

# BYLAW NO. 2015-012

## TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE

### A CAT CONTROL BYLAW

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A Bylaw of the Town of Churchbridge in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for the Control of Cats within the Town of Churchbridge.

The council for the Town of Churchbridge in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

#### **1. Definitions:**

- (a) "Cat" shall mean either male or female of the domestic feline family.
- (b) "Council " shall mean the Council of the Town of Churchbridge
- (c) "Designated Officer" shall mean any person appointed by the Town of Churchbridge for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this bylaw.
- (d) "License" shall mean a license issued by the Town to Owners or Keepers resident in the Town, permitting such Owners or Keepers to own and possess a cat and shall be issued upon payment by the Owner or Keeper of the fees as set in Schedule "A" as amended by the Town from time to time.
- (e) "Neuter" shall mean to render a male cat sterile.
- (f) "Owner" or "Keeper" shall mean any person who owns or harbours any cat to remain about his /her house, home, place of residence, or premises.
- (g) "Nuisance or Running at Large" includes but is not limited to; fighting with other cats, defecating or spraying on private property without permission of the owner or occupant of the property, howling or hissing at night, digging in flower beds or garbage containers and trespassing on private property.
- (h) "Town " shall mean the Town of Churchbridge

#### **2. Scope & Regulations:**

- (a) Every Owner or Keeper within the Town shall obtain a licence, for each cat, from the Town by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year or within 10 days of taking possession of the cat. The license expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year it was purchased. Failure to purchase a license shall constitute an offence under this bylaw and shall be subject to the penalty as set out in Section 3(a) of this bylaw. The license is not transferable in any respect.
- (b) The annual fee for all cats shall be accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto, which may from time to time be amended by resolution of council.
- (c) When applying for a license the applicant shall provide the Town a description of the cat, the name and address of the Owner or keeper and other relevant information that may be required by the Town.

- (d) Every applicant for a spayed or neutered cat must provide to the Town a certificate from a Veterinarian that such cat has been spayed or neutered to receive the spayed/neutered rate as per Schedule "A".
- (e) When applying for a license the applicant shall provide the Town with a certificate of a Veterinarian indicating that the cat has been vaccinated against rabies within two years (24 months) of the date of application for a license or a letter from a veterinarian indicating that such vaccinations would be inadvisable for the cat. In the event that such certificate or letter for rabies vaccination cannot be produced, it must be provided no later than fourteen (14) days after request.
- (f) When issuing a license the Town shall supply the applicant with a tag and receipt for the license and the said tag shall be attached to the collar to be worn around the neck of the cat. It shall be the responsibility of the Owner or Keeper to see that the tag is affixed to the collar of the cat. A cat not displaying the tag shall be considered an unlicensed cat subject to the penalty as per Section 4 of this bylaw.
- (g) Every Owner or Keeper shall on demand of the designated officer produce for inspection a license receipt or other evidence proving such Owner or Keeper holds a valid License.
- (h) Every Owner or Keeper shall ensure that their cat(s) is not being a nuisance or running at large.
- (i) Any cat defecating on other people's property is an infraction of this bylaw and the owner or keeper of the cat shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately in a sanitary fashion or be subject to a fine as outlined in Section 3(a).
- (j) An owner or occupant of private property shall not allow cat feces to accumulate on the said property so as to create a health hazard or will be subject to a fine as outlined in Section 3(a).
- (k) Feeding of a cat running at large is unlawful and shall be subject to a penalty as per Section 3(a) of this Bylaw.
- (l) A complaint by any person against any Owner or Keeper alleging a breach of this Bylaw shall be made in writing to any member of Town Council, the Town or its Designated Officer and shall include the name of Owner or Keeper (if known) the location where the breach transpired and the signature of the complainant. A date stamped clearly identifiable picture is encouraged.
- (m) Any person may restrain any cat found running at large and becoming a nuisance in the Town and shall deliver the cat to the Prairie East Veterinary Clinic in Langenburg. The person shall leave, with the cat, a statement in writing describing the name of the owner (if known), name of the cat (if known) and place and time of restraint.
- (n) All cats impounded shall be confined therein for a period seventy two (72) hours, excluding weekends and statutory holidays, from the time of capture, during which time the Owner or Keeper thereof shall have the right to the return of the impounded cat upon paying all impound fees charged by the Town or its agent.
- (o) No unlicensed cat, which is impounded, shall be released until a license is purchased for such cat and all impound fees charged by the Town or its agent has been paid.

- (p) A cat impounded and not claimed within seventy two (72) hours, excluding weekends and statutory holidays, shall be released to The Angels of Hope or such other cat rescue organization as is available.
- (q) No person shall keep more than three (3) cats in or about any dwelling/business unit, and shall upon the request of the Designated Officer, disclose the number of cats being kept on his/her land or buildings.
- (r) The provisions of this section shall not apply to cats kept, in ordinary course of business by the proprietors of the following premises namely:
  - a. A veterinary hospital, clinic, boarding kennel or grooming parlour
  - b. A public pound
  - c. A business that includes the sale of pets and is licensed as such;
  - d. A shelter operated by an association or society incorporated for the purpose of the protection and humane treatment of cats.

### 3. Order to Remedy Contraventions

- (a) If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or keeper of the cat to remedy the contravention.
- (b) Orders given under this Bylaw shall comply with Section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*.
- (c) Orders given under this Bylaw shall be served in accordance with Section 390(1)(a), (b) or (c) of *The Municipalities Act*.

### 4. Penalties:

- (a) Any person who commits a breach of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable for a penalty of **\$200.00** for a first offence, **\$350.00** for second offence, **\$500.00** for a third offence in addition to any other fees and penalties imposed under this or other Bylaw.

### 5. Administration:

- (a) The Town shall have the authority to appoint a person to carry out the provision of this Bylaw.
- (b) It shall be offence for any person to harass, threaten and use any profanity or disobey a Designated Officer.
- (c) No person, whether or not they are the owner of the cat which is being or has been pursued or seized shall:
  - a. Interfere with or attempt to obstruct the Designated Officer who is attempting to seize or has seized any cat in accordance with the provision of this Bylaw.
  - b. Unlock or unlatch or otherwise open the vehicle in which cats seized under the Bylaw has been placed, so as to allow or attempt to allow a cat to escape there from.
  - c. Remove or attempt to remove any cat from the possession of the Designated Officer.
- (d) A notice of violation may be served as provided by Section 3 of this Bylaw.

- (e) A violator of the Bylaw, upon being served a notice of violation, may pay his/her penalty at the Town Office within seven (7) days. No license shall be obtained or renewed where unpaid penalties remain outstanding.
- (f) All fees shall be paid to the Town by payment in person to 116 Vincent Avenue, Churchbridge or by mailing such payment to Box 256 Churchbridge, SOA 0M0
- (g) Where the municipality receives payment of the amount prescribed in Section 4 of this Bylaw, within seven (7) days of receiving notification, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
- (h) Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an order pursuant to Section 3 of this Bylaw.
- (i) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed in the General Penalty Bylaw #2-88.

## 6. Coming into Force

This bylaw shall come into force and take effect immediately upon being adopted.

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Mayor

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Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Certified a true copy of Bylaw 2015-012

Date Carried on \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Administrator

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**BYLAW 2015-012**  
**CAT LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE**

Annual Fees due by January 31 of each year are as follows:

Cats	\$	25.00
Cats (Spayed/Neutered)	\$	10.00
Replacement of Tags	\$	5.00

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**BYLAW 2015-012**  
**HOW TO PREVENT COMPLAINTS**

**TIPS ON PREVENTING CAT COMPLAINTS**

The Town of Churchbridge is hopeful that all residents of the Town can live in harmony with their neighbours. Unfortunately irritants arise from time to time that do not encourage positive neighbourly relationships. Cats that are permitted to be a "nuisance and/or run at large" are one such irritant.

Informed professionals advise us that the life expectancy of an outdoor cat is considered to be very short. These cats are struck by moving vehicles, caught in the fans of motor vehicles, mauled by stray dogs, injured in cat fights, and are exposed to disease, extreme heat and severe cold. The injury or death of your pet by any cause is a highly emotional and frequently expensive experience.

We believe that the kindest thing you can do for your pet is to have it spayed or neutered and to keep it indoors. You may also wish to consider harness and/or leash training, continual outdoor supervision, or building an enclosed cat run.

Any activity you elect will keep your cat out of your neighbour's yards will help improve neighbourhood relationships. It will also keep your cat from being impounded and you from being prosecuted.

Be a responsible cat owner and a good neighbour:

Spay or neuter your cat.

Have your cat tattooed and register, microchip implanted, or wear identification bearing your name and telephone number.

Keep your cat indoors, in an outdoor, enclosed cat run, on a harness or leash, or under continual supervision.