



## Responsible Pet Ownership

The Animal Control Bylaw contains many provisions to support a community where pets, their owners and neighbours live in harmony.

- All cats and dogs over four months old must be licensed.
- Licensed cats and dogs must wear a collar to which is attached a valid license tag or have embedded microchip identification.
  - For embedded microchip identification to be valid, the pet must still be licensed with the microchip serial number registered with the licence tag information on the pet licence application.
  - Pet owners are encouraged to have their pet both display a licence tag and have embedded microchip identification as each provides a unique advantage - the licence tag provides a visible display of ownership while the microchip provides identification if the licence tag is lost.
- Failure to license a cat or dog will result in a \$250 fine. Fines for other offences listed under the Bylaw start at \$30 and increase depending on the offence.
- Cats and dogs are not permitted to be at-large. When outside of the owner's property they must be on a leash. Cats and dogs are not allowed - leashed or not - on any public playground, in cemeteries, or in Kinsmen, Kiwanis, Friendship, Forestry Farm, and Rotary parks.
- If a pet defecates on any property other than the owner's, the pet owner must remove the defecation immediately.
- Pet owners must remove defecation (feces) from their own property regularly in order to prevent unsanitary and unpleasant conditions from developing.
- Pet owners must not allow their cat or dog to bark or howl so as to create a nuisance.
- Aggressive and dangerous behavior is dealt with under the Dangerous Animal Bylaw.
  - In general, it is an offense to own a dog or cat that, without provocation, attacks, bites, injures, or kills a person or domestic animal.
  - If the animal is declared dangerous by court order, certain mandatory provisions apply:





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- If the owner removes the animal from the owner's property, the owner shall muzzle and leash it and keep it under direct control and supervision;
- The owner shall inoculate the animal against rabies;
- The owner shall report the sale or other disposition of the animal to a designated officer;
- Where the animal is moved to a different city or municipality, the owner shall notify the clerk of that city or municipality;
- Where the animal is to be sold or given away, the owner shall:
  - Notify any prospective owner that the animal has been declared dangerous, before it is sold or given away; and
  - Notify a designated officer of the name, address and telephone number of any new owner of the animal;
- If the animal is unlicensed, the owner shall, at the owner's expense and within ten days of the date of the order, purchase the requisite license for the animal; The owner shall have the animal micro chipped.
  - The Court may also order that the declared dangerous animal be kept in an enclosure. The enclosure must comply with the following criteria:
    - It shall be constructed of wood or any other building material of sufficient strength and in a manner adequate to:
      - Confine the animal; and
      - Prevent the entry of children of tender years;
    - The entrances and other areas by which entry to or exit from the enclosure may be made shall be locked or fastened in a manner adequate to prevent the animal from escaping from the enclosure;
    - The enclosure shall be at least 3 metres in length, 1.5 metres in width and 1.8 metres in height;





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- The enclosure shall have a top secured to the sides of the enclosure;
- The enclosure shall:
- Have a floor secured to the sides of the enclosure; or
- The sides of the enclosure shall be embedded in the ground to a depth of at least 0.6 metres;
- Provide protection from the elements for the animal;
- Provide adequate light and ventilation for the animal; and
- Be kept in a sanitary and clean condition.

Specific information can be obtained from City of Saskatoon Animal Services, Animal Control or the City Pound.

### Winter Ski Trails and Walking your Dog:

The City of Saskatoon and the Nordic Ski Club maintain cross country ski trails throughout the City exclusively for the enjoyment of cross country skiers. If you enjoy walking your dog in areas where there are ski trails, please respect skiers and avoid groomed trails. Ski trails include the wider packed section for skate skiing alongside the parallel tracks. Your footprints and those of your dog can damage the ski tracks and skating lanes, making it difficult to ski and less enjoyable.

Thank you for your cooperation!

