

TOWN OF LAFLECHE

BYLAW NO. 536-25

A BYLAW TO DEAL WITH THE RESTRAINING, REGULATING, AND DISPOSAL OF CATS, DOGS AND DANGEROUS DOGS.

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

1. This bylaw shall be referred to and cited as The Animal Control Bylaw.

I. DEFINITIONS:

2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:
 - (a) "Act" shall mean the *The Municipalities Act*.
 - (b) "Administrator" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Lafleche or any employee of the Town designated by the Administrator to act on behalf of the Town.
 - (c) "Animal" shall mean any dog or cat.
 - (d) "Bylaw officer" shall mean an officer appointed by Council.
 - (e) "Cat" shall include a kitten and any adult male or female cat.
 - I. "Neutered or spayed" shall mean any cat that has been certified as unable to reproduce by a veterinarian as defined in the *Animal Protection Act, 2018*.
 - (f) "CKC" means the Canadian Kennel Club
 - (g) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Town of Lafleche.
 - (h) "Dangerous Dog" shall mean a dog, as defined by the Act, that:
 - I. has, without provocation and in a vicious manner approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude or attack; or
 - II. has been known to attack without provocation; or
 - III. has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal without provocation; or
 - IV. is owned primarily for the purpose of fighting or is trained for fighting.
 - (i) "Dog" includes a puppy and any adult male or female dog.
 - I. "Neutered or spayed" shall mean any dog that has been certified as unable to reproduce by a veterinarian as defined in the *Animal Protection Act, 2018*.
 - (j) "Judge" means a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, a justice of the peace or a municipal official designated as a judge in accordance with this bylaw and who are authorized to carry out the "Dangerous Dog" provisions of the Act and amendments thereto.
 - (k) "Kennel" means a parcel where five or more dogs or cats are kept for the purposes of boarding, breeding, and/or selling;
 - (l) "Owner" includes:
 - I. a person who keeps, possesses or harbors a dog or cat;
 - II. the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of the dog or cat; but does not include:
 - III. a veterinarian registered in accordance with *The Veterinarians Act, S.S. 1987* and amendments thereto who is keeping or harboring a dog or cat for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease or injury;
 - IV. the Town of Lafleche, its agents and employees, the Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a local society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or a humane society operation pursuant to the provisions of the Animal Protection Act, and amendments thereto with respect to an animal shelter or impoundment facility operated by any of them.
 - (m) "Peace officer" means a peace officer as defined by the Criminal Code.
 - (n) "Provocation" means an act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking a dog.



- (o) "Running at Large" means a dog or cat found upon any street, lane, sidewalk, or within any park, school ground, or other public place within the Town of Lafleche, unaccompanied by any person or accompanied but not under the complete control of any competent person or being on private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of such property.
 - (p) "Town" shall mean the Town of Lafleche.
3. In this bylaw, all terms in the singular include the plural and all in the plural include the singular.

II. OFFENCES:

- 4. No owner shall keep, possess or harbor a dangerous dog with the Town of Lafleche.
- 5. No person shall keep, possess or harbor any dog or cat which is not licensed in accordance with Section III of this Bylaw.
- 6. No person shall keep, possess or harbor more than four (4) dogs or four (4) cats over six (6) months of age in one building or residence without prior written permission of Council, following application from owner as set out in Schedule 'A.'
- 7. Notwithstanding Section 6, kennels intended for the purposes of breeding, boarding and/or selling of dogs or cats will be allowed at the discretion of Council and are specific to an address (nontransferable to another address), subject to payment of the license fee for kennels as set out in Schedule "B."
 - a. Council approval shall be deemed to be renewed annually upon payment of the renewal fee as set out in Schedule "B," unless rescinded by another resolution of Council.
 - b. Notwithstanding Section 7, no breeding kennel will be allowed unless registered and certified with the CKC, subject to penalties as set out in Schedule "B."
 - c. All kennels must conform to the Town Zoning Bylaw as a home-based business.
- 8. No owner shall permit any dog or cat to be outside the boundary of any premises or lands occupied by the owner – running at large – unless:
 - (a) The dog or cat is kept in an enclosure which confines it; or
 - (b) The dog or cat is fitted with a collar or a harness for the body that is properly placed and fitted on the dog or cat and the movement of the dog or cat is controlled by a person by means of a leash attached to the collar or harness on the dog or cat; and
 - (c) The leash is less than 1.2 meters in length and is constructed of a material having a tensile strength of at least two times the weight of the dog or cat.
- 9. No owner shall permit a dog or cat to create a disturbance by barking, howling, yowling or in any other way causing an interference with the lawful use and enjoyment of property by any other person.
- 10. If a dog or cat defecates or causes an odor on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner of the dog or cat shall remove the defecation or cause of the odor immediately.
- 11. Section 10 shall not apply to a person who owns and is physically reliant on a guide dog trained and used to assist such person.
- 12. An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces or odor to accumulate on the property as to create a health hazard or nuisance. If a property is deemed to constitute a health hazard by the Administrator, Public Health through the Saskatchewan Health Authority may be contacted to investigate. If a property is deemed to constitute a nuisance by the Administrator, penalties as set out in Schedule "B" shall apply.

13. The Administrator may personally serve an owner or occupant of private property with a Notice of Violation, as set out in Schedule "A" of the General Penalty Bylaw, to remove all animal feces from the property within seventy-two (72) hours of service of the notice.
14. Any person who owns an animal for the purpose of fighting, or trains, torments, badgers, baits or otherwise uses an animal for the purpose of causing or encouraging the animal to make unprovoked attacks on persons or domestic animals is guilty of an offence.
15. Any person who displays a prescribed sign warning of the presence of a dangerous animal and who has not received the written permission of council to display the sign and who does not have the property enclosed within a fence sufficient to ensure the animal is unable to run at large is guilty of an offence.
16. Any person who does not comply with any part of a judicial order made against them is guilty of an offence.
17. Any person who owns an animal that, without provocation, attacks, assaults, wounds, bites, injures or kills a person or domestic animal is guilty of an offence.
18. Any person who is guilty of an offence pursuant to this or any section of this bylaw is liable to the penalties as set out in Schedule "B."
19.
 - (a) Where any person has committed or alleged to have committed a breach of the provisions of this Bylaw, they may be served a Notice of Violation. Such person may pay to the Town at the Town Office, during regular business hours, penalties as set out in Schedule "B."
 - (b) Payment must be made within thirty (30) calendar days from the service of the notice. If payment is made within such time and accepted, the person shall not be liable to prosecution for the offence.
 - (c) Service of such summons shall be made by mailing by registered mail or personal service upon such person.
 - (d) If the person who has committed or alleged to have committed a breach of the provisions of this Bylaw fails to pay the penalty within the provisions of Subsection 17 (b), then the provisions of this Subsection shall no longer apply and the person shall be liable to prosecution for the offence in the ordinary way, providing that nothing in this Subsection shall prevent any person served with such ticket from exercising their right to defend any of the particularized offences.
20. The Administrator is hereby designated to be a judge in accordance with this Bylaw and is authorized to carry out the "Dangerous Dog" provisions of the Act.
21. Any complaints that any person has committed or is alleged to have committed a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw or a complaint that a dog is dangerous may be made to a judge.
22. If, upon information of complaint, it is alleged that a dog has bitten or attempted to bite any person, the matter will be dealt with as set out in the Act.

III. LICENSING:

23. Every person who owns, possesses or harbors a dog or cat within the Town limits, shall register and obtain an annual license for the said dog or cat from the Town Office, on or before January 31st in each year, or immediately after date of possession. Owners may voluntarily choose to include on their registration form, as set out in Schedule 'C,' that their animal has been neutered or spayed, but must provide the appropriate certification from a registered veterinarian.

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24. The license year shall be from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December of the same year.
25. Failure to pay the annual license fee shall be deemed an infraction of this bylaw, and subject to the penalties as set out in Schedule "B."
26. Any unpaid license fees and license fee penalties as at December 31st shall be added to the property taxes of the owner of the property the animal resides on.
27. Pursuant to Section III subsection 26, in the case the owner of the property the animal resides on is not the owner of the animal, the penalties may still be added to the property taxes for the property the animal resides on. The owner of the animal may be required to pay the additions to the property taxes at the discretion of and in a manner determined by the owner of the property the animal resides on.
28. The Administrator is authorized to register, record the registration and issue licenses in conformity with this bylaw and the license fees as provided in Schedule "B."
29. When applying for a license, the applicant must furnish a description of the dog or cat including sex, color, breed and any other identification information which may be required by the Town, such as the location of residence of the animal and owner.
30. The Town shall furnish a license tag showing the words "Pet Tag Lafleche," license number and year initially registered to the applicant or owner of the dog or cat.
31. Every owner shall cause their dog or cat to wear the license tag as attached to a collar around its neck.
32. The owner of any dog or cat within the Town shall, on demand of the Administrator, show their license receipt or other evidence they paid the license fee provided in this bylaw for the current year.
33. All licenses expire on December 31st of the year in which they are issued and must be renewed, subject to the fees as set out in Schedule "B."
34. A service dog shall be registered and licensed as provided in this bylaw without charge.

IV. DISPOSAL OF DOGS SUSPECTED OF HAVING RABIES:

35. Any dog or cat suspected of having rabies shall not be killed but shall be secured and isolated for seven (7) days and the matter immediately reported to a veterinarian for the Town.
36. Where, in the opinion of the veterinarian, rabies infection has reached proportions where mass vaccination is indicated, every person who owns, harbors, or possesses a dog or cat within the Town, shall cause such dog or cat to be inoculated against rabies.
37. A certificate issued by a qualified veterinarian certifying that a dog or cat has been inoculated against rabies shall be prima facie evidence that such animal has been inoculated.

V. JUDICIAL ORDERS

38. On hearing a complaint that an animal in a municipality is dangerous, a judge may declare the animal to be dangerous if the judge is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:
 - (a) the animal, without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
 - (b) the animal has a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals;



- (c) the animal has, without provocation, bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal; or
 - (d) the animal is owned primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting or is trained for fighting.
39. For the purposes of judicial orders pursuant to this section, an animal is presumed not to have been provoked, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.
40. No animal shall be declared dangerous because of an action that occurred while the animal was:
- (a) acting in the performance of police work; or
 - (b) working as a guard dog on commercial property while:
 - (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 of tender years; and
 - (ii) defending that property against a person who was committing an offence.
41. The owner of an animal complained of, if known, shall be served with notice of a judicial hearing, but the judge may make an order in the absence of the owner if the owner fails to appear.
42. If a judge declares an animal to be dangerous, the judge shall:
- (a) make an order embodying one or more of the following requirements, as the judge considers appropriate:
 - (i) the owner shall keep the animal in an enclosure that complies with prescribed criteria;
 - (ii) if the owner removes the animal from the enclosure, the owner shall muzzle and leash it in accordance with prescribed criteria and keep it under the owner's direct control and supervision;
 - (iii) the owner shall obtain and keep in effect liability insurance in the prescribed amount to cover damage or injury caused by the animal;
 - (iv) the owner shall display a sign, in the prescribed form and manner, on his or her property warning of the presence of the animal and shall continue to display that sign in good condition so long as the animal is present on the property;
 - (v) the owner shall comply with the regulations and the Health of Animals Act (Canada) with respect to the detection and control of rabies;
 - (vi) if the animal is moved to any other municipality, the owner shall notify the Bylaw officer in the other municipality;
 - (vii) if the animal is to be sold or given away, the owner shall:
 - (A) notify any prospective owner that the animal has been declared dangerous, before it is sold or given away; and
 - (B) notify the Bylaw officer in the municipality of the contact information of any new owner of the animal;
 - (viii) the owner shall have the animal tattooed in the prescribed manner;
 - (ix) the owner shall have the animal spayed or neutered;
 - (x) the owner shall take any other measures that the judge considers appropriate; or
 - (b) order that the animal be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the owner's expense and shall, in that case, give directions with respect to the destruction or other disposition.
43. An order issued pursuant to this section continues to apply if the animal is sold or given to a new owner or is moved to any other municipality.
44. An owner against whom a judicial order has been made may apply to the judge who made the order for a waiver, and the judge may waive compliance on any terms and conditions that the judge considers reasonable, if the judge is satisfied that the owner is unable to comply with the requirements of that clause for a reason other than their financial circumstances.
45. An owner or complainant who feels aggrieved by a judicial order may appeal the order:



- (a) to a provincial court judge by way of a new trial, if the order was made by a justice of the peace;
or
- (b) to the court, if the order was made by a provincial court judge, on the grounds that it:
 - (i) is erroneous in point of law;
 - (ii) is in excess of jurisdiction; or
 - (iii) constitutes a refusal or failure to exercise jurisdiction.

- 46. A person who appeals shall, within seven (7) days after the date of the order being appealed from, file a notice of appeal with the judge or court being appealed to.
- 47. A person who feels aggrieved by a decision of a provincial court judge made with respect to an appeal may appeal the decision to the court.

VI. DESTRUCTION ORDER

- 48. Unless the owner otherwise agrees, every judicial order for destruction of an animal shall state that it shall not be implemented for eight (8) days.
- 49. If an appeal is taken against an order for the destruction of an animal, the application of the order is stayed pending the disposition of the appeal.
- 50. If the judge on appeal overturns the order for destruction of the animal, the animal shall be released to the owner after the owner has paid the costs of impoundment of the animal pending the hearing.

VII. ENTRY AND SEARCH

- 51. A peace officer or Bylaw officer who has reasonable grounds for believing that an animal is dangerous or has been ordered to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of and is in or on any premises other than a private dwelling may, with or without a warrant:
 - (a) enter the premises;
 - (b) search for the animal; and
 - (c) either impound the animal or, if there is an order to destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal, deliver the animal to the person appointed in the order to destroy or otherwise dispose of it.
- 52. A peace officer or Bylaw officer shall not enter any place that is a private dwelling without:
 - (a) the consent of the owner or occupant of the private dwelling; or
 - (b) a warrant authorizing the entry.
- 53. If it appears to a justice of the peace or provincial court judge that there are reasonable grounds to believe that an animal that is dangerous or has been ordered to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of is in a private dwelling, the justice of the peace or provincial court judge may issue a warrant authorizing a peace officer to enter the private dwelling specified in the warrant and search for the animal.
- 54. On issuance of such a warrant, the peace officer or Bylaw officer may:
 - (a) enter the private dwelling;
 - (b) search for the animal; and
 - (c) either impound the animal or, if there is an order to destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal, deliver the animal to the person appointed in the order to destroy or otherwise dispose of it.

VIII. DESTRUCTION OF AN ANIMAL

- 55. A peace officer or Bylaw officer may destroy any animal that he or she finds injuring or viciously

attacking a person or a domestic animal.

- 56. A peace officer or Bylaw officer who, acting in good faith, destroys an animal pursuant to part V of this bylaw is not liable to the owner for the value of the animal.

IX. ACTION FOR DAMAGES

- 57. In an action brought to recover damages for injuries to persons or property caused by an animal, it is not necessary for the person injured to prove the animal is, or the owner knew the animal was:
 - (a) of a dangerous or mischievous nature; or
 - (b) accustomed to doing acts causing injury.

X. SEVERABILITY

- 58. If any provision of this bylaw is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the bylaw shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section or sections of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Town of Lafleche's Animal Control Bylaw.

XI. GENERAL

- 59. Bylaw 396-04 is hereby repealed
- 60. This bylaw shall come into force on the date of its final reading and passing.

Introduced and read a first time this 13th day of November, 2025.
 Given second reading this 13th day of November, 2025.
 Given third and final reading on December 11/25.

J Council
 MAYOR

[Signature]
 ADMINISTRATOR

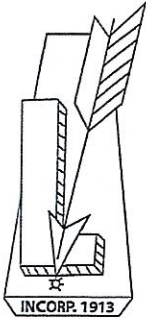


CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE BYLAW
 ADOPTED BY THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL
 ON THE 11th DAY OF December
 A.D. 2025

[Signature]
 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



Schedule 'A'



Town of Lafleche Application to Exceed Limit of Animals
Schedule 'A' to Bylaw No. 536-25 The Animal Control Bylaw

Owner Name: _____

Civic Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Information (Phone, Email, which do you prefer?): _____

Reason for Application & Any Identifying Information on Animal Being Applied For:

Measures in Place to Ensure Bylaw Infractions Do Not Occur: _____

Initials to acknowledge that submission of this application does not indicate Council's permission to acquire or house animals in excess of the duly enacted limit: _____

Number of Animals Already Owned/Kept: _____

Number of Animals Registered/Renewed: _____

Date of Submission: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Administration: _____

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Schedule "B"

Fees & Penalties

Registration Fees (includes tag)		Renewal Fees	
Animal Type	Fee	Animal Type	Fee
Dog	\$15	Dog	\$15
Cat	\$15	Cat	\$15

Penalties

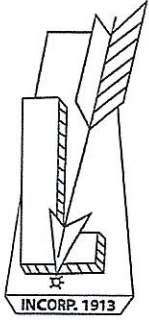
Reference	Offence	First Contravention	Second and Subsequent
Sec II Sub 6	Exceeding limit of animals	\$25 for each animal exceeding limit	
Sec II Sub 7	Unlicensed kennel/improper zoning	\$100 + above	\$200 + above
Sec II Sub 8	Verified running at large	\$50	\$100
Sec II Sub 9	Noise disturbance	\$50	\$100
Sec II Sub 10 & 12	Failure to remove defecation/odor	\$50	\$100
Sec III Sub 23	Unlicensed animal	\$40	\$80
Sec III Sub 25	Failure to renew license by Jan. 31	\$5	\$10
Sec III Sub 31	Animal not wearing license	\$15	\$30

Dangerous Dogs: Sec II Sub 14-17

According to the Act, Section 376(5), penalties are:

- a) A fine of not more than \$10,000;
- b) Imprisonment for not more than six months;
- c) An order pursuant to subsection 375(5); or
- d) A penalty consisting of any combination of clauses (a) to (c).

Schedule "C"



Town of Lafleche Animal Registration Form
 Schedule "C" to Bylaw No. 536-25 The Animal Control Bylaw

Owner Name: _____

Civic Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Information (Phone, Email, which do you prefer?): _____

Pet Name: _____

Breed/Type/Sex: _____

Age: _____

Colour & Markings: _____

Tag #: _____

General Receipt #: _____

Date: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Administration: _____

Administration Notes: _____
