

**TOWN OF LEADER  
BYLAW NO. 06/01**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LEADER TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS  
FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS.

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

- 1) This Bylaw shall be known as the “DOG BYLAW”.
- 2) DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) Council – shall mean the Council of the Town of Leader.
- b) Controlled Confinement – shall mean the confinement of a dog in a pen, cage or other structure having four sides and a secure top; the bottom secured to the sides or the sides embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of thirty (30) centimeters; minimum dimensions of 1.5 meters by 3.0 meters; and a minimum height of 1.5 meters.
- c) Dog – shall mean all species of animal commonly known as dogs and includes the female as well as male of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds over the age of three months.
- d) Dog Tag – shall mean a device bearing a distinctive serial number intended to be attached to the collar of a dog and issued by the Town upon payment of license fee as prescribed in the Bylaw.
- e) Kennel – means any structure or place situated within the Town including any premises used by any person for boarding or otherwise caring for, training, or whelping dogs exceeding two in number, whether or not for reward but shall not include any premises occupied by a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon for the practice of his profession.
- f) Leash- shall mean a leash that is not longer than three (3) meters, adequate to control the dog to which it is attached and securely attached to the dog by the collar, choke collar or harness.
- g) License Year – shall mean the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.
- h) Magistrate – shall mean a judge of the Magistrate’s Courts.
- i) Owner – shall mean and include any person owning, possessing or harbouring a dog.
- j) Dog Catcher – shall mean the person appointed by:
  - (1) The Council
  - Or
  - (2) An organization or Company which has an Agreement with the Town and/or is retained by the Town, to catch and Control dogs and for enforcement of provisions of this Bylaw.

2) DEFINITIONS CON'T.:

- k) Owner includes:
  - i. The actual owner of a dog, whether a natural person or a body corporate; and
  - ii. A person acting on behalf of the actual Owner of a dog, where such person furnishes proof to the satisfaction of the Dog Catcher of his authority to deal with the Dog Catcher on behalf of the actual Owner in respect of the dog.
- l) Owner's Property – shall mean any property in which the Owner has legal or equitable interest or which is otherwise under the control or in the possession of the Owner, and which property shall include land, buildings and vehicles.
- m) Park – shall mean a Park or Recreational Area.
- n) Permitted Property – shall mean private property upon which the Owner of a dog has the express permission of the owner of the property or a person in control or possession of the property to allow the Owner's dog.
- o) Running at Large – shall mean, when used to describe a dog, being on any property other than the Owner's Property or Permitted Property and not securely restrained by a leash held by a person capable of properly restraining the dog.
- p) Town – shall mean the Town of Leader.

3) LICENCES:

- a) Every person who owns or harbours a dog within the Town shall not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of February cause such dog to be registered with and obtain a license for the dog(s) from the Town of Leader. Failure to do so shall constitute an offense under this Bylaw.
- b) When applying for a license the applicant shall provide a description of each dog owned by him including its breed, color and age.
- c) License fees shall be:
  - (1) Dogs ----- \$ 10.00
  - (2) Kennel License ----- \$ 50.00
- d) All licenses issued under this Bylaw shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> following the date of issue and shall be in a form and of a size which can be conveniently be attached to a dog collar.
- e) In case of a lost license tag, a replacement tag may be issued upon satisfactory proof that the original license tag has been lost, and that the fee for such tag shall be one dollar ( \$1.00).
- f) The license tag shall bear a number and the year in which it is issued and a record shall be kept by the Town showing the tag number, the owner's name and a description of the dog.

4) WEARING TAGS

Every person whom a license has been issued under this Bylaw shall cause his or her dog to wear a collar to which shall be attached the license tag issued by the Town.

5) KENNELS

A kennel license may be granted to an applicant that satisfies the Town that he is in the dog raising business, that he has been assessed therefore or has paid a business license fee with respect thereto and that proper books for recording of dogs raised, boarded and /or sold are being maintained by him.

6) RUNNING AT LARGE

No dog shall run at large in the Town, and for the purpose of this Bylaw, a dog 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 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 being:

- 1) On a leash and in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it: or
- 2) Securely confined within an enclosure: or
- 3) Securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.

Any dog found running at large shall be in violation of this Bylaw.

7) SEIZURE OF DOGS

- a) Except as provided by Section 10 of this Bylaw any dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw may be taken by any person to a Dog Catcher.
- b) The Dog Catcher, or any other person authorized by the Council, may seize, capture, and impound any dog running at large contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw.

8) POUND

For the Purpose of Impounding dogs, a place may be designated by Council from time to time.

9) POUNDKEEPER

- a) Council may appoint a Poundkeeper who shall hold office at pleasure of the Council.
- b) Whenever any dog is impounded the dogcatcher shall as soon as reasonably possible notify the owner in person or by telephone. If the Owner is unknown a notice shall be posted in the Town Office giving a general description of the dog.
- c) To redeem an impounded dog the owner shall pay the Town the fees as set out in Schedule "B" as attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
- d) Any dog impounded shall be kept confined till redeemed; if not redeemed in 72 hours (statutory holidays and Sundays not included) from the time of personal, telephone or posted notice the dog shall be destroyed.

10) RABIES

When a dog has bitten a person and /or is suspected of being rabid the Medical Health Office of the region and a Veterinarian of the Health of Animals Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture shall be notified immediately.

11) GENERAL

No Unauthorized person shall:

- a) Remove from a dog a collar or License tag.
- b) No person shall own, possess or harbour any dog which by loud and frequent barking, howling, yelping, or chasing motor vehicles, or in any other manner or way, creates a disturbance to the annoyance or discomfort of any other person residing in the neighborhood or to the public at large: or which causes injury to any person so doing shall be in violation of this Bylaw.
- c) Every female dog in heat shall be confined to a house (or kennel).
- d) No person shall break open or assist in breaking open any pound in which a dog may be impounded or hinder or delay or obstruct any person in the performance of his duties hereunder.
- e) Any person teasing a dog, enticing a dog, baiting or throwing objects at a dog, confined within it's owner's property shall be in violation of this Bylaw.

11) GENERAL CONT.:

- f) Any owner of a dog, or any person having responsibility for or custody of a dog which:
- i. bites or chases a person or other animal;
  - ii. bites, barks at, or chases any motor vehicle or bicycle;
  - iii. barks, howls or otherwise comports itself in such a fashion as to disturb any person;
  - iv. causes any damage whatsoever to any property or any injury whatsoever to any person or other animal;
  - v. is at anytime within the floral area of any Park or disturbs or destroys any vegetation or animal habitat in any Park;
  - vi. is at any time in any swimming pool or wading pool intended for public use or in any body of water that is located in or flowing through any Park;
  - vii. upsets any waste receptacle or scatters the contents thereof;
- whether or not the dog is then Running at Large, shall be in violation of this Bylaw.

12) CONTROLLED CONFINEMENT:

Means the confinement of a dog in a pen, cage or other structure having:

- i. secure sides and a secure top;
- ii. the bottom secured to the sides or the sides embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of thirty (30) centimeters;
- iii. minimum dimensions of 1.5 meters by 3.0 meters; and
- iv. a minimum height of 1.5 meters.

13) PENALTY

Unless otherwise specified in the Bylaw, a person committing a breach of this Bylaw or neglecting or refusing to comply therewith, is guilty of an offense and liable on summary conviction to the penalties as herein provided, whether or not the dog in connection with which the breach or neglect or refusal was committed has been impounded or destroyed; and in the event that the amount of the fine has not been paid with respect to the dog in connection with which the breach or neglect or refusal was committed that amount of such fine shall be assessed and directed to be enforced and recovered and in default of payment of the fine, plus costs to a term of not more than thirty ( 30 ) days in the nearest jail.

14) a) Any person convicted of an offense under this Bylaw shall forfeit and pay a fine as set out in Schedule "C" as attached and forming part of this Bylaw.

b) In any proceedings before a Magistrate under the provisions of this Bylaw, Ownership established by submission to the Magistrate a Certificate of the Dog Catcher stating on his information and belief as to who is the owner of the dog in question, and upon receipt of such certificate by the Magistrate, the onus of proof of ownership shall be shifted to the person named in the certificate to show that he or she is not the owner of the dog on question.

15) PAYMENT OF PENALTIES:

a) (i) Where any person has committed or is alleged to have committed a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, a ticket in the form appearing as Schedule "A" to this Bylaw, may be served on such a person. Such person may pay to the Treasurer of the Town Office during regular business hours, in the lawful Money of Canada, an amount equal to the fine fixed for the respective Sections specified in subsection (a) of Section 14, provided that payment must be made within a period of Seventy-two (72) hours from the service of the said ticket. If payment is made within such time and accepted, then the person shall not be liable to prosecution for the offense.

(ii) Service of such ticket may be made by Mailing such ticket to the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog in respect of which the ticket has been issued; or by personal service upon such person; or by delivery to an adult person at the home of such person.

b) If the person who has committed or is alleged to have committed a breach of this Bylaw hereof, fails to pay the specified fine within the time allowed following service of the ticket, then the provisions of this Section shall no longer apply and the person shall be liable to prosecution for the offense in the ordinary way, provided that nothing in this Section shall prevent any person served with such ticket from exercising his right to defend any of those particularized offenses.

16) BYLAW 9/81 & 1/82 be hereby repealed

17) COMING INTO FORCE

This Bylaw comes into force on the date of third and final reading by the Council of the Town of Leader.

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MAYOR

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TOWN ADMINSTRATOR

Read a third time and hereby adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2001.

**TOWN OF LEADER  
SCHEDULE "A"  
BYLAW NO. 06/01**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

The dog described below is in Violation of the Town of Leader Bylaw No. 06/01.

Details of Violation:

Time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.  
P.M.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of Dog  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Dog Tag No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Violation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Violation:                    Section \_\_\_\_\_                    Penalty \$\_\_\_\_\_

The Voluntary penalty may be paid at the Town Office. Failure to remit penalty within seventy-two (72) hours may result in issuance of a summons and on the summary conviction to payment of penalty with all costs of prosecution.

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Issuing Officer



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**SCHEDULE "B"**

Amounts payable to the Town of Leader for care and sustenance, reclaiming or destroying, or to have a dog picked up by the Dog Catcher:

- A) Impoundment Fees:
  - i. Spayed/Neutered Dog \$25.00
  - ii. Not Spayed/Not Neutered Dog \$50.00
  
- B) Care and sustenance: \$20.00 per day  
Plus \$2.50 per day for food.
  
- C) Veterinary Expenses: Amount expended
  
- D) Destroying a dog: Amount expended
  
- E) Pick up fee: \$50.00

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## SPECIFIED PENALTIES:

Section	Offence	Amount
3(a)	Failure to purchase Dog Tag	\$ 40.00
6	Running at Large	\$ 100.00
11(a)	Removal of dog collar or dog tag	\$ 50.00
11(b)	Nuisance Dog – loud & frequently barking, howling and yelping to disturb or cause a person discomfort	\$ 150.00
11(e)	Teasing, tormenting or annoying a dog	\$ 30.00
11(f)	Dog bites or chases a person or other animals	\$ 150.00
11(f)	Enter floral area or disturb or destroy vegetation or animal habitat in a Park	\$ 100.00
11(f)	Enter a swimming pool or wading pool or a body of water in a park	\$100.00
11(f)	Upsets waste receptacle or scatters waste	\$100.00