

Town of Pilot Butte



Animal Ownership and Control Bylaw

#07-2026

1. This bylaw shall be referred to as the Animal Ownership and Control Bylaw

Part I
Definitions

2. For the purpose of this bylaw, the expression:

- 1) **Act** shall mean The Municipalities Act;
- 2) **Administrator** shall mean the administrator of the Municipality;
- 3) **Aggressive animal** shall mean an animal who has not been declared dangerous by a judge pursuant to section 375 of the Act but has displayed aggressive behavior including, but not limited to:
 - a) any animal, without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chases or approaches a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
 - b) any animal having an inclination, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation to cause injury or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals;
 - c) any animal, which without provocation has bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal;
 - d) any animal owned primarily or in part for the purpose of animal fighting or is trained for animal fighting;

Aggressive animal does not include:

- e) any animal acting in the performance of police work; or
- f) working as a guard dog on commercial property that is:
 - i. securely enclosed on the property by a fence or other barrier sufficient to prevent the escape of the animal and the entry of children; and
 - ii. defending that property against a person who was committing an offence.
- 4) **Animal shelter** shall mean the Regina Human Society or other such premises or facilities as may be designated by council, from time to time;
- 5) **At large** shall mean off the premises and boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where the dog/cat may be with the permission of the owner or occupier of the lands and is not under control by being secured to a leash or chain or other similar restraining device not exceeding two meters in length;
- 6) **Attack** shall mean an assault resulting in bleeding, bone breaking, sprains, serious bruising or multiple injuries;
- 7) **Bite** shall mean a wound to the skin causing it to bruise, puncture or break;
- 8) **Cat** shall mean either male or female domestic feline animal;
- 9) **Collar** shall mean any device made of any material capable of having metal tags securely fastened to it, and designed and solely intended to be worn around the neck of a cat or dog;

- 10) **Council** shall mean the council of the Town of Pilot Butte;
- 11) **Dangerous Animal** shall mean any animal that has been declared dangerous by a judge if the judge is satisfied on reasonable grounds described in section 1, number (3)(a), (b), (c), and (d) in this bylaw or pursuant to section 375 of The Municipalities Act;
- 12) **Designated Officer** shall mean the Administrator, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or any other person appointed to enforce municipal bylaws;
- 13) **Dog** shall mean either male or female domestic canine animal;
- 14) **Dog Run** shall mean a dedicated area where a dog may be exercised untethered whilst being fully contained;
- 15) **Harness** shall mean a piece of equipment consisting of straps which fasten around the torso of a dog/cat, specifically the chest and back, which restrains the animal;
- 16) **Leash** shall mean any chain, rope, strap or similar device attached to the collar or harness of an animal, no longer than two (2) metres, especially a dog and is used to lead or hold it in check;
- 17) **License** shall mean a license issued by the Town in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw;
- 18) **License tag** shall mean a tag or similar document issued by the Town;
- 19) **Municipality** shall mean the Town of Pilot Butte;
- 20) **Non-sterilized** shall mean capable of reproducing;
- 21) **Nuisance** shall mean behaviour by an animal or owner that negatively impacts another person or animal. Including, but not limited to, fighting, defecating or spraying on private property without the permission of the owner, howling or hissing at night, digging in flower beds or garbage containers, mounting, and trespassing on private property;
- 22) **Off-leash dog park** shall mean an area or parcel designated by the municipality to be utilized for socialization, exercise, and play without a leash under the direct supervision and voice control of their owner(s);
- 23) **Owner** shall include:
 - i. A person who keeps, possesses or harbours an animal to which this bylaw applies; or
 - ii. The person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of an animal to which this bylaw applies;
 - iii. Any person who regularly provides food, water, or shelter to a stray or abandoned animal;
- 24) **Police service animal** shall mean an animal that:
 - i. Is owned by any public law enforcement; and
 - ii. Has been specially trained for the performance of police work and is under the control and supervision of a member of a public law enforcement agency;
- 25) **Properly restrained** shall mean the animal is;

- i. Being carried by a person capable of restraining the size and strength of the particular animal;
 - ii. Being confined in a crate or similar pet container, which is properly latched or locked; or
 - iii. Being restrained by a person capable of restraining the size and strength of the specific animal by means of a leash;
- 26) **Provocation** shall mean an act done intentionally or unintentionally that causes an animal to feel threatened, panicked, or teased resulting in a defensive reaction;
- 27) **Service animal** shall mean any animal with specialized training to assist any person with a recognized disability.
 - i. Emotional support or therapy animal, which provide therapeutic benefits, but do not have specialized training to provide for a disabled person, are not considered a service animal under this bylaw;
- 28) **SPCA** shall mean the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, in the Province of Saskatchewan;
- 29) **Sterilized** shall mean incapable of reproducing;
- 30) **Town** shall mean the Town of Pilot Butte;

Part II
Licensing

- 3. Any person in the Municipality who owns, possesses, or harbors a dog/cat over the age of six (6) months shall obtain a license from the Town's office within twenty (20) days of taking possession of the dog/cat. The license shall be in effect for the lifetime of the dog/cat.
- 4. Every owner of a dog/cat who has obtained a license from the Town office shall:
 - i. Cause the animal to wear a collar or harness to which the license tag is attached pursuant to this bylaw.
 - ii. Any owner who requires a replacement of the license tag shall pay the replacement fee as set out in Schedule A of this bylaw.
- 5. No person shall harbor, keep, or have in their possession more than five (5) dogs. Any person residing in the Town who has more than five (5) dogs is guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
 - i. Active or retired service animal and/or active or retired police animals are not counted toward the limit of five (5) animals.
- 6. Failure to obtain a license is deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
- 7. A license issued under this bylaw is non-transferable and non-refundable.
- 8. For the purposes of licensing there shall be the following classes of licenses:
 - i. sterilized dog or cat;
 - ii. non-sterilized dog or cat;
 - iii. service animal.
- 9. When applying for registration of a dog or cat under this bylaw, the owner shall provide the following:
 - i. description of the animal, including breed, colour, name, gender, age and a photo;

- ii. name, address, telephone number(s), and email of the owner;
 - iii. where the owner is a corporate body, the name, address and telephone number(s) of the natural person responsible for the dog or cat;
 - iv. if available, the current vaccination records;
 - v. for a sterilized dog or cat license, information establishing that the dog or cat is sterilized;
 - i. notwithstanding clause 8. 1) where the owner of a dog or cat can provide evidence to the town that, because of the dog or cat's health, age or disability, sterilization of the dog would be detrimental to the dog or cat's health, the owner may pay the sterilized animal license fee.
 - vi. the registration fee for each dog or cat as set out in the schedule A.
 - vii. for a service animal license, a copy of the certification showing that the dog is a service animal;
 - viii. if a dog has been previously determined to be a dangerous dog by the court in Saskatchewan or any other municipality, province or country.
 - ix. any other information the town may require.
- 10.** No person shall give false information when registering their dog or cat pursuant to this bylaw.
- 11.** An owner shall notify the town of any change with respect to any information provided in an application for registration under this bylaw.
- 12.** Any person may foster cats or dogs so long as:
- i. the dog is not a dangerous dog; and
 - ii. the dog/cat does not create a nuisance to adjacent property owners.

Part III Animal Control

13. Female Animals

- i. An owner of a non-sterilized female dog/cat shall be confined on their owner's property at all times during the period the animal is in heat.

14. Animals At Large

- i. No owner shall allow their animal to run at large within the Municipality.
- ii. An owner shall always have complete control of their animal by physical means.
- iii. No owner shall allow a minor to be in control of the leash of an animal that the minor is not able to physically control.
- iv. Any person who owns, possesses, or harbors a dog/cat found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
- v. If a dog or cat is found to be at large, the owner shall be deemed to have permitted the cat or dog to be at large either willfully or by not providing adequate containment.

15. Dogs In Off-Leash Areas and Special Events

- i. Notwithstanding Section 14, a dog on public property designated as an "Off-Leash Dog Park" shall not be considered at large, provided the owner complies with the following requirements:

- a. the dog is accompanied by the owner at all times;
 - b. the owner has complete control of the dog either by physical or verbal means at all times;
 - c. the owner ensures that his or her dog is in compliance with all signs posted at the off-leash dog park;
 - d. the dog has not been designated as a nuisance or dangerous dog; and
 - e. If the dog becomes a nuisance or displays any aggressive behavior, the owner shall immediately restrain the dog with a leash and remove it from the park.
- i. Notwithstanding Section 14, the designated officer may grant an exemption for events, including dog agility or other controlled dog activities, where dogs participating in the event shall not be considered at large, provided the owner complies with the following requirements:
 - a. The dog remains within the designated event area while off-leash;
 - b. The dog uses the designated off-leash location only during the hours and periods authorized for the event, in accordance with all event rules established by the Town;
 - c. the owner has complete control of the dog by either physical or verbal means at all times; and
 - d. the dog has not been designated a nuisance or dangerous dog.

16. Animal Restrain

- i. A designated officer or any adult may restrain a dog/cat found at large and shelter them at their own expense until the owner is found or the animal can be surrendered to an animal shelter or rescue.
- ii. A designated officer or any adult may restrain any dog or cat that is a distressed animal and transport them to the Regina Human Society.
 - a. Any adult who restrains and transports a distressed animal to the Regina Humane Society shall be responsible for any associated fees.

17. Dog Run

- i. Where a dog is housed in a dog run, the owner shall;
 - a. Ensure that the dog run is kept in a sanitary condition to protect the health and safety of the dog and any other living being;
 - b. Ensure the run be constructed so that the total area is at least three (3) times the length of the animal in all directions;
 - c. An owner shall ensure that a dog run located on the owner's property is no closer than one (1) meter to a property line and no closer than one (1) meter from a dwelling unit located on an adjacent property;
 - d. Not used as a fence separating the owner's property from an adjacent property as one of the sides of the animal run;
 - e. Ensure that a dog run on their property is constructed of materials of sufficient strength and in a manner adequate to:

- 1) Confine the dog;
- 2) Prevent the entry of young children; and
- 3) Ensure that the run;
 - A. Provides protection from elements for the animal; and
 - B. Provides adequate light and ventilation for the animal.
- ii. If, in the opinion of the designated officer the condition or location of the dog run is not in accordance with this bylaw, the designated officer may order the property owner to clean, alter, demolish, or relocate the dog run within the period specified in the order.
- iii. The person to whom an order is issued pursuant to Subsection 17(ii.) shall comply within the period specified in the order.
- iv. An order to relocate a dog run issued pursuant to Subsection 17(ii.) will allow the property's owner at least thirty (30) days to relocate or remove the dog run.

18. Cat Trap

- i. No person shall be permitted to trap cats within the Municipality.
- ii. No person shall be permitted to use a leg hold or foot hold trap within the Municipality.

Part IV Nuisance

19. Defecation

- i. Where an animal defecates on public or private property, other than the owner's property, the owner shall immediately remove the defecation and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- ii. An owner of a dog/cat shall remove the defecation from the property where the dog/cat is being kept and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- iii. No owner or occupant of a private property shall allow the defecation of their animal(s) to accumulate on the property where the dog/cat is being kept to such an extent that, in the opinion of the designated officer, it is reasonably likely to annoy or pose a health risk to others.
- iv. A designated officer may serve an owner or occupant of private property with a notice to remove all animal feces from the property within seventy-two (72) hours of the service of the notice.
 - a. If a notice pursuant to Subsection (19)(iii.) is not served personally to an owner or occupant of a private property or posted on the property, then a copy shall be sent by registered mail to the owner or occupant of the property and deemed to have been received five (5) days following the date of mailing.
 - b. The town may remove the feces from the property if:
 - 1) The person to whom the request is made fails to remove the feces within seventy-two (72) hours; or

- 2) After reasonable inquiry, the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the property cannot be determined.
- v. If the town carries out the work under Subsection (19)(iv.)(b.), the costs and expenses incurred are a debt owed to the Municipality and the Municipality may recover the costs and expenses by adding the costs and expenses to the taxes on the land on which the work was done.

20. Barking

- i. No owner of a dog/cat shall allow their animal to bark or howl so as to create a nuisance.
- ii. For the purposes of this bylaw, the factors for determining whether the barking or howling of an animal has become a nuisance are as follows:
 - a. the land use, nature and zoning of the area from which the barking or howling originates and the area where it is perceived;
 - b. the time of day or night at which the barking or howling occurs;
 - c. the duration of the barking or howling;
 - d. whether the barking or howling is the result of provocation; and
 - e. whether the barking or howling is recurrent, intermittent, or continuous.
- iii. The following acts are deemed nuisance barking or howling violations of this bylaw per se:
 - a. in residential districts, barking or howling which persists for a period of **thirty (30)** consecutive minutes or longer; and
 - b. in residential districts, barking or howling which persists, intermittently, for a period of one (1) hour or longer.

21. No Provocation

- i. No animal shall, without provocation:
 - a. bite a person or other animal;
 - b. engage in an act that injures a person or other animal;
 - c. chase or otherwise threaten a person or other animal, unless the person or animal being chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the owner;
 - d. bark at or chase people, other animals, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles;
 - e. cause damage to property;
 - f. defecate, urinate or spray on private property, except with respect to the owner's property;
 - g. dig in flowerbeds, gardens or waste receptacles;
 - h. upset waste receptacles or scatter the contents;
 - i. trespass on private property, whether the animal is at large or leashed.

22. An owner shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, report to a designated officer any incident in which the owner's animal bites or attacks a person or another animal. They shall provide the owner's

name and the animal's licence number or description to the person bitten or attacked, or to the owner of the animal that was bitten or attacked.

23. The owner of an animal shall take all measures to prevent any nuisance behaviour.

24. No person shall:

- i. untie, loosen or otherwise free an animal which has been tied or otherwise restrained;
- ii. negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening of a fence or enclosure in which an animal has been confined and thereby allow an animal to run at large in the Municipality; or
- iii. tease, entice, bait or throw objects at a confined animal.

Part V

Dangerous and Aggressive Animals

25. No person shall possess, keep, or harbor a dangerous dog within the Town of Pilot Butte.

26. An animal shall be considered an aggressive if there is substantiated evidence that it meets the definition of an aggressive animal as set out in this bylaw.

27. If an animal is designated as aggressive, the owner shall be provided with written notice of the designation.

28. Any person may appeal the designation of an aggressive animal to the Administrator within ten (10) days of receiving notice.

29. Any person who owns or harbors an aggressive animal within the Town shall:

- i. At all times, muzzle and leash the animal when it is outside the owner's dwelling or run, and keep it under the direct control and supervision of an adult;
- ii. Ensure the animal is vaccinated against rabies and provide proof of current and future vaccination to the Town;
- iii. Report the sale, transfer, or other disposition of the animal to the Town within seventy-two (72) hours of relinquishing possession; and
- iv. Keep the animal in an enclosure that meets the requirements set out in Subsection 17.

30. Where an animal is required to be muzzled and leashed under this Bylaw and is removed from the owner's property, the animal shall be equipped with a muzzle and secured by a leash in accordance with the following criteria:

- i. The animal shall be fitted with a collar or harness which is properly placed along the body;
- ii. The license tag shall be clearly displayed on the collar or harness;
- iii. The animal's movement shall be controlled by a person by means of a leash attached to the collar or harness;
 - a. The leash shall not exceed 1.2 meters in length and must be made of material with a minimum tensile strength of 140 kilograms;
 - b. The muzzle shall be properly fitted on the animal to prevent it from biting any other animal or person or to interfere with the vision or respiration of the animal; and

- c. No person not physically able to adequately control the animal on a leash may remove or have the animal removed off the residing property.

- 31.** Where an animal is required to be kept in an enclosure under this Bylaw, the enclosure shall:
- i. Be constructed of metal, wood or other materials of sufficient strength to:
 - a. Confine the animal; and
 - b. Prevent the entry of young children;
 - ii. The entrances and other area by which entry to or exit from the enclosure may be made to lock or fasten in a manner adequate to prevent the animal from escaping the enclosure;
 - iii. Have a top secured to the sides of the enclosure;
 - iv. Have a floor secured to the sides, or sides embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of 0.6 meters;
 - v. Not use a fence separating the owner's property from an adjacent property as one of the sides of the animal enclosure;
 - vi. Be located no closer than one (1) meter from a dwelling unit located on an adjacent property; and
 - vii. The enclosure shall:
 - a. Provide protection from the elements;
 - b. Adequate light and ventilation, and
 - c. Be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- 32.** No person shall own an animal for the purpose of fighting, or shall train, torment, badger, bait or otherwise use an animal for the purpose of causing or encouraging the animal to make unprovoked attacks on persons or animals.

Part VI

Enforcement, Offences and Penalties

- 33.** When a designated officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of Parts II, III, IV or V of this Bylaw, the designated officer may issue a notice of violation or order to remedy to the person in contravention.
- i. Where a Notice of Violation or order to remedy is issued, a person may make a voluntary payment of the fine amount listed in Schedule "A" for that violation if the person does so before the specified date set out in the notice of violation or order to remedy.
 - ii. Where the town receives a voluntary payment of the prescribed amount in Schedule "A" before a summons is issued, the person receiving the notice of Violation or order to remedy shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
 - iii. Where any person makes payment within fourteen (14) days of the date of the offence, the fine(s) shall be 50% of the penalty amount plus the applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to this bylaw.

- 34.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of Parts II, III, IV or V of this Bylaw or fails to comply with an order issued by a designated officer, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to:
- i. a fine in the amount set out in Schedule A; or
 - ii. where a fine is not specified, to a fine of up to \$2,000 in the case of an individual, and \$5,000 in the case of a corporation.
- 35.** For the purpose of determining the applicable fine required by Subsection 34(i.), the number of offenses shall be determined by the number of previous Notices of Violation or Order to Remedy, that are not the subject of an appeal, issued in relation to that particular animal.
- i. Notwithstanding Section 35, for offences relating to defecation, the applicable fine required by Subsection 34(i.), shall be determined by the number of Notices of Violation issued in relation to the same address.
 - ii. Notwithstanding Section 35, for offences relating to running at large, the applicable fines required by Subsection 34(i.) shall be determined by the number of Notice of Violation or Order to Remedy which were issued in relation to the same address. If a time period of two (2) years has passed since the last Notice of Violation or Order to Remedy was issued, the offences may restart at a “1st Offence” fine amount.
- 36.** A person desiring to appeal a conviction pursuant to this Bylaw shall, within seven days of the conviction being appealed from, file a notice of appeal with the Court, and the provisions of Part XXVII of the Criminal Code apply with any necessary modification.
- 37.** Any payment required pursuant to this bylaw may be made at the Town Office.
- 38.** All disputes arising from the administration of this Bylaw shall be referred to Council, and Council shall be the final authority in all cases.
- 39.** The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to Designated Officers.
- 40.** This Bylaw shall not be construed to hold the Municipality or its agents responsible or liable for any damage to persons or property caused as a result of the administration of this Bylaw.
- 41.** If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw to be invalid, that portion shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of this Bylaw. The part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw is to be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

Part VII

Transitional, Repeal and Coming into Force

- 42.** An existing license issued under Bylaw No. 11 – 2017 remains valid.
- 43.** Bylaw No. 11 – 2017 is hereby repealed.
- 44.** This Bylaw shall come into force on the day of adoption by the Town of Pilot Butte Council.

{Seal}

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule A

Licensing:

Sterilized dog/cat	\$25.00
Un-sterilized dog/cat	\$50.00
Service Animal	No fee applies

Fines:

		1 st Offence	2 nd offence	3 rd & Subsequent Offence
General Fines				
	Failure to comply with a provision of this Bylaw	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Failure to comply with an order of a designated officer	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
Licensing				
	Failure to license an animal	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
	Failure to affix a valid animal identification tag	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
	Providing false information during licensing	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
	Harbouring more than five (5) animals over the age of six (6) months	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Control				
	Allowing an animal to be at large	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Failure to accompany and control animal in off-leash dog park	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Allowing a dangerous animal, or an animal displaying aggressive behaviour in an off-leash dog park	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Use of a cat trap	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Use of a leg hold or foot hold trap	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Failure to confine a non-sterilized animal during a period of heat	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00
	Failure to comply with run standards	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00

Nuisance				
	Failure to remove defecation	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1000.00
	Allowing an animal to bark or howl so as to create a nuisance	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
	Allow an animal to bite a person or another animal	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$3000.00

Schedule A Continued

	Allowing an animal to chase or otherwise threaten a person or animal	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$3000.00
	Purposefully release or provoke an animal	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00
Dangerous and Aggressive Animals				
	Harbouring dangerous animal(s)	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$3000.00
	Failure to comply with requirements for an aggressive animal	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$1500.00
	Failure to remove an animal at the direction of the designated officer, per day	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

Addendum

Where a person encounters a situation that reasonably leads them to believe an animal is dangerous, the following actions shall be taken:

1. Contact the RCMP and file a report.
2. Contact your lawyer.
3. Contact the Town to inform them of the situation.
4. Contact the Summary Offences Court to have a court date selected.
5. Attend the given court date.
6. Await the Judge's decision.
7. Inform the Town of the results given by the Judge.
8. If you are unsatisfied with the ruling, you may appeal to the Courts.