



VILLAGE OF RYLEY

BYLAW NO. 2017-925

Animal Control Bylaw

This Bylaw being Bylaw No. 2017-925 of the Village of Ryley in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of controlling nuisance animals within the Village of Ryley.

WHEREAS, Section 164 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 R.S.A. 180 and amendments thereto, permits Council to control nuisance animals running at large;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Ryley in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "**Animal Control Bylaw**".

1.2 In this Bylaw:

- a) "**Animal Control Officer**" means the person or persons appointed as such from time to time by the Village of Ryley to do or act or perform duties under this Bylaw.
- b) "**Animal Shelter**" means the premises designated by the Village for the purpose of impounding and caring for nuisance animals.
- c) "**At Large**" means if the nuisance animal is off the premises of the owner or harbinger.
- d) "**Nuisance Animal**" means any animal that is considered offensive by a resident.
- e) "**Peace Officer**" means
 - i) a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - ii) a Special Constable;
 - iii) a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- f) "**Village**" means the Village of Ryley.

2. PENALTIES

2.1 A Violation Ticket may be issued by any Peace Officer to any person who has contravened Section 3.2 (a)(b)(c) and Section 4.1(a) of this Bylaw. The Violation Ticket shall state the alleged offence and require payment of the appropriate fine provided in "Schedule A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

3. SEIZURE, IMPOUNDMENT, DISPOSITION

- 3.1** A Peace Officer or an Animal Control Officer may seize and capture any nuisance animal found running at large and impound the nuisance animal.
- 3.2** To alleviate the mistreatment of nuisance animals, humane holding devices shall be used.
- a)** No person shall entice a nuisance animal except through the use of bait to enter a holding device.
 - b)** No person shall use poison bait.
 - c)** No person shall tease or poke any object into a holding device or in any way harm any nuisance animal caught therein.
- 3.3** Any person found contravening Section 3.2 (a)(b)(c) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine as outlined in "Schedule A", or shall be liable, in the case of nonpayment of fines and costs, to an imprisonment term period not exceeding sixty (60) days, or to both fine and imprisonment.
- 3.4** All domesticated animals shall be kept for a period of forty-eight (48) hours.
- 3.5** During this impoundment period, any healthy nuisance animal may be redeemed by its owner or agent upon payment of all related charges to the village office or their agent.
- 3.6** At the expiration of the impoundment period, any nuisance animal not redeemed, may be adopted out or shall be humanely destroyed and disposed of.
- 3.7** The Pound Keeper or Impounding Officer shall report any apparent illness, communicable disease, injury or unhealthy condition of any impounded nuisance animal to a veterinarian and act immediately upon the veterinarian's recommendation at the owners cost.
- 3.8** No action shall be taken against any person acting under the authority of this Bylaw for damages for the destruction or other disposal of a nuisance animal.

4. INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT

- 4.1** No person whether or not he or she is the owner of nuisance animal shall:
- a)** Interfere with or attempt to obstruct the Animal Shelter provider, Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer who is attempting to capture or has captured any nuisance animal in accordance with provisions of the Bylaw.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOLDING DEVICE USERS

- 5.1 A complainant may call the Village Office and make a formal complaint giving their name, address, phone number and address of the occurrence. This will be documented by the village office staff.
- 5.2 A holding device with a recorded number indicated on the outside will be issued to the complainant by the Animal Control Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer and recorded on a holding device control list.
- 5.3 No holding devices shall be issued or set when weather conditions are forecasted to be colder than zero degrees Celsius (0°C).

The complainant may assist the Animal Control Officer in setting up and monitoring the holding device and once a nuisance animal has been caught, the complainant must call the Animal Control Officer who shall as soon as possible remove the nuisance animal and holding device from the property as required.

6. LICENSING

- 6.1 No person shall own or keep any dog and/or cat within the Village unless the dog and/or cat are licensed. (In the case of cats, registration is sufficient.)
- 6.2 A license can be purchased at any time during the year but must be renewed January 1st of each additional year.
- 6.3 The annual license/registration fee for each cat and/or dog shall be as set out in "Schedule A".

7. OWNERSHIP

- 7.1 The Owner of an animal:
 - a) Shall have no more than two (2) dogs kept or harbored at one time on lands or premises occupied by their owners.
 - b) Shall have no more than three (3) cats kept or harbored at one time on lands or premises occupied by their owners.
 - c) Notwithstanding Section 7 (7.1) a, and b, upon request for additional dogs or cats, Council reserves the right to review each request.

8. SETTING OF FEE SCHEDULES

8.1 Amendments may be made from time to time to "Schedule A" by resolution by Village Council.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

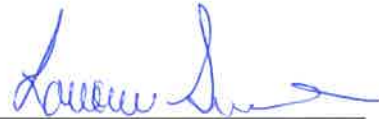
9.1 This Bylaw becomes effective on the 6 day of June 2017 A.D.

9.2 Bylaw 2015-908 is hereby repealed.

READ for the first time this 6 day of June 2017 A.D.

READ for a second time this 6 day of June 2017 A.D.

READ for a third time this 6 day of June 2017 A.D.



Lavonne Svenson
Mayor



Michael Simpson
Chief Administrative Officer

BY-LAW NO. 2015-908 SCHEDULE "A"**1. Annual License Fees for Dogs**

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| a) Spayed or neutered | \$10.00 |
| b) Not spayed or neutered | \$25.00 |

2. Annual License/Registration Fees for Cats

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| a) Spayed or neutered | \$FREE |
| b) Not spayed or neutered | \$15.00 |

3. Impoundment Charges for Cats and Dogs

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| a) Animal Trapper charges for cats and dogs | \$30.00 |
| b) Mileage for impoundment | \$45.00 |
| c) Impoundment administration charges | \$30.00 |
| d) Daily Impoundment charges for dogs | \$50.00 |
| e) Daily Impoundment charges for cats | \$30.00 |

4. Offences

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| a) Failure to comply with Section 3.2 (a)(b)(c) | \$200.00 |
| b) Interference with enforcement of By-Law,
Section 4.1 (a) | \$100.00 |
| c) Failure to comply with Section 6.1 | \$50.00 |