually raised for sale and profit or otherwise listed in *Schedule “F”* and includes but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) an animal as defined in Section 2(b) of *The Stray Animal Act*, or
- (b) an animal as defined in Sections 2 & 34 of *The Stray Animal Act Regulations*.

“Neutered Cat” and “Neutered Dog” refer to cats and dogs respectively of any gender whose reproductive organs have been removed or sterilized such that the animal may not reproduce.

“Owner” means:

- (a) any person, partnership, association or corporation owning, possessing, harbouring or having charge of, control over, or responsibility for the protection of any animal or the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of an animal; or
- (b) any person, partnership, association or corporation observed or otherwise documented to be providing food or aid to an individual animal on a frequent and consistent basis amounting to caring for an animal on a daily or near-daily basis for a period of thirty or more days.

but does not include:

- (c) a veterinarian registered pursuant to *The Veterinarians Act, 1987* who is keeping or harbouring an animal for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease or of an injury to an animal; or
- (d) the Town of Wilkie or any Animal Control Officer who provides care for or is in control of an Animal or operates an Animal Shelter, Feeding Station, or Pound on behalf of the Town.

“Municipality” means the Town of Wilkie.

“Poultry” means:

- (a) Domestic fowl usually propagated and fattened for the table and for their eggs, feathers, etc., including but not limited to chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl, peafowl; or
- (b) Pigeons of the species *Columba Livia*, commonly known as the domestic pigeon and includes pigeons raised for the purpose of racing, show, table and pets and includes feral pigeons.

“Poundkeeper” means a Bylaw Officer appointed by the Town Council to administer this Bylaw and coordinate or otherwise direct the Town's Animal Control Officers.

“Town” means the Town of Wilkie

“Under Control”, “Control”, or “Proper Control” means keeping an animal in such a manner that it is unable to attack, bite or injure a person or another animal.

IV - LICENSING

- 4. The animal licence year shall be from January 1st to December 31st of the same year.
- 5. Every owner of an animal three (3) months of age or older shall, no later than January 31st in each year, apply to the Town for an animal license and pay to the Town the associated fee.
 - a. The annual licence fee for all dogs and cats shall be as set out in **Schedule “A”** as amended from time to time by resolution of Council.
 - b. Such license shall not be transferable to any other dog or cat.
 - c. Failure to obtain an animal license from the Town constitutes an offence under the Bylaw.

- 6. When a licence is issued for an animal, the applicant shall be provided with a tag with lettering or numerals inscribed or imprinted thereon as may be determined by the Town.

- 7. The owner of an animal shall ensure that the animal wears a collar to which is attached a valid licence tag whenever the animal is off the premises of the owner.

- a. No person other than the owner of the dog or cat, or a person, with the permission of the owner, shall remove the collar or tag of an animal licensed pursuant to this Bylaw.
 - b. In the event a tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate tag will be issued, upon presentation by the owner of a receipt showing payment of the licence fee for the current year and upon payment of the duplicate tag replacement fee.

- 8. When applying for a licence, the applicant shall provide a description of the animal, the name, address, and contact information of the owner or the keeper of the animal, the breed, gender, and reproductive abilities of the animal and any other relevant information that may be required.

- 9. Where a person becomes an owner of an animal after the 31st day of January in any year, he shall immediately thereafter cause such animal to be licensed pursuant to this Bylaw.

- a. All animal licences issued after January 31st of any year shall be subject to a late payment fee as set out in **Schedule “A”** where the animal was owned prior to January 31st and the owner has not just recently moved to the Town.

- b. Every animal owner who satisfies the Animal Control Officer that they have recently moved to Town or that their animal has recently been purchased or that their animal has recently reached the age of three months, shall not be subject to any penalty for later registration of the animal. However, the onus of proof as to the exact date when the owner became the owner of the animal shall be on the owner.

10. A person who owns and relies on a service animal trained and used to assist such person shall require licensing and registration with the Town. The Town may waive annual fees for this license in the Town's sole discretion upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the animal is a trained and designated service animal. The onus of proof as to the training and qualifications of the animal shall be on the owner and the Town bears no obligation to waive the licensing fee.

11. Every owner of an animal within the town shall, on demand of the Animal Control Officer, produce his licence receipt or other evidence that he has paid the fee provided for in the Bylaw for the current year. If the owner is unable to produce this evidence and if the Town bears no record of the owner's licensing fee being paid for the licensing year, the Animal Control Officer may issue a Notice of Violation directing the owner to pay the licensing fee and any applicable penalty.

- a. It is a violation of this Bylaw to harbour an unlicensed animal. An Animal Control Officer may issue a fine as set out in **Schedule "C"**, as amended by the Town from time to time, to any animal owner whose animal is not licensed pursuant to this Bylaw and the animal owner shall be liable to pay that fine.
- b. Penalties imposed upon an animal owner for failure to license all animals in that person's care or control within thirty days of being directed to do so by an Animal Control Officer may be added to the Tax Roll for the property in which the animal is being harboured.

V - NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE ANIMALS

12. The number of animals allowed per home shall be established at a maximum of two (2) cats and a maximum of two (2) dogs, regardless of the number of potential animal owners residing in the home.

13. If an owner desires to have more than the maximum allowable number of animals in their residence, they must first make written application to Council for approval and shall pay the applicable licensing fee for all animals in their residence prior to obtaining permission for the same. The Town may in its sole discretion grant permission for a household to keep more than the maximum allowable number of animals; failure to obtain permission is a violation of this Bylaw.

14. No owner, household, property or residence shall be permitted to have more than five cats or dogs, or combination thereof, over the age of three months.

- a. It is a violation of this Bylaw to keep an excess of five cats or dogs or a combination of cats and dogs amounting to five animals over the age of three months.
- b. If an Animal Control Officer observes an owner, household, property, or residence to be keeping or harbouring animals in violation of this section and the owner is unable to provide satisfactory evidence that the animals are not regularly kept on the premises in question, the Animal Control Officer may issue a fine to the owner pursuant to **Schedule "C"**.
- c. If an owner, household, property or residence continues to keep or harbour animals in violation of this section such that the Animal Control Officer has issued and the owner has failed to pay three consecutive fines, the Municipality may add the total amount of the fines to the Tax Roll of the property in which the animals are being kept or harboured.

VI - ANIMALS AT LARGE

15. No owner shall at any time allow any animals in their control to run at large within the municipality.

- a. If an animal is found to be at large, the owner shall be deemed to have permitted the animal to be at large unless the owner proves to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer, that at the time of the offence the owner did all that was reasonable to prevent the animal from being at large.
- b. No owner of an animal shall permit their animal on any public playground, park or public area without a leash or restraint except for a specific activity approved by the Parks & Recreation Department of the Town.
- c. Where a dog or cat is found to be running at large, the owner or occupant of the property on which the animal is running at large may make a written complaint to the Animal Control Officer.

16. Any animals found to be at large may be retained and impounded by an Animal Control Officer in accordance with *The Stray Animals Act* and the owner is liable for all fees incurred by the Municipality as set out in **Schedule “B”** to this Bylaw and all applicable fines as set out in **Schedule “C”** to this Bylaw.

17. All animal owners shall promptly notify the Poundkeeper if an animal in their care goes missing or is otherwise believed to be at large. If sufficient notice is given by the animal owner to the Poundkeeper and the animal is properly licensed, the Poundkeeper may in their sole discretion waive the “animal-at-large” fine described in **Schedule “C”**.

VII - DOG RUNS & RESTRAINTS

18. No person shall construct or cause to be constructed, a dog run in the Town of Wilkie within one (1) meter of the property line or within five (5) metres of a neighbouring dwelling unit.

19. A dog run shall be constructed of only impervious materials or wood. No person shall place, or allow to be placed, any pervious materials within a dog run.

20. A dog run shall be at all times in a sanitary condition and the removal and disposition of all refuse shall be done in a regular and sanitary manner.

21. A dog which is restrained on private property by means other than an approved dog run, shall be restrained in the following manner:

- a. The restraint shall be of sufficient strength and in a state of repair so that the dog will not be able to escape.
- b. The restraint shall be constructed of a material that will not allow the dog to chew through it
- c. The restraint shall be securely situated in the yard such that it will not allow the dog to approach closer than two (2) meters to any adjoining property, street, lane or sidewalk.

VIII - FERAL CATS

22. If a cat is determined by an Animal Control Officer to not have a collar or to carry a subcutaneous identification or bear an identifying tattoo, the cat shall be determined to be feral.

23. Feeding stations for feral or otherwise un-owned cats shall not be permitted at any time unless approved by Council and overseen by an Animal Control Officer.

24. Cats which are determined by an Animal Control Officer to be feral shall at the Poundkeeper’s discretion be exempt from the 72-hour impoundment holding period and shall be transported to a service provider to be sterilized before being put processed for adoption or returned to the Municipality at the direction and discretion of Council. Feral cats which are unsuitable for sterilization will be humanely euthanized by the service provider.

25. If a cat which was believed to be feral is subsequently claimed by an owner, that owner shall be liable for the penalties set out in **Schedule “B”**, any applicable licensing fee, and any fees incurred pursuant to **Schedule “C”** or by the Town or the service provider in preparing the animal for adoption prior to having the animal returned to their care.

IX - EXOTIC ANIMALS

26. All exotic animals to be harboured in or on property with the limits of the Town of Wilkie shall firstly be approved by resolution of Council on an individual basis upon application by the owner.

- a. All exotic animals for which approval is obtained from Council shall be registered by the owner at the Town Office upon payment of the registration fee set out in **Schedule “A”**.

27. Notice of all registrations of potentially dangerous exotic and/or wild animals shall forthwith be provided in writing by the owner to all of the following:

- a. Wilkie and District Fire Department

- b. Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Unity/ Wilkie/ Macklin RCMP detachment
- c. Ambulance responders/providers for the Town of Wilkie

28. Exotic animals shall be maintained in a humane manner within the boundaries of the owner's property and shall not be at large.

29. The provisions of this Bylaw pertaining to licensing, impounding, and enforcement of this Bylaw apply with necessary modifications to any exotic animal found at large.

30. **Schedule “D”** contains the list of Exotic Animals that are prohibited in the Town of Wilkie. No person shall harbour any animal listed therein.

31. **Schedule “E”** contains the list of Exotic Animals that require a Provincial Captive Wildlife license under The Captive Wildlife Regulations.

32. Any person found in breach of this Section shall be liable to the penalties set out in **Schedule “B”** and **Schedule “C”** as if the animal were an unlicensed dog or cat.

X - POSSESSION OF LIVESTOCK AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS

33. No person shall keep, possess, harbour, herd, graze or confine livestock or any animal other than cats, dogs, or permitted exotic animals in any part of the Town without first obtaining written permission of Council or as described in this section.

- a. A person may possess, harbour, herd, graze, or confine livestock within the limits specified in this section of this Bylaw within the limits of the Municipality once permission is obtained from Town Council.
- b. The person to whom permission has been granted will file with the Municipality a list of all animals and the number of each on their property by January 31st of each year.

34. Only those properties zoned as *Future Urban Development* and which have an agricultural assessment that includes a minimum of 5 acres of agricultural land, will be eligible to keep any animal set out in **Schedule “F”** of this Bylaw.

- a. There will be a limit of three (3) animal units for the first five (5) acres of property and one (1) animal unit for every five (5) acres of property thereafter. Animal units are set out in **Schedule “F”** to this Bylaw.
- b. Any animal owner found to be in contravention of this section shall be liable to pay those penalties described in **Schedule “C”** to this Bylaw.
- c. All activities conducted by persons harbouring livestock or animals other than cats or dogs must do so in compliance with the Saskatchewan *Animal Production Act* and *Animal Production Regulations*, where applicable.

35. Only those properties zoned as *Future Urban Development* or *Residential Acreage*, regardless of actual size, may be eligible to keep poultry unless by the express permit of Council. No person shall possess, harbour, raise, or keep poultry within Town limits except as in compliance with this section.

36. Permission for any other animal not listed in this section or in **Schedule “F”** of this Bylaw is at the discretion of Town Council. When considering requests Town Council will take into account the proximity to Residential areas and public parks.

37. Any person found in breach of this Section shall be liable to the penalties set out in **Schedule “B”** and **Schedule “C”** as if the animal were an unlicensed dog or cat.

XI - RABIES AND OTHER DISEASES

38. In the case of an emergency for any cause, but more particularly for the infectious disease, the Poundkeeper or a Medical Health Officer is authorized to order that no owner shall permit his dog or cat

to be on any place beyond or outside the boundary of the place of residence of the owner at any time, whether on a leash or under property control until such order is revoked.

39. The Poundkeeper may order the compulsory inoculation of any animal if the owner is unable to produce records demonstrating the animal is appropriately inoculated.

40. An owner of a cat or dog who neglects or refuses to comply with the direction of the Poundkeeper or order of the Medical Health Officer made under the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a breach of this Bylaw and liable for penalties set out in **Schedule “C”** to this Bylaw.

XII - COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

41. No person shall harbour or keep animals for purposes of commercial breeding or operating a commercial kennel without first applying to Council to obtain permission to operate that facility or conduct said commercial activities.

42. Council may grant permission for the operation of commercial breeding or kenneling facilities subject to any applicable business development or business permitting processes.

43. All commercial operations based upon Future Urban Development or Residential Acreage land must pay all applicable licensing fees in compliance with Town of Wilkie Bylaw no. 10/18 – *Business Licensing Bylaw*.

XIII – NUISANCE

44. No owner of an animal shall permit the animal to be or become a nuisance by barking or howling or by making any other offensive noise to the annoyance or discomfort of any person at any time of day or night. For the purpose of this section, an animal is creating a disturbance if a person not situated on the property where the animal is located can easily hear the disturbance.

a. Upon receiving a formal complaint regarding an animal creating a disturbance, an Animal Control Officer may issue a Ticket of Violation directing the animal owner to pay the prescribed penalty.

45. The owner of a female animal in heat shall keep such animal confined to a house or outdoor shelter. If an owner fails to enforce this confinement they are liable for penalties set out in **Schedule “C”** to this bylaw.

46. If a complaint is made that a dog:

- a. has bitten or attempted to bite a person or another animal;
- b. has acted without provocation in a vicious or menacing manner; or
- c. has chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack,

then Section 375 of the *Municipalities Act* shall apply.

47. Notwithstanding Section 375 of the *Municipalities Act*, the Poundkeeper may impound any animal within the Municipality which the Poundkeeper believes to be at risk of becoming an animal at large or which the Poundkeeper otherwise determines to be an active danger to residents of the Municipality.

48. If an animal or animals which are believed to be primarily harboured at a property are the subject of complaint but are not licensed and do not have a known owner, the owner of that property shall bear responsibility for the animal and shall be served with a Notice of Violation describing any fees or fines owing due to the keeping of an animal in contravention to this Bylaw. In this instance the onus shall rest upon the property owner to:

- a. Pay all amounts outstanding or otherwise have the outstanding amounts added to the Tax Roll for the property; and
- b. License the animal or have the actual animal owner license the animal; or
- c. Ensure the animal is removed from the property such that no further fines are incurred.

XIV - ANIMAL SANITATION & WASTE MANAGEMENT

49. If any animal defecates on any public park, playground, public area, roadway or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall remove the defecation immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary fashion.
 - a. This Section shall not apply to a person who owns and is physically reliant on a guide dog trained and used to assist such person and the person is physically unable to remove the animal's waste.
50. If an owner fails to remove the waste of an animal in their control from any property which they do not own within twenty-four hours of the owner of the animal being notified, a fine may be levied against the animal owner as set out in **Schedule "C"** to this Bylaw.
51. An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to create a health hazard or which unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of adjoining premises by owners or occupants.
 - a. If requested to do so by the Poundkeeper or an Animal Control Officer, an owner or occupant of private property must remove all animal feces from the property within 72 hours of the time the request was made.
 - b. If animal waste accrues upon a private property such that the Town believes said accumulation to present a health hazard or interrupts the enjoyment of adjoining property, the Town or the Town's designates may enter the premises, remove the waste, and issue an invoice for this service to the property owner.
52. The owner of a cat shall not permit the cat to urinate on, defecate on, or otherwise damage or interfere with any property other than the property of the owner of the cat.
53. The spreading, removal, or hauling of manure within the limits of the Municipality is only permissible prior to May 31 of each year or between October 1 and December 31 of each year.
 - a. Written permission must be obtained from Twon Council to spread manure between the periods of June 1 to September 30 of each year.
 - b. Hauling of manure is not permitted on any roadways within the Municipality except for the most direct route to exit the Municipality.

XV - IMPOUNDING

54. The Poundkeeper may seize and impound or direct an Animal Control Officer to seize and impound any animal found at large. The Poundkeeper shall direct the Animal Control Officer as to the location of impoundment.
55. The Poundkeeper or an authorized Animal Control Officer may enter onto the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any animal which has been observed at large.
56. All animals impounded pursuant this section shall be confined at the Pound for a period of 72 hours or three working days, whichever is greater, from the time of capture during which time the owner thereof shall have the right to repossess the said animal upon paying the Animal Control Officer the fee set forth in **Schedule "B"** to this Bylaw as amended from time to time by resolution of Council.
 - a. No unlicensed animal, which is impounded, shall be released to its owner or to any other person until the appropriate pound fee is paid, a licence has been purchased for it, any and all fines or penalties have been paid in full, and any other outstanding balance which that animal owner owes to the Municipality for any reason is paid.
 - b. All unlicensed animals which are impounded and are not claimed within 72 hours or three working days, as applicable, of being impounded may be adopted by any person willing to appropriately licence such animal as provided for in this Bylaw. In the event the animal is not adopted within a reasonable period of time, the animal may be given to a shelter in another community willing to accept the animal or the animal may be disposed of in the most humane way possible at that shelter's discretion

57. When an animal impounded is wearing a collar to which is attached a licence tag valid for the current year, the Animal Control Officer shall immediately give notice by any effective means to the owner of the animal as shown in the records made when the licence was purchased at the address shown therein, that unless the said animal is claimed and the fees, as provided for in the Bylaw, are paid within 72 hours or three working days from the date of the notice, the said animal shall be processed pursuant to the provision of this Bylaw.
 - a. If the animal is not claimed within 72 hours of impoundment, the Animal Control Officer shall give written notice to the owner at the residence to which the animal is registered. If the animal is not claimed within a further 72 hours, the animal shall be processed as described in this section.
58. The Poundkeeper shall keep a record of all animals impounded in accordance with the provision of this Bylaw and the disposal of such animals and shall supply the Town with a monthly report and any other information which may, from time to time, be required by Council respecting the enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw.
59. It shall be the duty of the Poundkeeper to coordinate and direct an Animal Control Officer to provide to each animal impounded under the authority of this Bylaw an adequate supply of food and fresh water during its confinement.
60. Any animal found in any public street, lane, park, boulevard, cemetery or other public place or otherwise being at large contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw, may be captured by methods authorized by Town Council and believed to be appropriate by the Poundkeeper or an authorized Animal Control Officer.
61. No person, whether or not he is the owner of an animal which is being or has been pursued or seized shall:
 - a. interfere with or attempt to obstruct the Poundkeeper or an authorized Animal Control Officer who is attempting to seize or who has seized any animal in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
 - b. unlock, unlatch or otherwise open a vehicle or receptacle in which animals seized under the Bylaw have been placed, so as to allow or attempt to allow any animal to escape therefrom; or
 - c. remove or attempt to remove any animal from the possession of Poundkeeper or an Animal Control Officer or from the Animal Shelter.
62. If an Animal Control Officer agrees to provide care to an animal outside of the Animal Shelter as directed and approved by the Poundkeeper, the fees set out in **Schedule “B”** shall continue to apply.
63. The Municipality and its employees, agents, and assigns shall not be held liable for an animal owner's failure to claim an animal and the subsequent sale, adoption, treatment, release, or euthanasia of that animal.
64. If an animal owner attempts to collect the animal after the holding period but before the animal is adopted or relinquished to a service provider, that owner shall be liable for the penalties set out in **Schedule “B”**, any applicable licensing fee, any fees incurred pursuant to **Schedule “C”**, and any fees incurred by the Town or service provider in preparing the animal for adoption. The animal will not be returned to the owner's care without payment of these fees.
65. Where an Animal Control Officer has reasonable grounds to believe an animal is being mistreated by the action or inaction of an animal owner or where an animal owner is reasonably believed to have committed an act of cruelty against any animal as defined in the *Criminal Code* (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46), the Animal Control Officer shall promptly notify RCMP and shall disclose to RCMP all records held by the Municipality pertaining to that animal owner's care of animals.
 - a. If an animal which has been impounded by an Animal Control Officer appears to be in a state which the Poundkeeper believes to be a result of neglect or animal cruelty, the Poundkeeper shall promptly notify RCMP and shall not return the animal to the animal owner's care unless upon the direction of RCMP.

XVI – ENFORCEMENT

66. Where an Animal Control Officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened the provision of any of the Section of the Bylaw, he may serve or cause to be served upon such person a Notice of Violation Ticket as provided by this Bylaw.

- a. The Ticket shall indicate the contravention in question and state thereon the amount of the penalty to be paid pursuant to **Schedule "C"** of this Bylaw.
 - b. Upon production of the ticket issued pursuant to subsection (a) within ten days from the date of service, together with payment indicated on the ticket to the Town Office, the person to whom the ticket was issued shall not be liable for prosecution for the contravention in respect of which the ticket was given.
 - c. If payment is not received as provided in subsection (b) hereof within the time prescribed, the amount of the fine shall increase as described in **Schedule "C"** and a Summons shall be issued. Thereafter, voluntary payment may be made before the returnable date of the Summons to the Town Office and the penalty shall be in the amount listed in **Schedule "C"** and an additional penalty of \$50.00 if a Summons has been issued. Upon such payment, the person charged shall not be subject to further court action.
 - d. A person to whom a ticket is being issued pursuant to this section shall furnish any Animal Control Officer, upon request, with his name, address and date of birth.
 - e. Where the Poundkeeper or a designated Animal Control Officer finds a person has contravened the provisions of any of the Sections of the Bylaw, he may serve or cause to be served upon such person a Summary Offense Ticket in the place of a Notice of Violation Ticket.
67. Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
- a. in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$2,000; and
 - b. in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.
68. The Court may, in default of payment of a fine imposed under this Bylaw, order imprisonment of an individual for a term not exceeding one year.
69. Any amounts owing by an animal owner to the Town as identified in a Notice or Notices of Violation may be added to the Tax Roll for the animal owner's residence if unpaid for more than thirty calendar days pursuant to s. 369 of *The Municipalities Act*. Property-owners whose tenants are animal owners shall be held liable for any and all contraventions of this Bylaw which their tenants may commit.
70. The Council may, by resolution, enter into an agreement with any person or organization for the purpose of participation in the enforcement of this Bylaw or for the purpose of providing pound keeping and animal control services.
- XVII - COMING INTO FORCE**
71. Bylaw No. 2022-03 "The Keeping of Animals Bylaw" is hereby repealed.
72. Bylaw No. 2021-03 "The Animal Protection Bylaw" is hereby repealed.
73. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.



Mayor

Rebecca Poust
Administrator

Enc.

Schedule “A” – Licensing Fees

Schedule “B” – Administrative Fees for Animal Control

Schedule “C” - Fines for Bylaw Infraction

Schedule “D” – Prohibited Exotic Animals

Schedule “E” – Exotic Animals Allowable with Permit

Schedule “F” – Description of Livestock Animal Units

SCHEDULE “A” to Bylaw No 2026-08

LICENSING FEES

1. Annual license fees for permitted animals shall be as follows:
- a. for the first and second cat or dog in each household:

Animal Type	Animal Status	Fee (if paid by January 31)	Fee (if paid after January 31)
Dog	Male, neutered	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Male, intact	\$25.00	\$30.00
	Female, spayed	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Female, intact	\$25.00	\$25.00
Cat	Registered service animal	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Male, neutered	\$15.00	\$20.00
	Male, intact	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Female, spayed	\$15.00	\$20.00
	Female, intact	\$20.00	\$25.00
	Registered service animal	\$0.00	\$0.00

- b. for the third or more cat or dog in the same household, \$110 per cat or dog.
- c. for a permitted exotic animal, \$110.
2. Owners may request a replacement license for a dog, cat, or permitted exotic animal for a fee of \$10.00 for the first occurrence and \$15.00 for each subsequent occurrence within the same calendar year.
3. The licensing fees herein are non-refundable.
4. Pursuant to Section IV of Bylaw no. 2026-08, no owner, household, property or residence shall be permitted to have more than five cats or dogs, or combination thereof, over the age of three months old, without the express discretionary permission of Council.
5. This Schedule “A” comes into effect concurrent with the whole of Bylaw no. 2026-08.

SCHEDULE “B” to Bylaw No. 2026-08
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

Service	First Offence	Subsequent Offences
Collecting and impounding a licensed cat or dog if animal is claimed on the day of impoundment	\$25.00	\$100.00
Collecting and impounding an unlicensed cat or dog if animal is claimed on the day of impoundment	\$75.00	\$100.00
Collecting and impounding a licensed or unlicensed cat or dog if the animal is not claimed on the day of impoundment	\$150.00	\$300.00
Care and feeding of an impounded dog	\$35.00 per day	
Care and feeding of an impounded cat	\$20.00 per day	
Care and feeding of a dangerous dog	\$100.00 per day	
Collecting, impounding, and sterilizing female cat believed to be feral	\$175.00	N/A
Collecting, impounding, and sterilizing male cat believed to be feral	\$125.00	N/A
Transportation of animals to service providers for care	\$1.00 per kilometer travelled	

Note:

1. An animal requires veterinary care while being held by the Municipality, the animal's owner shall be liable for all expenses incurred.
2. Amounts unpaid for more than one calendar month may be added to the Tax Roll for the property at which the animal's owner is known to reside.

SCHEDULE “C” to Bylaw no. 2026-08-20
FINES FOR INFRACTION

Infraction	First Offence	Subsequent Offences	Fine if Unpaid After TEN (10) Days
Failure to obtain an animal license	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Harbouring an unlicensed animal in excess of thirty days	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Harbouring more than two dogs or two cats, or more than five animals in total	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Animal being at large – each offence	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Unleashed animal in public area or park – each offence	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Failure to produce proof of animal's inoculation	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
Failure to immediately remove an animal's excrement from public or private property other than the property of the animal's owner	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Spreading/removal or hauling of manure outside time limits provided	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00
Failure to register an exotic animal	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Allowing animal feces to accumulate on private property	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Allowing an animal to cause damage to private or public property	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Animal nuisance by way of unreasonable noise	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$375.00
Failure to obtain permission to harbour animals other than cats, dogs, or permitted exotic animals	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00
Harbouring more livestock animal units than permitted	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Livestock or exotic animals at large	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00
Failure to comply with dangerous dog restrictions	\$200.00 per day	\$200.00 per day	\$1,000.00 per day
Failure to comply with direction to dismantle a feeding station	\$75.00 per week	\$75.00 per week	\$375 per week

N.B. “First Offence” and “Subsequent Offence” fines shall be payable at the amount listed on the Notice of Violation from the date and time of issue until ten (10) calendar days after issue; If the fine is not paid within those ten calendar days, said fine will increase five-fold as described above.

SCHEDULE “D” to Bylaw No. 2026-08
PROHIBITED EXOTIC ANIMALS

No person shall keep or otherwise harbour the following animals:

1. all *Marsupials* (such as Wallaby and opossum)
2. all *Felids* except the domestic cat
3. all *Canids*, except the domestic dog
4. all *Viverrids* (such as mongooses, civets and genets)
5. all *Mustelids* (such as skunks, weasels, otters, badgers) except the domestic ferret
6. all *Ursids* (bears)
7. all *Artiodactylus Ungulates*, except domestic goats, sheep and cattle
8. all *Procyonids* (such as raccoons, coatis and cacomistles)
9. all *Perissodactylus Ungulates*, except the domestic horse, mule and ass
10. all *Pinnipeds* (such as seals, fur seals and walruses)
11. all venomous Reptiles and amphibians
12. all Arachnids dangerous to humans (such as scorpions and tarantulas, except tarantulas of the general Aphonopelma, Avicularia and Grammostola)
13. all Ratite birds (such as ostriches, rheas and cassowaries)
14. all Edentates (such as anteaters, sloths and armadillos)
15. all Bats

Note: examples of animals of a particular prohibited group are given in parentheses. They are examples only and shall not be construed as limiting the generality of the group.

SCHEDULE “E” to Bylaw no. 2026-08

EXOTIC ANIMALS ALLOWABLE WITH PERMIT

- All Diurnal and Nocturnal raptors (such as eagles, hawks and owls)

Note: examples of animals in parentheses are examples only and shall not be construed as limiting the generality of the group.

SCHEDULE “F” to Bylaw no. 2026-08

LIVESTOCK ANIMALS

Animal Type		Number of Individual Animals in one Animal Unit
Sheep	Rams or ewes	4.0
	Lambs	8.0
Goats		4.0
Cattle	Cows or bulls	1.0
	Feeder cattle	1.5
	Replacement heifers	2.0
	Calves	4.0
Horses	Colts or ponies	2.0
	Other than colts or ponies	1.0
Bison	Cows or bulls	1.0
	Calves	4.0
Elk	Cows or bulls	1.0
	Calves	4.0
Deer	Does and bucks	4.0
	Fawns	8.0
Hogs	Boars or sows	3.0
	Feeder pigs	2.0
	Weaning pigs	5.0
Poultry	Hens	2.0
	Roosters	1.0
	Peahens or Peacocks	1.0
	Geese or Ganders	2.0
	Duck Hens or Drakes	2.0
	Turkey Hens or Toms	2.0
	Guinea Hens or Cocks	2.0
	Pigeons	4.0