

**TOWN OF FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL  
A BY-LAW RESPECTING ANIMAL CONTROL  
BY-LAW NO. 8**

A BY-LAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL RESPECTING ANIMAL CONTROL PURSUANT TO SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Council of the Municipality of Florenceville-Bristol under authority vested in it by Section 10 of the *Local Governance Act*, R.S.N.B. 2017, ch. 18 replaces the by-law enacted October 13, 2009 and amended October 10, 2017 by the following by-law:

**1. TITLE**

- 1.1. This by-law may be cited as the “Animal Control By-Law,”
- 1.2. This by-law applies to the entire area within the boundaries of the municipality of Florenceville-Bristol.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

In this by-law:

- 2.1. “ANIMAL” means all domestic animals, and includes, but is not limited to: dogs, cats, birds and reptiles.
- 2.2. “ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER” means a peace officer or person appointed by Council to carry out the function of this Regulation.
- 2.3. “CAT” includes a male or female cat.
- 2.4. "DANGEROUS DOG" means a dog that:
  - 2.4.1. has killed, bitten, injured or attacked a person or domestic animal;
  - 2.4.2. is attack trained;
  - 2.4.3. is kept for the purpose of security or protection of person or property; or
  - 2.4.4. has shown the disposition or tendency to be threatening or aggressive toward any person or domestic animal.
  - 2.4.5. is suspected of being rabid
- 2.5. “DESTROY” means to put down in a caring and humane manner by lethal injection from a licensed Veterinarian.
- 2.6. “DOG” includes bitch or male dog.
- 2.7. “KENNEL” means a commercial operation where more than 2 dogs are boarded for compensation, and/or bred, and/or sold on the premises.

- 2.8. “MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE” means the Animal Control Officer or such person as may be appointed by Council or municipal staff who issue the licenses and collect the license fees provided for in this by-law.
- 2.9. “OWNER” means a person who:
- 2.9.1. is in possession of an animal;
  - 2.9.2. harbours an animal;
  - 2.9.3. permits an animal to remain about their residence/premises; or
  - 2.9.4. licenses an animal under this by-law; and
  - 2.9.5. where the owner is a minor, means any parent or legal guardian of the minor.
- 2.10. “PEACE OFFICER” shall mean police officer.
- 2.11. “RUNNING AT LARGE” occurs when the animal is found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the animal, and not secured by a leash which is two (2) meters or less in length, and is under the control of the owner.

### **3. REGISTRATION & LICENSING OF DOGS**

- 3.1. Every owner of a dog will before the last day of January in each year:
- 3.1.1. register with the Municipal Representative each dog which they own and;
  - 3.1.2. pay to the Municipal Representative an annual license fee for each dog as outlined in User Fee Policy #06.
- 3.2. A person who becomes an owner of a dog after the last day of January in any year shall register the dog within thirty days of becoming the owner and shall pay the license fee prescribed in Section 3.1.2., subject to Section 3.3.
- 3.3. A person who becomes an owner of a dog after July 1<sup>st</sup> of any year, shall have his dog licensed by the Town of Florenceville-Bristol for the remainder of the current calendar year at half the yearly license fee.
- 3.4. A license issued under this regulation expires on the last day of the calendar year in which it is issued.
- 3.5. A Municipal Representative, at the time of registration of a dog, shall issue to the owner, a license tag indicating the breed, characteristics and the number under which the dog license tag is registered and the year of registration. No license shall be considered valid unless signed by the Municipal Representative.
- 3.6. The owner of a dog registered under this by-law shall not allow or permit the tag issued for such dog to be worn by another dog.

- 3.7. Every owner of a dog shall cause any dog registered by them to wear a collar to which shall be attached aforementioned tag.
- 3.8. No person shall remove a collar or metal tag from any registered dog of which they are not the owner.
- 3.9. A license tag that is lost after it has been issued may be replaced by a Municipal Representative upon application by the owner and the payment of a Replacement Dog Tag Fee per User Fee Policy #06.

#### **4. DANGEROUS DOGS**

- 4.1. A dog suspected of being rabid will, for the purposes of this section, be considered dangerous.
- 4.2. The owner of a dangerous dog shall relocate the dog from the municipality or destroy it within seven (7) days of such dog being deemed dangerous, or must:
  - 4.2.1. ensure the dangerous dog is muzzled at all times when off the owner's property;
  - 4.2.2. at all times when off the owner's property, the dangerous dog shall be on a leash not longer than one (1) metre and under the control of a responsible person over the age of eighteen (18) years;
  - 4.2.3. within three business days after being served a notice to muzzle and restrain, pay to the town of Florenceville-Bristol the additional license fee for dangerous dogs as outlined in User Fee Policy #06;
  - 4.2.4. ensure when such dangerous dog is on the property of the owner, it shall be either securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the escape of the dangerous dog and capable of preventing the entry of any person not in control of the dangerous dog;
  - 4.2.5. display a sign at each entrance to the property and building in which the dangerous dog is kept, warning in writing as well as with a symbol that there is a dangerous dog on the property and such sign shall be visible and legible from the nearest street;
  - 4.2.6. have a policy of liability insurance, satisfactory to the municipality, covering the twelve-month period during which licensing is sought, for injuries caused by the owner's dangerous dog. This policy shall contain a provision requiring the municipality be named as an additional insured for the sole purpose of the municipality being notified by the insurance company of any cancellation, termination or expiration of the policy.
  - 4.2.7. immediately upon being served a notice to muzzle and restrain, give notice to the Animal Control Officer whenever the dangerous dog is going to be off the property of the owner;
  - 4.2.8. notify the Municipal Representative in writing within 48 hours of any changes to the residency of the dangerous dog;

- 4.2.9. notify the Municipal Representative in writing within 48 hours after the ownership of the dangerous dog is transferred to another person;
- 4.2.10. notify the Municipal Representative in writing within 48 hours of the dangerous dog being destroyed, including proof of death;
- 4.2.11. ensure the dangerous dog does not enter a designated off-leash area, which is so designated by signage and permits dogs may be kept off-leash; and
- 4.2.12. notify the Animal Control Officer, if the dangerous dog should become at large, so public notification can be made aware.

## **5. APPEAL HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE TO MUZZLE AND RESTRAIN**

- 5.1. Any owner that chooses to appeal the Notice to Muzzle and Restrain will need to do so through a Provincial Court Judge.

## **6. COMPLAINT TO PROVINCIAL COURT**

- 6.1. A judge of the Provincial Court, upon complaint being made to them that a dog has bitten or attempted to bite any person and upon being satisfied that the dog is dangerous may make an order:
  - 6.1.1. directing the owner of the dog to keep it under control;
  - 6.1.2. directing the owner of the dog to muzzle the dog at all times while in a public place and/or if there is potential access to children; and
  - 6.1.3. directing the owner of the dog or some other person to destroy the dog.
- 6.2. A person failing to comply with an order under Section 6.1. is liable to a fine for every day that they fail to do so per User Fee Policy #06.

## **7. RABIES**

- 7.1. All owners of a dog and/or cat which has not been vaccinated against rabies will cause their household pet to be vaccinated:
  - 7.1.1. within ten (10) days of acquiring the dog/cat if it is more than three months of age; or
  - 7.1.2. within ten (10) days after it has reached the age of three months.
- 7.2. When a dog/cat is more than three months of age on the coming into force of this regulation, and it has not been vaccinated against rabies, the owner will cause such dog/cat to be vaccinated against rabies within (10) ten days.

- 7.3. An owner who neglects or refuses to have their dog/cat vaccinated under this section is guilty of an offence and is punishable upon conviction to a fine per User Fee Policy #06.
- 7.4. Any Peace Officer or Animal Control Officer shall seize and impound and report to proper legal authorities any animal which is known to be or is suspected of being rabid.
- 7.5. Any owner of an animal who knows or suspects that the animal is rabid or has been exposed to rabies shall immediately report the matter to the proper legal authorities.
- 7.6. The Animal Control Officer shall seize and cause to be destroyed immediately any animal which is known to be rabid.
- 7.7. A dog suspected of being rabid will, for the purposes of this section, be considered dangerous.

## **8. RUNNING AT LARGE AND ANIMAL CONTROL**

### 8.1. No owner of an animal shall:

- 8.1.1. permit the animal to run at large;
- 8.1.2. permit the animal to bark, bay or make other noise for such a period of time or in such a manner as to be a nuisance, which is annoying and disturbing to the owners of land in the neighborhood;
- 8.1.3. permit the animal to chase or run after pedestrians, motor vehicles, bicycles or other animals;
- 8.1.4. permit the animal to bite or attempt to bite a person or animal;
- 8.1.5. permit the animal to approach any person or other animal in an aggressive or terrorizing manner upon any street, sidewalk, public grounds or place, or on private property other than the property of the owner;
- 8.1.6. suffer or permit any animal to defecate on any property in the Town which is not the property of its owner;
- 8.1.7. refuse to remove forthwith any feces left by the animal on a property, which is not the property of the owner; or
- 8.1.8. permit the animal, whether restrained or not to be in the area of water normally used for swimming or play which is located on Municipal property.

8.2. The owner of a dog trained to guard persons and/or property and/or trained to attack shall provide, maintain and use an escape proof enclosure and shall keep the said dog in the enclosure for such period or periods of time when the dog is left unattended by the owner.

8.3. No owner of a bitch shall suffer or permit such bitch to be upon the street on in any public place while the bitch is in heat.

## **9. SEIZING AND IMPOUNDING**

- 9.1. The Animal Control Officer shall seize and impound any dog found running at large and if the owner of such dog is known or cannot be located, post the notice as required by Section 9.2.1. and after the requirements of the sub-section are satisfied, may sell or destroy such dog which has not been claimed by the owner or anyone on their behalf.
- 9.2. Before the Animal Control Officer sells or destroys a dog, which is impounded, they will give notice to the owner. If the dog cannot be identified, the Animal Control Officer will:
  - 9.2.1. post a notice at the Town Office and the Canada Post Office stating that such dog has been impounded and will be sold or destroyed, subject to Section 9.2.1. within 72 (seventy-two) hours from the time of the posting unless the owner, or anyone on their behalf, claims the animal and pays the cost set out in Section 9.3.; and
  - 9.2.2. subject to Section 6.1., the Animal Control Officer may sell or destroy such dog after 72 (seventy-two) hours have expired from time of posting.
- 9.3. The Animal Control Officer shall collect from the owner before releasing the dog or from the purchaser at the time of the sale of the dog, the total of all costs of maintaining the dog including transportation fees as outlined in User Fee Policy #06.
- 9.4. The Animal Control Officer is authorized to make use of tranquilizer guns and other tranquilizing devices on dogs in the course of carrying out his duties hereunder.
- 9.5. Until such a time as the Court makes an order, an animal that has bitten or attempted to bite any person may be seized and impounded by the Animal Control Officer, in the interest of public safety. The animal will then be disposed of in accordance with the order of the court and the owner or keeper will be responsible for the payment of accumulated fines and pound fees, should the Court so direct.
- 9.6. No person authorized under this by-law to capture, impound or destroy an animal shall be liable in damages for any injury or damage caused to such animal while the same is being captured, impounded or destroyed.

## **10. OFFENCES**

- 10.1. The owner of a dog commits an offense under this regulation if:
  - 10.1.1. they permit their dog to run at large;
  - 10.1.2. they refuse or neglect to register their dog under Section 3 of this regulation;
  - 10.1.3. they refuse or neglect to attach and keep attached a licensed tag to the collar of their dog;
  - 10.1.4. they refuse or neglect to cause their dog to wear a collar at all times other than when it is in the kennel or residence;

10.1.5. they permit their dog to chase or run after pedestrians or motor vehicles; or

10.1.6. they permit their dog to bark incessantly so that annoyance is caused to the public.

10.2. Any person commits an offense under this by-law if:

10.2.1. they interfere or attempt to interfere with the Animal Control Officer while they are exercising their functions under this by-law, or

10.2.2. they, not being the owner, remove a collar or licensed tag from the dog, or

10.2.3. they refuse or neglect to have their dog/cat vaccinated regularly for rabies.

10.3. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Animal Control Officer may, either before or after the institution of proceedings against a person for an alleged violation, hereunder accept from the person alleged to have been guilty of such violation the payment of a sum equal to the minimum fine prescribed for violation together with legal costs of proceedings to that date, if any, and thereupon the Animal Control Officer shall issue a receipt and shall forthwith forward to the Town the amount so received.

10.4. A payment made under Section 9.3. shall constitute a full satisfaction, release and discharge of all penalties and imprisonment incurred by such owner for such violation, and for the purposes hereof shall have the same effect as if a judge had duly convicted the person of the violation for which the amount was paid, and a certificate purporting to be signed by the Clerk of the Town, or by the Registrar to the effect that the sum has been paid in respect of a specific violation be “prima facie” evidence in all courts of the conviction

## **11. PENALTY**

11.1. Unless otherwise provided for herein, a person who fails to comply with or violates any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine:

11.1.1. for the first offence as outlined in User Fee Policy #06;

11.1.2. for the second offence as outlined in User Fee Policy #06;

11.1.3. for the third offence as outlined in User Fee Policy #06;

11.1.4. for the fourth offence, the municipality will have the right to prohibit a person from owning, keeping, possessing, harboring, licensing or registering a dog in perpetuity, and/or impose a fine per User Fee Policy #06 at the municipality’s discretion.

11.2. When an owner of a dog who has not complied under Section 3.1.2., the Animal Control Officer may in addition to the fine, order the owner to pay the license fee as required.

**12. MISCELLANEOUS**

12.1. Council may by regulation appoint an Animal Control Officer.

12.2. Council may from time to time enter into agreement with the Province to engage the services of a provincial employee to act as Animal Control Officer, or registrar.

READ FIRST TIME: December 18, 2018

READ SECOND TIME: December 18, 2018

READ THIRD TIME AND ENACTED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2019.

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MAYOR

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CLERK

By-law No. 8 A By-law to Respecting Animal Control enacted October 13, 2009 and all amendments thereto, is hereby repealed.