



ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAWS

Amended and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Deer Lake on the 10th day of November A.D. 2025

And to come into effect as of the 10th day of November A.D. 2025.

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Mayor Dean Ball

Town Clerk Lori Humphrey

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

Pursuant and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 8 and any other enabling sections of the Towns and Local Service Act (TLSDA). The Town Council of the Town of Deer Lake hereby adopts the following Animal Control By-Laws.

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By-Law Statement

The purpose of this By-Law is to ensure the health, welfare and safe keeping of animals in the Town of Deer Lake. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Animal Owner/s, By-Law Enforcement Officers and the RCMP/RNC.

1. Title

These By-Laws may be cited as the Town of Deer Lake Animal Control By-Laws

2. Definitions

In these By-Laws unless the context otherwise requires:

- a. "Act" means the Town and Local Service Districts Act
- b. "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Town of Deer Lake.
- c. "Town" means the Town of Deer Lake as defined in paragraph 2 of the Order-In-Council dated the 27th day of May, A.D. 1950, and made under the provisions of the Act.
- d. "By-Law Enforcement Officer" for the purpose of these regulations means a peace officer with powers as outlined in the Act and who is appointed by Council with powers to enforce the Town of Deer Lake's Animal Control By-Laws.
- e. "Town Clerk" means the town clerk of Deer Lake
- f. "Premises" for the purpose of these By-Laws will be deemed to mean land and all buildings with the exception of residential buildings.
- g. "Dog" means a male or female dog or puppy and includes an animal which is a cross between a dog and a wolf.
- h. "Injured / Injury" includes, but is not limited to injuries caused by wounding, worrying, terrifying or pursuing.
- i. "Kennel" means an establishment for the keeping, breeding or boarding of Dogs or Cats for commercial purposes.

- j. "Owner" a person who has custody, charge or possession of an animal or who is the owner of a property, a house, or premises or part of a premises where an animal is kept or permitted to live or remain.
- k. "Running at Large" means to be unleashed in a public place or on a premises not owned by or in the possession of the owner of the animal.
- l. "Cat" means a member of any breed of domesticated feline or crossbreed of domesticated feline whether spayed or neutered.
- m. "Live Trap" means a cage like device used in the capture of cats without injury to the animal
- n. "Animal" means cat or dog as defined in section 2(g) and (l) for the purpose of this regulation.
- o. "Puppy/Kitten" means a domesticated dog or cat less than 6 months old.
- p. "Stray Cat" means cats that have been born in captivity, were socialized to humans at one time in their lives and were domesticated.
- q. "Feral Cats" means cats born in the wild and have at no time been socialized with humans.
- r. "Feral Dogs" means dogs that have been either abandoned or were born in the wild and have never been socialized with humans.

3. Application

1. No person shall keep any animal other than a puppy or kitten, not more than 4 months old, within the limits of the Town, unless a licence has been issued by the Council allowing the owner to own a licenced animal and unless such animal has a numbered tag or plate indicating that such a licence is in force.
2. The Town shall keep a register of all animals licenced to them.
3. No person shall lead, have or take an animal into any public place in the Town unless such animal has a numbered tag or plate indicating that a licence has been issued to the owner by the Town.
4. (a) The licence shall be issued for the lifetime of the owner
 (b) Licence tags shall be issued at no cost to the owner for the first tag, subsequent tags shall be at a cost of \$10.00 each
 (c) The owner of every licenced animal shall, on receipt of the licence tag, attach it to a collar around the animal's neck.
5. Any animal found at large in the Town contrary to these By-Laws may be euthanized by a licenced veterinarian at the request of the By-Law Enforcement Officer at the expiration of five (5) days excluding weekends and holidays, after the time of impounding.
6. Any court of Summary Jurisdiction may take cognizance of a complaint that an animal is dangerous and not kept under proper control or has bitten or attempted to bite any person, and if it appears to the court that the animal is dangerous or has

done any of the things referred to herein, the court may order the owner to euthanize it

7. The owner of an animal who fails to comply with an order made under this section shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these By-Laws.
8. No person shall establish a kennel or carry on any business or institution for boarding, keeping, training, breeding or treating animals unless the permission of the council, in writing, has been obtained therefore.
9. (a) the owner of an animal shall keep it safely tethered, penned or contained at all times.
(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) an animal need not be tethered, penned or contained where
 - i. It is held on by a leash by a person capable of controlling and restraining its movement.
 - ii. It is kept/used for another purpose not and under condition not prescribed in the By-Laws.
10. If any animal bites any person other than its owner or a member of its owner's household and while not in its owner's premises, such animal shall be deemed to be a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these By-Laws.
11. If any animal causes damage to any lawn, grass plot, garden or flower bed or flower shrub or plant, such animal shall be deemed to be a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these By-Laws.
12. If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall remove such defecation immediately, this includes town parks, streets, sidewalks, boardwalks, trails, beach and any other private and public lands other than that of the owner. If such defecation is not removed the owner of such animal shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these By-Laws. This section shall not apply to persons using seeing animals.
13. If any animal barks or howls in such a manner as to disturb the peace or constitute a nuisance or annoyance to residents in the neighbourhood, such animal shall be deemed to be a nuisance and the owner deemed to have committed an offence under these By-Laws.
14. Whenever an animal is found in any public place or on any private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or person having control of such private property or without a tag as required by this By-Law, or is not accompanied by its owner held securely by a leash, the By-Law Enforcement Officer shall and may impound the animal.
15. The owner may recover an impounded animal by contacting the Deer Lake Town Office and making arrangements, they must provide proof of ownership and pay any associated impound fees.

16. The following Seizing and Impound fees shall be paid by the owners of animals seized or impounded:

- (a) Seizing and Impounding 1st offence.....\$100.00
- (b) Seizing and Impounding 2nd offence.....\$200.00
- (c) Seizing and Impounding 3rd offence..... \$300.00
- (d) Daily fee for each day animal held in pound.....\$25.00

17. (a) No person shall:

- i. Tease An animal caught in an animal trap
- ii. Throw or poke any object into a trap when an animal is trapped therein

(b) Any person setting an animal trap shall:

- i. Be responsible for contacting the By-Law Enforcement Officer. If a cat/animal is trapped after hours, it is the responsibility of the person setting the trap to house the cat/animal in a comfortable manner and provide food and water.
- ii. Shall be given instructions on how to use the trap.
- iii. Check the trap hourly, if the trap cannot be checked hourly it must be rendered harmless
- iv. Cat traps can be used for a maximum of 84 hours, after which time the By-Law Enforcement Officer will collect the trap.

18. (a) When an animal, which bears a numbered tag, as required by these By-Laws has been impounded, the owner of the animal shall be given notice. If the animal has not been redeemed by or on behalf of the owner within three(3) days excluding weekends and statutory holidays, after the dispatch of such notice the By-Law Enforcement Officer shall have the animal disposed of, euthanized or turned over to the SPCA.

(b) When an animal does not bear a numbered tag, as required by these By-Laws, has been impounded, the By-Law Enforcement Officer shall have the animal disposed of, euthanized or turned over to the SPCA after the expiration of 72 hours, excluding weekends and statutory holidays.

(c) Where, in the sole discretion of the By-Law Enforcement Officer and the SPCA staff, an animal liable to be impounded, appears to be vicious, dangerous, diseased or otherwise unfit for impounding, the By-Law Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the Veterinarian, may cause the animal to be disposed of or euthanized forthwith.

19. The By-Law Enforcement Officer, shall have the right to seize any animal within the town limits which in their opinion appears to be mistreated.

4. Enforcement

1. The Town Council of Deer Lake, or its authorized administrator, shall be the enforcement authority for the purpose of these By-Laws.
2. Any person who interferes with or attempts to interfere with a By-Law Enforcement Officer, in the exercise of their duties, shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these By-Laws.
 - (a) Any person who, without authority of the By-Law Enforcement Officer, releases any animal that has been impounded, shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these By-Laws.
 - (b) Every person requested by the By-Law Enforcement Officer, and or SPCA, shall, on request, forthwith give his/her name and address.
3. Enforcement and prosecution under these By-Laws may be undertaken by any Peace Officer, Police Officer, or by any other person so authorized by Enforcement Authority.
4. Any cost to the Town for all works carried out in response to a violation of these By-Laws, in addition to any penalty prescribed hereunder, may be recoverable from the owner or the person in contravention of these By-Laws as a civil debt.

5. Offence and Penalties

1. Every person who commits an offence under these By-Laws or who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision thereof, or neglects or refuses to do so:
 - (a) May be liable to penalties as stipulated in accordance with section 290 of the Town and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (b) May be subject to an order under section 285(1) of the Town and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (c) May be subject to a violation notice issued under section 287(1) of the Town and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (d) May be issued a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act in accordance with section 288 of the Town and Local Service Districts Act.
2. Any person doing any of the acts outlined in section 298 of the Town and Local Service Districts Act is considered to have committed an offence.

6. Severability

If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of these By-Laws to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the remainder of these By-Laws and the remainder of these By-Laws shall remain valid and in force.

7. Appeals Process

- An appeal of any section or part of this By-Law can be made, in writing to Council.
- Persons wishing to plea “Not Guilty” to an offence must do so no later than the default conviction date stated on the ticket. Persons must complete the required information on the ticket and send it to the following address

Provincial Court of Corner Brook
Sir Richard Squires Building
82 Mount Bearnard Avenue
P.O Box 2006, Corner Brook NL, A2H 6J8

Payment of convictions can be made in person to the Corner Brook Provincial Court or the above address.

8. Repeal

All previous Animal Control Regulations thereto, are hereby repealed.