

Summary of Changes to the Animal Control Bylaw

Bylaw C7-16 (new) vs. Bylaw C1-02 (current)

Readability

1. Simplified and plain language used throughout the Bylaw.

Title

2. Short Title added.

Definitions (Section 2)

3. There have been a number of revisions made to the Definitions section, including:
 - a. Livestock replaces Domestic Animal as a category in the Bylaw and clearly defines what species of animals are included. Livestock is common terminology used by neighbouring communities and is more descriptive than Domestic Animal.
 - b. Nuisance Dog has been added. A Nuisance Dog is one that has been subject of three or more convictions within the previous three years.
 - c. Off-Leash Area has been added.
 - d. The definition of Owner was simplified.
 - e. Prohibited Animals are now defined. Prohibited Animals are described as livestock, bees, poisonous snakes, poisonous reptiles, poisonous insets, and animals in the adult form or weighing more than 5 kilograms or the young of that animal.
 - f. Restricted Dog replaces Vicious Dog. It pertains to dangerous dogs or dogs that have chased, attacked or bitten a person or animal, or has been subject of an Order under the *Dangerous Dog Act*.
 - g. Service Dog is now defined. The Bylaw includes accommodations for a dog trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. It also defines locations where service dogs are to be admitted when accompanying a person requiring the use of a service dog.

Substantive Changes

4. The previous limit of two dogs and/or two cats has been increased to permit three dogs and/or three cats. This is consistent with bylaws of neighbouring communities.
5. Controls and restrictions related to Prohibited Animals are clearly articulated.
6. Enforcement in Section 13 introduces standard language intended for this and future bylaws.

Fees and Fines

14. Fines were aligned with regional comparators, leaving Fort Saskatchewan in the mid-range.

Impact on Fees and Charges Bylaw C5-16

15. New categories of dogs will necessitate an amendment to licensing in Fees and Charges Bylaw C5-16, which will be brought before Council in the near future.

ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW

**BYLAW C7-16
SPECIFIED PENALTIES**

Proposed Penalties Bylaw C7-16				Previous Bylaw Fines		Regional Comparisons	
Section	Offence	Penalty 1 st Offence	Penalty 2 nd and Subsequent Offence	Bylaw C1-02 Fines Fine Doubles for 2nd Offense within 1 year	Variance Bylaw C1-02 to Bylaw C7-16	Range of Fines	Average Fine Amt.
						Regional Comparatives include Edmonton, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Morinville, Leduc and Parkland County	
3.1	Failure to obtain a Dog or Cat Licence	\$150	\$300	\$50	\$100-200	\$200-400	\$250
3.1	Failure to obtain a Nuisance Dog Licence	\$250	\$500				\$250
3.1	Failure to obtain a Restricted Dog Licence	\$500	\$1000	\$500	0	\$500-2000	\$500
4.1	Harbouring more than three dogs, nuisance dogs, or restricted dogs	\$100	\$200	\$30/day	Variable	\$250-500	\$250
4.2	Harbouring more than three cats	\$100	\$200	\$30/day	Variable		\$100
4.3	Permitting dog or cat to be at large	\$150	\$300	\$50	\$100-200	\$200-400	\$150
4.3	Permitting a nuisance dog to be at large	\$250	\$500		0		\$250
4.3	Permitting a restricted dog to be at large	\$500	\$1000	\$500	0	\$500-1500	\$1000
4.6	Failure to display/wear a valid Licence tag	\$100	\$200	\$100	0	\$30-200 \$30 is under review	\$100

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4.7	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to cause damage to public or private property	\$150	\$300	\$150	0	\$150-250	\$250
4.8(a)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to threaten or bite a person	\$250	\$500	\$150	\$100	\$250-1000	\$500
4.8(b)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to chase a motor vehicle	\$100	\$200	\$100	0	\$100-250	\$250
4.8(c)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to chase a person	\$100	\$200	\$100	0	\$200-250	\$250
4.8(d)	Allowing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to harass, attack, injure or kill another dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat	\$250	\$500			\$500	\$500
4.10	Provoking or abusing a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat	\$250	\$500	\$250	0	\$250	\$250

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5.1	Failure to remove a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat defecation from private or public property, other than the property of the owner	\$150	\$300	\$150	0	\$150-500	\$250
5.3	Failure to ensure that defecation left by the animal on the property of the owner does not accumulate to an extent it is reasonably likely to annoy or pose a health risk to others	\$150	\$300	\$150	0	\$250	\$250
6.1	Permitting a dog, nuisance dog, restricted dog, or cat to bark, howl, or meow excessively	\$150	\$300	\$150	0	\$100-400	\$250
7.1	Failure to meet the conditions of a Nuisance Dog Licence	\$250	\$500			\$250-500	\$250
8.1	Failure to insure a restricted dog	\$150	\$300	\$150	0	\$150-500	\$150
8.5	Failure to follow restricted dog conditions, when off the owner's premises	\$1000	\$2000	\$1000	0	\$1000	\$1000
8.6	Failure to follow restricted dog conditions, when on the owner's premises	\$1000	\$2000	\$1000	0	\$1000	\$1000

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9.1	Harbouring prohibited animals	\$250	\$500			\$100-500	\$300
9.3	Harbouring more than four pigeons or rabbits, in any combination	\$100	\$200		\$100	0	N/A
9.4	Failure to follow conditions of owning pigeons or rabbits	\$150	\$300		\$150	0	N/A
12.1	Any person who deliberately or willfully and with malicious intent, injures, hurts or harms any animal	\$250	\$500		\$250	0	\$250-500
12.2	Refuse to allow a service or guide dog in the company of a person requiring its assistance to enter any building or property accessible to the public	\$250.	\$500				\$3000 Provincial Act Fine
12.3	Allowing an animal in any City transit vehicle or facility that is not in an enclosed carrier or held at all times	\$100	\$200				\$25 - 100
12.4	Use of an illegal trap	\$250	\$500				\$500-1000
12.7	Interfere or obstruct a Peace Officer attempting to seize or having seized an animal subject to impoundment	\$500	\$1000		\$500	0	\$250-2500

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12.8	No person shall provide false or misleading information to a Peace Officer or to the City	\$500	\$1000	\$500	0	\$250-2500	\$950
13.4	Interfere with a Peace Officer in the exercise of their powers and duties under this Bylaw	\$500	\$1000	\$500	0	\$250-2500	\$950