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**TOWN OF BIG RIVER  
BYLAW 2024 – 04**

**A BYLAW TO CONTROL ANIMALS IN THE TOWN OF BIG RIVER**

The Council of the Town of Big River in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the “Animal Control Bylaw”.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

In this bylaw, the following definitions apply:

- a) **Administrator** – means the administrator for the Town of Big River.
- b) **Bylaw enforcement officer**- means the person or persons appointed or contracted by the Council of the Town of Big River for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this bylaw.
- c) **Cat**- means either a male or female over eight (8) weeks of age, of the Felidae family.
- d) **Council**- means the Council of the Town of Big River.
- e) **Dog**- means either a male or female over eight (8) weeks of age, of the Canidae family.
- f) **Municipality or Town**- means the Town of Big River.
- g) **Owner**- includes:
  - i) a person, persons, partnership, association, or corporation who keeps, possesses, harbors or has care of or control of a dog or cat.
  - ii) the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of a dog or cat.
- h) **Pound**- means such premises and facilities as may be designated by the Council of the Town of Big River for the purpose of safely lodging and securing animals seized pursuant to this bylaw.
- i) **Pound keeper**- means a person designated by the Town of Big River from time to time to maintain and administer the pound.
- j) **Person**- means and includes an individual(s), partnership, association, or corporation.
- k) **Running at large**- means when the dog or cat is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor, harbinger or keeper of the said dog or cat, 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:
  - i) on a leash and in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
  - ii) securely confined within an enclosure; or
  - iii) securely fasten so that it cannot roam at will.
- l) **Ticket**- means a notice of violation, summary offence ticket or summons.

**3. REGISTERING**

- a) Every owner of a dog within the Town must have each such dog to be registered with the Town Office. At the time of registering, the applicant must provide the Town Office with a physical description of the dog, the breed of the dog, the name, address, provide a photo of the dog and telephone number of the owner of the dog, as set out in the form designated Form “A” and attached hereto, and a rabies certificate valid for the registration year.
- b) The registration year shall be from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December of the same year.
- c) Every owner of a dog must, no later than February first in each year, register the said dog at the Town Office, and failure to do so shall constitute an offence under this bylaw.

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- d) In addition to the registration requirements laid down in Section 3(a)(b)(c), the owner of a dog must pay an annual registration fee as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- e) The sum payable for a registration fee required after the thirty-first day of July in a calendar year shall be calculated at fifty percent of the annual fee and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in the same calendar year.
- f) Any dog registration certificate or applicable fee issued pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw by the Town shall not be transferable to any other dog.
- g) Notwithstanding Section 3(d), a restricted dog which has been professionally trained to assist the physically challenged or those suffering from chronic, life-threatening diseases including, but not limited to, epilepsy, diabetes, blindness, and wheelchair confinement, shall not be subject to a registration fee.
- h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the dogs kept, in the ordinary course of business, by the proprietors of the following premises:
  - i) a veterinary hospital, clinic, boarding kennel, or grooming parlor.
  - ii) a public pound.
  - iii) a shop whose business includes the sale of pets.
  - iv) a shelter operated by an association or society incorporated for the purpose of the protection and humane treatment of animals.
- i) A person residing in the town who owns, possesses, keeps, or harbors a dog and neglects or refuses to register or pay any applicable registration fee shall be subject to the penalties as outlined in Schedule "C" of this bylaw.

**4. RUNNING AT LARGE**

- a) The owner of a dog or cat must not at any time allow the dog or cat to run at large.
- b) When a dog or cat is found to be running at large, its owner is deemed to have failed or refused to comply with the provisions of this section.
- c) Where a dog is found to be running at large, the owner or occupant of the property on which the dog is running at large may make a written complaint to the bylaw enforcement officer. A written complaint will be made to the Town Office if no bylaw enforcement officer is available.
- d) Owners who possess or harbor a dog(s) or cat(s) that is kept outside at a residence shall keep the dog(s) or cat(s) in an enclosure of adequate strength and height to confine the dog(s) or cat(s).

**5. LIMITS**

- a) No person within the town shall harbor or keep more than four (4) dogs or cats, in any combination, on any one property. If an owner fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this section, he/she shall be subject to the penalties as set out in Schedule "C" attached hereto.

**6. SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDING**

- a) A bylaw enforcement officer or peace officer may seize and impound any dog or cat observed to be at large.
- b) A bylaw enforcement officer or peace officer may enter onto land surrounding any building in pursuit of any dog or cat which has been observed to be at large.
- c) The bylaw enforcement officer is hereby authorized to seize and capture, by any humane method, and impound any dog or cat running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw.
- d) Any person may take any dog or cat found running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw to the Town Pound.

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- e) No person, whether or not he is the owner of a dog or cat which is being or has been pursued or seized, shall:
  - i) interfere with or attempt to obstruct a bylaw enforcement officer who is attempting to seize or has seized any dog or cat in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
  - ii) unlock or unlatch or otherwise open the vehicle in which dogs or cats seized under this bylaw have been placed to allow or attempt to allow any dog or cat to escape therefrom.
  - iii) remove or attempt to remove any dog or cat from the possession of the bylaw enforcement officer.

**7. POUND**

- a) The Council shall endeavor to appoint a pound keeper.
- b) All dogs or cats impounded in the pound shall be so confined therein for a period of three (3) clear days from the time of capture during which time the owner thereof shall have the right to repossess the said dog or cat upon paying to the Town Office the amount set forth in Schedule "B" to this bylaw.
- c) No dog or cat which is impounded shall be released to its owner or to any other person until the appropriate pound fee is paid, and until it has been registered.
- d) When a dog has been impounded, the Town Office shall immediately attempt to contact the owner as shown in the records made when the dog was registered at the address shown therein, that unless the said dog is claimed and the fees as provided for in this bylaw are paid within three (3) clear days from the date of the impounding, the said dog shall be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of the bylaw.
- e) When a cat has been impounded, the Town Office shall immediately attempt to contact the owner through social media or its website at [www.bigriver.ca](http://www.bigriver.ca). that unless the said dog is claimed and the fees as provided for in this bylaw are paid within three (3) clear days from the date of the impounding, the said dog shall be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of the bylaw.
- e) All impounded dogs or cats which are not claimed within three (3) clear days as aforesaid, may be sold by the Town Office to any person paying for such dog or cat, a sum of not less than \$35.00 for the use of the Town pound and the cost of registering as provided for by this bylaw. In the event any dog or cat is not sold after expiration of the said three (3) clear days, it shall be disposed of in the most humane way possible.
- f) It shall be the duty of the pound keeper to provide each dog or cat impounded under the authority of this bylaw an adequate supply of food and fresh water and proper shelter during its confinement in the pound daily.
- g) Any dog or cat found in any public street, lane, park, boulevard, or other public place or otherwise running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw, the bylaw enforcement officer of peace officer may seize and impound by any humane method.

**8. LITTER**

- a) If a dog defecates on any public or private property other than the property of the owner, possessor or harbinger of the said dog, the owner, possessor, or harbinger of the dog shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately and disposed of in a sanitary fashion. Failure to cause such removal shall be an infraction of this bylaw.
- b) Defecations deposited on the private property of the owner, possessor or harbinger of a dog shall be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner on a weekly basis.

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9. **NUISANCE**

a) The owner, possessor or harbinger of a dog or cat shall not allow the animal to be a nuisance to any person by excessive barking, howling, attempting to bite, or biting anyone or any domestic animal, chasing vehicles or bicycles and any owner, possessor or harbinger who contravenes this section commits an offence under this bylaw.

b) Where a dog or cat is found to be creating a nuisance, the owner or occupant of that property on which the dog or cat is creating a nuisance may make a written complaint to the bylaw enforcement officer.

10. **RABIES AND OTHER DISEASES**

a) Any dog or cat suspected of having rabies shall not be killed but shall be secured and isolated for ten (10) days and the matter immediately reported to a veterinary clinic whose instructions shall be complied with.

b) An owner, possessor or harbinger of a dog or cat who neglects or refuses to comply with any order of the veterinary clinic shall be guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

11. **LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY**

a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) **livestock** – means any domestic animal usually raised for sale and profit, including but not necessarily limited to:

(1) an animal as defined in Section 2(b) of *The Stray Animals Regulations, 1999*.

(ii) **poultry**- means:

(1) domestic fowl usually propagated and fattened for the table and for their eggs, feathers, etc. including, but not limited to chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl; or

(2) 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.

b) No person shall possess, harbor, confine, herd, ride, walk or graze or allow to graze any livestock or poultry within the limits of the town.

c) Section 11(b) shall not apply to livestock and poultry brought into town for the duration of a council authorized special event at which the said livestock and poultry will be used for purposes of exhibition or performing at a special event.

12. **PENALTY**

a) Where any person has committed or alleged to have committed a breach of any of the provisions of this bylaw, a ticket in the form designated “B” attached hereto and forming a part of this bylaw may be served on such person by the bylaw enforcement officer in person or by regular mail.

b) A person to whom a ticket is being issued pursuant to this section shall furnish the bylaw enforcement officer with his/her name and address upon request.

c) Notwithstanding Section 13, a person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw, upon being served, may voluntarily pay the prescribed penalty as set forth in Schedule “C” to this bylaw.

d) If the Town receives voluntary payment of the prescribed penalty within seven (7) days from the date the ticket was issued, the person receiving ticket shall not be liable for prosecution for the offence.

e) If the person who has committed or is alleged to have committed a breach of any section of this bylaw fails to pay the specified fine within the time allowed following

service of the ticket, the provisions of this section no longer apply, and the person shall be liable to prosecution for the offence.

13. **SEVERABILITY**

a) A decision of the court that one or more of the provisions of this bylaw are invalid in whole or in part does not affect the validity, effectiveness, or enforceability of the other provisions or parts thereof with respect to this bylaw.

14. **REPEAL**

Bylaw 2022 - 0~~4~~<sup>3</sup> is hereby repealed.

Read a Third Time and Adopted  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024



  
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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

Certified A True Copy  
of Bylaw # 2024-04

  
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Town Administrator



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**SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 2024 - 04**

Annual dog registration fee {Section 3(d)} \$ 10.00

**SCHEDULE "B" TO BYLAW 2024 - 04**

Section 7(b) Pound Fees

Impoundment: \$200.00 plus \$25.00 per day or part thereof

**SCHEDULE "C" TO BYLAW 2024 - 04**

**PENALTIES**

<u>Section</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Subsequent</u>
<i>If paid within 7 days of date of issue of the notice of violation:</i>			
3(c)	Failure to register	\$ 20.00	\$100.00
4(b)	Running at large	\$100.00	\$500.00
5	Exceeding limits on any one property (for each animal exceeding limits)	\$25.00	\$100.00
8	Failure to remove defecation	\$ 25.00	\$100.00
9	Nuisance dogs	\$ 25.00	\$100.00
	Falsifying breed of dog when registering	\$ 50.00	\$200.00

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Form "A" – Bylaw 2024 - 04  
{Section 3(a)}

**DOG REGISTRATION FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Tag # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical description: \_\_\_\_\_  
(color/short or long hair/small/large/distinguishing marks)

Photo of dog provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies certificate provided: YES / NO (attached copy)

\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

\_\_\_ Neuter \_\_\_ Spay