

**TOWN OF LEADER
BYLAW NO. 01/20**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LEADER TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF LEADER.

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

TITLE

1. This Bylaw shall be known as the "ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW".

DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

2. **Administrator** – shall mean the Administrator of the Town of Leader or an employee designated by the Administrator to act on behalf of the Town of Leader.
3. **Animal** – shall mean any dog, cat, exotic animal and any domestic pet.
4. **Animal Control Officer** – shall mean any person designated and appointed by the Council or Administrator to restrain and impound animals running at large in the Town of Leader.
5. **Cat** – shall mean any domestic bred cat, male or female, of the feline family over the age of six (6) months; excluding wild cats such as but not limited to cougars, leopards, and lynx.
6. **Council** – shall mean the Council of the Town of Leader.
7. **Dangerous Animal** – means any Animal declared to be dangerous by a judge pursuant to The Municipalities Act.
8. **Dog** – shall mean any domestic bred dog, male or female, of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds in the Canidae family over the age of six (6) months; excluding wild dogs such as but not limited to wolves, coyotes, and foxes.
9. **Excessive Noise** – means any and all sources of noise from a domestic animal that is found to be unnecessary.
10. **Judge** – shall mean a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, a justice of the peace or municipal official designated as a judge in accordance with this bylaw.
11. **Livestock** – shall mean any domestic animal usually raised for sale and profit.
12. **Owner** – shall mean and person owning, possessing or harboring an animal.
13. **Poultry** – shall mean:
 - a. Domestic fowl usually propagated and fattened for the table and for their eggs, feathers, etc. including but not necessarily limited to chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl; or
 - b. Pigeons of the species Columba Livia, commonly known as the domestic pigeon and includes pigeons raised for the purpose of racing, show, table and pets and includes feral pigeons.



- 14. **Pound** – shall mean an animal pound or animal shelter as run by the Town of Leader, which shall be under the supervision of the Animal Control Officer or other person as designated by Council or the Administrator.
- 15. **Running at Large** – shall mean when an animal is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the Owner or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land and is not under control by being;
 - a. On a leash and in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
 - b. Securely confined within an enclosure; or
 - c. Securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.

PROHIBITED ANIMALS

- 16. The ownership or harboring of any Prohibited Animal, as outlines in Schedule “B”, is strictly banned.
- 17. No person or corporation shall operate a pet shop that buys, sells, trades, exhibits or harbors any animal or hybrid of any animal of the kinds listed in Schedule “B”.

BEES, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY

- 18. No person shall keep bees, livestock, or poultry within the limits of Town.
- 19. Request for exceptions to Section 18 of the bylaw can be made in writing to Council.
- 20. Section 18 shall not apply to livestock and poultry brought into town for the duration of a special event at which said livestock and poultry will be used for the purposes of exhibition or performing.
- 21. No person shall own, possess, or harbor a swine, pig or hog of any size, type or variety within the Town of Leader limits.

Dogs/Cats

LICENSING

- 22. Every owner of a dog or cat six (6) months old or older shall register and obtain a Town issued license on or before January 31st in each year, or immediately after the date of possession.
- 23. Every owner shall cause their dog or cat to wear a collar to which a license tag is attached.


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24. The Town of Leader shall furnish a license tag to the owner of the dog or cat showing the words "Town of Leader" and license number.
25. When applying for a license the owner must supply the Town of Leader a description of the animal(s) including sex, colour, breed, name and any other information required by the Town of Leader.
26. The license fee for each animal shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees prescribed in Schedule "A" attached to this bylaw.
27. All licenses pursuant to this bylaw expire on the 31st day of December in the year which the license was issued.
28. Licenses issued pursuant to this bylaw are non-transferable and non-refundable.
29. No unauthorized person shall remove a collar or tag from an animal.

EXEMPTION FOR DOGS

30. Service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities shall be issued a license without payment of the license fee. Service dogs must not be a pet, but be specially trained to assist the handler with something directly related to their disability. Neither emotional support dogs nor therapy dogs are considered service dogs for this bylaw.
31. Service dogs acting performance of police work shall not be required to be licensed and shall not be required to pay the license fee.
32. Veterinary clinics, boarding/grooming kennels, and rescue/fostering shelters shall not be required to license animals while said animals are temporarily in their care.

DOG RESTRAINTS

33. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 1.8 meters in length at all times when in all public areas.
 34. A dog which is restrained on private property by leash or means other than an enclosed dog run shall be restrained in the following manner:
 - a. The restraint shall be of sufficient strength and kept in a good state of repair so that the animal will not escape, and that it cannot be chewed through; and
 - b. The restraint shall be securely situated in the yard such that it will not allow the animal to approach closer than two (2) meters of any sidewalk, street, or lane.
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ANIMALS

LIMIT OF NUMBER OF ANIMALS

- 35. No more than five (5) animals shall be harbored at each residence and/or business within the limits of town.

DEFECATION

- 36. If any animal defecates on any public property or private property within the Town of Leader other than on the property of its owner, the owner of the animal shall cause the defecation to be removed immediately.
- 37. Any person owning or occupying property in the Town of Leader shall remove any and all defecation from said property on a weekly basis and shall dispose of the defecation in a sanitary manner.
- 38. Failure to remove defecation as required in this section shall be in breach of this bylaw and subject to fines as prescribed in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

NUISANCE

- 39. The owner of an animal shall not allow the animal to create a nuisance by making excessive noise including but not limited to barking, howling, hissing, attempting to bite or biting anyone or any domestic animal, chasing vehicles or bicycles. An owner who contravenes this section commits an offence under this bylaw.
- 40. Where an animal is found to be creating a nuisance, the owner or occupant of that property on which the animal is creating a nuisance may make a written complaint to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or Administrator.
- 41. The owner of an animal shall not allow the animal to enter the grounds of any School, Cemetery, or Park located within the Town of Leader.

RUNNING AT LARGE

- 42. The owner or any other person having care or control of an animal shall at no time allow the animal to run at large.
- 43. Any animal found in any public street, lane, park, boulevard or other public area or otherwise running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw, the Animal Control Officer may seize and impound said animal.
- 44. Every owner whose animal is running at large is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties prescribed in this bylaw.

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IMPOUNDING/DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS

45. It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to provide each animal impounded under the authority of this bylaw an adequate supply of food and fresh water and proper shelter during its confinement in the pound.
46. The Town of Leader reserves the right to request reasonable evidence that a person is the owner of the person entitled to possession of any impounded animal.
47. Where an impounded animal is required by bylaw to be licensed and a license fee has not been obtained, the license fee shall be paid in addition to the impoundment fee and fines before the animal is released from the pound.
48. If an impounded animal is licensed, the Animal Control Officer or Administrator shall within twenty-four (24) hours, forward to the owner, by telephone or in writing, advising such owner of the impounding and setting forth the amount required to have the animal released.
49. The Animal Control Officer shall keep all impounded animals for a period of seventy-two (72) hours unless all fines, licenses and impoundment fees are paid in full. The seventy-two (72) hour period shall exclude the day of impoundment, statutory holidays and weekends.
50. If an impounded animal is not claimed within seventy-two (72) hours as outlined in Section 51, said animal may be given away, sold or humanely disposed of without further notice.

DANGEROUS ANIMALS

51. Where a complaint is received by the Town Office that an animal within a Town is dangerous, Sections 374-380 of *The Municipalities Act* shall apply.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

52. If an animal is suspected to have communicable disease the owner must:
 - a. Isolate the animal in a manner to prevent further spread of the disease;
 - b. seek an assessment by a veterinarian; and
 - c. follow the orders of such veterinarian, and any other government officials who have the authority to issue such orders.
 53. Any owner of domestic animals who neglects or refuses to comply with any order from a veterinary clinic shall be guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
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HUMANE DISPOSAL OF SICK AND INJURED ANIMALS

- 54. An Animal Control Officer or a Veterinarian may take immediate action to humanely destroy any sick or injured animal found within the Town limits where in their opinion, immediate destruction of the animal is necessary to avoid unnecessary suffering by the animal.

- 55. Reasonable efforts shall be made to contact the owner of the animal before it is destroyed pursuant to Section 56, however no action lies against the Animal Control Officer or Veterinarian solely because the owner of the animal was not contacted.

PENALTIES & VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS

- 56. Where a person commits an offence for which a penalty is set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw a Notice of Violation in "Form 1" of this bylaw shall be issued to such person.

- 57. Upon being served with a Notice of Violation, a violator may voluntarily pay the prescribed penalty.

- 58. Where the Administrator receives voluntary payment of the prescribed amount, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for that alleged contravention.

- 59. Any person violating any provision of this bylaw who does not pay the voluntary penalties within the required time as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw, shall be charged under *The Summary Offences Procedure Act*.

GENERAL PENALTY

- 60. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of any provisions of this bylaw, for which no other penalty is imposed, is liable on summary conviction for the first offence to a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than one thousand and eighty dollars (\$1,080.00).

REPEALED BYLAWS

- 61. Bylaw No. 09/02, 02/03, 07/01 and 06/01 are hereby repealed, and all previous bylaws regarding dogs, cats, birds, and animal control are repealed.

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COMING INTO FORCE

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



MAYOR

SEAL



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Read a third time and hereby adopted this 3rd day of March, 2020.

Certified True Copy of Bylaw 01/20

passed by the Council of the Town of Leader

on the 3rd day of March 2020.


Administrator

TOWN OF LEADER
 SCHEDULE "A" – Fees & Fines
 BYLAW NO. 01/20

*Schedule "A"
 Repeated
 See Bylaw
 11/21*

DOGS & CATS

ANNUAL FEES	
License	\$15.00
Tag Replacement	\$5.00

ANIMALS

FINES		
	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence & All Subsequent
Failure to obtain a license for dog/cat	\$50.00	\$100.00
Unauthorized removal of a license tag	\$50.00	\$100.00
Exceeding the maximum number of animals	\$150.00	\$250.00
Owning or harboring a prohibited animal listed in Schedule B	\$150.00	\$250.00
Interfering with an Animal Control Officer	\$150.00	\$250.00
Nuisance Animal	\$50.00	\$100.00
Animal Caught Running at Large		
Licensed Dog/Cat	\$50.00	\$100.00
Animal or Non-Licensed Dog/Cat	\$100.00	\$250.00
Pound Fees		
Fee for impoundment	\$50.00	
Fee per day or part thereof to keep an animal in the pound	\$20.00	
Defecation		
Defecation on property other than the Owner's Property	\$50.00	\$100.00
Defecation not removed from the Owner's property weekly	\$50.00	\$100.00

Voluntary Payment (as provided for in Section 62)

If fines are paid within fifteen (15) working days from the date of a "Notice of Violation", the violator will avoid prosecution.

TOWN OF LEADER
SCHEDULE "B" – Prohibited Animals
BYLAW NO. 01/20

It is prohibited in the Town of Leader to own the *following*: (Examples of animals of a particular prohibited group are given in parentheses. They are examples only and shall not be construed as the generality of the group.)

- a) Wildlife, as defined in the *Wildlife Act*, which means a vertebrate Animal of any species, excluding fish, that is wild by nature in Saskatchewan and includes:
 - i) Any part, tissue, genetic material, eggs, sperm, embryos or other form of developmental life; and
 - ii) Any exotic wildlife found in Saskatchewan.
- b) All Arachnids dangerous to humans (i.e. scorpions and tarantulas except tarantulas of the genera *Aphonopelma*, *Avicularia* and *Grammostola*).
- c) All Artiodactylus Ungulates (i.e. deer and giraffes).
- d) All Vespertilionidae (i.e. bats).
- e) All Canids, except the domestic dog.
- f) All Crocodylians (i.e. alligators, crocodiles, and caimans).
- g) All Edentates (i.e. anteaters, armadillos, and sloths).
- h) All Elephants.
- i) All Felids, except the domestic cat.
- j) All Marsupials (i.e. kangaroos and opossums).
- k) All Mustelids (i.e. skunks, weasels, otters and badgers), except the domestic ferret.
- l) All non-human Primates (i.e. gorillas and monkeys).
- m) All Perissodactylus Ungulates, except the domestic horse and mule.
- n) All Pinnipeds (i.e. seals and walruses).
- o) All Procynoids (i.e. raccoons).
- p) All Raptors, diurnal and nocturnal (i.e. eagles, hawks, and owls).
- q) All Ratite Birds (i.e. ostrich and emu).
- r) All snakes of the families Pythonidae (i.e. pythons) and Boidae (i.e. boa-constrictors).
- s) All Ursids (i.e. bears).
- t) All Venomous Reptiles (i.e. rattlesnakes and cobras).
- u) All Venomous Amphibians (i.e. toxic toads and toxic salamanders).
- v) All Viverrids (i.e. monogoose, civets and genets).

**TOWN OF LEADER
Animal Control Bylaw
BYLAW NO. 01/20
Form 1**

Notice of Violation

This official Notice is issued for breach of Bylaw No. 01/20

You may avoid prosecution for this offence by paying the penalty stated hereinafter within fifteen (15) working days. Failure to do so will result in prosecution in Provincial Court.

Payment may be remitted by mail to the address below or in person at the Town Office (151 – 1st Street West), during regular business hours:

Town of Leader
Box 39
Leader, SK
S0N 1H0

Name of Violator: _____

Address: _____

Date of Violation: _____

Location of Violation: _____

Nature of Violation: _____

Description of Animal: _____

1st Offence

2nd Offence

Fine Amount: _____

Date of Notice: _____

Payment Due (*15 working days*): _____

Issued by: _____

Position/Authority: _____

Signature: _____

**TOWN OF LEADER
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Form 2**

Complaint Form

Name of Domestic animal Owner: _____

Description of Domestic animal: _____

Tag # if applicable): _____

Nature of Complaint: _____

Location of Violation: _____

Date of Violation: _____

Complainant

Date

Administrative Officer

Date Received