



BYLAW No. 2003 – 01

**A BYLAW TO LICENSE AND REGULATE THE
RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND CATS**

The Council of the Town of Moosomin in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as the Dog and Cat Control Bylaw.
2. "Running at Large" means:
 - (a) A dog or cat shall be deemed to be "running at large" when it is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer of the said dog or cat, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land, and when it is not under control of the owner, possessor or harbourer.
3. "Control" means:
 - (a) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
 - (b) securely confined within an enclosure; or
 - (c) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.
4. "Public Nuisance" means any of the following:
 - (a) Harmful, offensive, annoying, troublesome, and/or pest.
5. "Animal Control Officer" means a person appointed by the Council of the Town of Moosomin, or someone empowered to act in his place.
6. Every person within the Town who owns, possesses or harbours a dog or cat (which term shall, for the purposes of this bylaw, mean either a male or female dog or cat over six months old) shall obtain a license from the Town Office prior to owning, possessing or harbouring the dog or cat.
7. Licenses will be issued free of charge, and will be valid for as long as dog or cat remain within Town boundaries. It shall be the responsibility of the one who owns, possesses, or harbours a dog or cat to advise the Town Office if the animal is no longer within the Town, or when an animal dies.
8. Every person to whom a license has been issued under this bylaw shall cause his dog or cat to wear a collar, to which shall be attached, the license tag issued by this town.
9. A person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog or cat found "running at large", and in addition being a "public nuisance", shall be guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
10. Upon receipt of a fully completed and signed complaint that a dog or cat was "running at large" and in addition being a "public nuisance", the Town Administrator shall notify the offender by registered mail that a complaint has been received, and that in the event of failure to pay the appropriate voluntary fine relevant to the infraction within Seven (7) days of receipt of the notice, the Town Administrator shall take the steps necessary to prosecute the owner, possessor, or harbourer. The complaint shall be in the form attached hereto and marked as "Schedule A", and forming part of this bylaw.

11. PENALTIES:

- (1) (a) Any dog or cat found to be in contravention of sections 6, 7, or 8, shall be guilty of a fine in the amount of \$20.00 per occurrence.
- (2) (a) Any dog or cat found "running at large" and in addition being a "public nuisance" may be taken by the Animal Control Officer to the town pound where is shall be kept for 72 hours (3 days) excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays unless the owner, possessor or harbinger redeems the dog or cat by pays at the Town Office during regular working hours, the appropriate fine relevant to the infraction, and in addition the expenses for the care of the animal.

(b) Any dog or cat which is not redeemed within 72 hours (3 days) excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays may be sold by the Poundkeeper, or if not sold, may be otherwise disposed of, or as a last resort may be destroyed by a Veterinarian.

(c) A person who contravenes the provisions of sections 9 and/or section 10 of this bylaw or fails to comply there with, or with related notice or order given thereunder shall be liable to a penalty or \$250.00 per occurrence for dogs, and \$50.00 per occurrence for cats.
- (3) (a) A violator of this bylaw may during regular office hours, voluntarily pay the penalty at the Town Office; and that upon payment as provided, that person shall not be liable to prosecution for the offence.

12. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

13. Bylaw No. 23 – 89 is hereby repealed.

Given first reading this 22nd, day of January, 2003.

Given second reading this 22nd, day of January, 2003.

Given third reading this 22nd, day of January, 2003.