

TOWN OF MORSE
SASKATCHEWAN
BYLAW NO. 4-2014

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF MORSE TO REGISTER, LICENCE,
REGULATE AND CONTROL THE OWNERSHIP AND POSSESSION OF DOGS
IN TOWN

This Bylaw may be referred to as “Dog and Cat Control Bylaw”

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

1. In this Bylaw:

- ADMINISTRATOR – is the person appointed by council to check and sell dog licenses and Record such sales. To keep records of descriptions of said dogs.
- COUNCIL – means the council of the Town of Morse
- DANGEROUS DOG – shall mean
 - a) Any dog which has without provocations, in a vicious or menacing manner, chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
 - b) Any dog 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 dog, which has without provocation, bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal;
 - d) Any dog owned primarily or in part for the purpose if dog fighting or is trained for dog fighting;
 - e) Any American Pitbull Terrier or any dog of mixed breed that is partly American Pitbull Terrier; but shall include:
 - f) Any dog acting in the performance of police work;
 - g) Any dog working as a guard dog on commercial property which is:

Securely enclosed on the property by a fence or other barrier sufficient to prevent the escape of the dog and the entry of children of preschool age;
and

Defending that property against a person who is committing or attempting to commit an offence.

- DOGS – includes all species of the animal commonly known as dogs, male or female, of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds over three months.
- DOGCATCHER – shall mean a person designated and appointed by council to restrain and impound any dog running at large in the Town of Morse.
- LICENSE YEAR – means the period from March 1st to February 28th of the succeeding year both dates inclusive.
- 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 is authorized to carry out the “Dangerous Dog” provisions of the Urban Municipality Act 1984 and amendments thereto.
- OWNER – includes
 - a person who keeps, possesses or harbours a dog;
 - the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of the dog
- PROVOCATION – means the act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking a dog.
- POUND KEEPER – means that person, corporation, society, or organization as may from time to time be appointed by the Town for the purpose of retaining, impounded dogs pursuant to this bylaw;
- RUNNING AT LARGE – shall mean a dog found upon any street, back alley, sidewalk, or within any school ground, or other public place within the Town of Morse, unaccompanied but not under the complete control of any competent person, or being on private property without permission of the owner or occupant of such property.
- TOWN – is the TOWN OF MORSE, MORSE, SASKATCHEWAN;

2. LICENSING OF DOGS:

- i. Every person who owns, possesses or harbors a dog within the Town limits, shall register and obtain a license for said dog(s) from the administrator on or before March 1st in each year or immediately after the date of possession
- ii. When applying for a license, the applicant must furnish a description of the dog(s), including sex, colour, breed and any other identification information which may be required by the Town;
The Town shall furnish a license tag bearing a number
- iii. Every owner shall cause his/her dog to wear a collar around its neck
- iv. with the license tag attached there to
- v. The owner of any dog within the town shall, on demand of the
- vi. administrator, dog catcher, or persons pertinent to this bylaw shall
- vii. show his/her license receipt or other evidence that he/she has paid the
- viii. license fee provided by this bylaw for the current year.
- ix. A dog owned by **a special needs** person and used as a guide, shall be registered and licensed as provided in this bylaw, without charge;
- x. All cats are required to be licensed.
- xi. The rates are: \$25.00 per dog and \$50.00 for second dog and \$10.00 per cat
- xii. **No person shall be entitled to a license rebate any time during the year.**
- xiii. **Any license purchased after August 1st if it is a new pet, or you are a new resident to town will be charged half the full year fee.**

3. DOG BEHAVIOR (and DOG'S DEEMED VICIOUS):

The owner of a Dog shall: ensure that:

- i. It does not bite, chase or attack a person or other animal whether on the property of owner or not;
- ii. It is confined in a fenced yard and on a chain and the yard is marked with a sign indicating the presence IF IT IS a Vicious Dog.
- iii. When it is off the property it is harnessed or leashed in a fashion that prevents it from attacking other people or animal
- iv. For the purpose of impounding any dog found running at large in the Town, a pound shall be established at such place as may from time be designated by Council as a pound.

4. IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS:

- i. The town will attempt to determine the owner of a stray dog or cat and notify the owner immediately.
- ii. If no contact can be made by the end of the first day, the animal will be taken to the SPCA immediately the following morning.
- iii. The owner will be responsible for paying the town fine for breaking a bylaw and producing the receipt to the SPCA for release of the animal and then paying their fees for service

5. DUTIES OF OWNERS

Any owner of any dog found chasing pedestrian, vehicle, horse or any other animal, on a public thoroughfare shall be in violation of this bylaw.

- i. A female dog in heat shall be confined to the house in the residence of the owner or person having control of the dog, or taken to a licensed kennel during the whole period that the dog is in heat. A female dog may be allowed outside the said residence for the sole purpose of permitting the dog to defecate on the premises of the owner.
- ii. If a dog defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner or keeper shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately. Failure to remove the defecation can result in a fine due to violation of a bylaw.
- iii. Where under Subsection above of this section, the owner of a dog fails to remove such defecation immediately; the owner shall be in violation of this bylaw.
- iv. No owner or keeper shall permit his dog or dogs to damage public or private property.
- v. Any person upon request by the Administrator to do so shall forthwith deliver to him/her a statement in writing of the number of dogs owned by him/her.
- vi. Any person upon request by the Administrator to do so shall forthwith build a fence/wall that confines the pet to their property.
- vii. No owner shall allow their dog to bark incessantly between the hours of midnight and 8:00 a.m. or the owner may be fined.**

6. NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED

- i. No person shall possess or harbor more than two (2) dogs over the age of six months (one dog \$25.00, 2nd dog \$50.00)

7. INTERFERENCE:

No person shall:

- ii. Untie, loosen or free an animal which has been tied or restrained
- iii. Negligently or willfully open a gate, door or opening in a fence to allow a confined animal to run at large
- iv. Tease, entice bait or throw objects at a dog confined within its owner's property.

8. FINES:

Any person believed to have contravened this bylaw may be served with a fine for violation of Bylaw and that person shall have 15 days to pay the fine. If the same violation occurs more than two times in one twelve month period the 3rd fine will be doubled.

9. Bylaw 2-2005 is hereby repealed.