

Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491

Bylaw 7 of 2024

**A BYLAW REGARDING THE LICENSING OF DOGS AND
PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE.**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as "*The Dog Control Bylaw*."

2. **DEFINITIONS:**

In this Bylaw the Term:

- a) **"Administrator"** shall mean the Administrator of the municipality, and shall include any person designated to act on the Administrator's behalf;
- b) **"At Large"** shall mean when an animal is physically beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner of the said animal, 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 by being directly attached to a leash and that leash is under the direct and continuous physical charge of a person competent to control it.
- c) **"Council"** shall mean the Council of the Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491;
- d) **"Designated Officer"** shall mean a person appointed by the Municipality to enforce this Bylaw and shall include the Administrator, and a Peace Officer;
- e) **"Dog"** shall mean any dog, male or female, of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds;
- f) **"Municipality"** shall mean the Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491;
- g) **"Occupy"** shall mean to own, rent, use, or reside on or in a building or dwelling or on land which is located within the Municipality;
- h) **"Owner"** includes any person who:
 - i) owns, keeps, harbours or possesses a dog within the Municipality;
 - ii) is responsible for the custody or supervision of a minor where the minor is the owner of a dog;
 - iii) owns or occupies land within the limits of the Municipality upon which is found any dog; or
 - iv) holds a license for a dog;
- i) **"Pound"** shall mean an established place or places as may be designated by the Administrator or Council from time to time for the purpose of impounding or restraining dogs;
- j) **"Pound Keeper"** shall mean any Designated Officer appointed by the Council to oversee the care and safety of any dog that has been impounded;



3. LICENSES:

- a) Every owner of a dog shall, each calendar year, or within ten (10) days of becoming the owner of a dog, obtain a license from the Municipal Office. Licenses shall not be transferable to any other dog or any other owner.
- b) Dog tags shall be serially numbered and the Municipal Office shall keep a record of each dog tag issued.
- c) Every application for a dog tag shall be accompanied by the following:
 - i) Name, address and telephone number of the Owner of the dog;
 - ii) Description of the dog including gender, colour, breed and whether the dog is spayed or neutered;
 - iii) Payment of license fee as outlined in Section 3. g);
 - iv) Any other relevant information which may be required by the Municipality.
- d) Upon payment of the applicable license fee outlined in section 3. g) and satisfaction of any other requirements under this bylaw, a dog tag shall be issued, which is valid for the calendar year in which the tag was issued.
- e) No owner of newborn pups which are the litter of a dog licensed under this Bylaw, shall be required to obtain a license for the pups until they have reached the age of sixty (60) days.
- f) Annual license fees shall be payable in advance and shall be \$10.00 for each dog.
- g) The Municipality will send invoices each January to all owners with licensed dogs in the previous year, payable at the Municipal Office.
- h) Any dog carrying a valid license from the preceding year shall be granted a grace period for renewal, and be considered licensed for 60 days into the current year. Any invoices not paid after the 60-day grace period will be cancelled. Upon cancellation, the animals license will be null and void.
- i) Every holder of a dog tag issued pursuant to this bylaw shall notify the Municipal Office upon any change in information of the owner or the dog previously provided in a timely fashion.
- j) Dog tags issued by another municipality are not recognized by the RM of Buckland, and as such are non-transferable.

4. WEARING OF TAGS:

- a) The owner of a dog shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog for which it was issued at all times until the tag is renewed or replaced.
- b) Where a dog tag has been lost, a replacement tag can be obtained at the Municipal Office for a fee of \$5.00.
- c) The failure of any owner to have the metal tag attached to the collar of his or her dog is an offence under this Bylaw.

5. RUNNING AT LARGE:

- a) No owner of a dog shall permit the dog to be at large in the municipality.



b) The owner of a dog found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw unless the owner proves, to the satisfaction of the Court, that at the time of the offence, the owner did all that was reasonable to prevent the dog from being at large.

c) Upon request of a Designated Officer, every owner of a dog shall show the license receipt, metal tag or other evidence that a dog is licensed.

6. ANIMAL FECES

a) If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner of the animal shall forthwith remove the defecation.

7. SEIZURE OF DOGS:

a) Any dog found running at large contrary to the provision of this Bylaw may be taken, by any person, to the Dog Pound provided by the Municipality, or surrendered to the Designated Officer.

b) The Designated Officer, is hereby authorized to seize and capture dogs running at large, whether or not such dog is wearing a collar with a tag attached thereto and to impound the said dog.

c) The Designated Officer is hereby authorized to seize and capture any dog which does not have both a collar and a metal tag issued by the Municipality attached to the said collar and to impound the said dog.

d) The Designated Officer, or any other person authorized by the Council, is hereby authorized to seize and capture dogs by the use of a live trap, catch pole, tranquilizer gun, or other method authorized by Council.

8. POUND KEEPER:

a) The Council shall appoint a Pound Keeper who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council.

b) Whenever any dog with a collar and license tag is impounded, such dog shall be confined therein for a period of 72 hours from the time of capture, and upon the expiration of such time, the said dog shall be dispatched to an animal rescue society, animal shelter, sold, or otherwise disposed of unless such dog is redeemed by the owner before the expiration of the 72 hours. All best efforts will be made to contact the owner using the contact information provided by the owner at the time of licensing.

c) Whenever any dog not wearing the said license tag as provided in this Bylaw is impounded such dog shall be confined therein for a period of 72 hours from the time of capture, and upon the expiration of such time, the said dog shall be dispatched to an animal rescue society, animal shelter, sold, or otherwise disposed of, unless such dog is redeemed by the owner before the expiration of the 72 hours.

d) When the owner of an impounded dog produces, before such dog being dispatched to an animal rescue society, animal rescue, shelter, sold, or otherwise disposed of, satisfactory evidence of compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw with respect to the payment of license fees and impoundment fees, they shall be entitled to redeem the dog.



- e) The owner of any dog impounded as aforesaid shall pay at the Municipal Office in advance of the release of the said dog, the sum of any accumulated fees as set in Schedule A, of this Bylaw.
- f) Any dog that has been impounded and has not been redeemed by any person under the provisions of this Bylaw within the time limits imposed by this section, may be dispatched to an animal shelter, sold, or otherwise disposed of by the Designated Officer.
- g) The Designated Officer shall keep a record of all dogs impounded and the manner in which they are disposed of, and shall make a written report to be provided to the Council at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting each month with respect to all calls and impoundments the preceding calendar month.

9. ORDER TO REMEDY CONTRAVENTIONS:

- a) If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates, to remedy the contravention.
- b) Orders given under this bylaw shall be done in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*.

10. PENALTY:

- a) No person shall:
 - i) fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - ii) obstruct or interfere with a Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or
 - iii) fail to comply with any provision of this Bylaw.
- b) A Designated Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may serve on that person a Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation shall indicate that the Municipality will accept voluntary payment within thirty (30) days to be paid to the Municipality.
- c) The voluntary payment shall be issued in accordance with Schedule A attached to and forming a part of this Bylaw.
- d) Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under Schedule A within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
- e) Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an Order to Remedy pursuant to Section 8. a) of this Bylaw.
- f) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
 - i) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$10,000.00;
 - ii) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not less \$300.00 and not more than \$25,000.00; and



iii) in the case of a continuing offence, to a maximum daily fine of not more than \$2,500.00 per day.

11. EXCEPTIONS:

- a) This Bylaw shall not apply to dogs transported to the Municipality expressly for the purpose of participating in any Dog Event sanctioned by the Council.
- b) The Administrator may exempt any pound, pound keeper, or any person from complying in whole or part with this Bylaw.

12. Bylaw No. 1 of 2023 is hereby repealed.

13. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final reading hereof.

Introduced and read the first time, this 12th day of August, 2024.

Read a second time, this 12th day of August, 2024.

Read a third time and adopted this 12th day of August, 2024.



REEVE



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Schedule A

Fee Schedule for Bylaw 9 of 2024

Notice of Violation voluntary payments shall be:

- \$150.00 for the first offence;
- \$300.00 for a subsequent offence where any person contravenes the same provision of this Bylaw two (2) or more times within (1) twelve-month period.

Impoundment Fees shall be:

- \$60.00 per day or part thereof for each day that such dog remained in the Pound.

