

TOWN OF TISDALE

BYLAW NO. 7/91

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF TISDALE IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF CATS

WHEREAS it is recognized that a well-cared for cat can provide companionship for its owners;

AND WHEREAS it is also recognized that some cats may create a nuisance for neighbouring properties;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it to be in the public interest to pass a bylaw which balances these benefits and nuisance;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Tisdale is empowered by Section 135 of The Urban Municipality Act, 1984 S.S. 1983-84, C U-11 to regulate and control persons owning or harbouring any animal within the Town of Tisdale;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TISDALE, IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PART I - TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the "Tisdale Cat Control Bylaw".

PART II - INTERPRETATION

1. In this Bylaw the term:
 - a) Animal Control Officer - means the person appointed by the Council to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and any other person or agency appointed by Council to restrain, receive or impound cats.
 - b) Cat - means and includes every male and female of the feline family.
 - c) Council - means the Council of the Town of Tisdale.
 - d) Nuisance - includes fighting with other cats, defecating or spraying on private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the property, howling or hissing at night digging in flower beds or garbage containers and trespassing on private property.
 - e) Owner - means any person owning, possessing, or harbouring a cat.
 - f) Town - means the Town of Tisdale.
2. Explanatory notes included in this Bylaw are intended to assist in the interpretation of the provisions, but shall not derogate from any powers or duties created or imposed by the Bylaw.

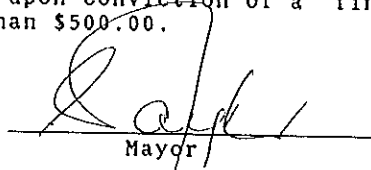
3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Bylaw is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Bylaw.

PART III - IMPOUNDMENT

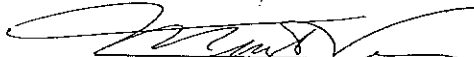
1. Where an Animal Control Officer receiving a complaint of a nuisance caused by a cat, the Animal Control Officer may:
 - a) seize and impound any cat found causing a nuisance.
 - b) issue a trap to the complainant upon execution by the complainant of an agreement as set out in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.
2. Where a trap is issued pursuant to Part III(1)(b), the complainant shall:
 - a) abide by the terms of the Cat Trap Permit agreement;
 - b) personally check the trap on a regular basis while the trap is set;
 - c) In the event a cat is trapped, immediately contact the Animal Control Officer or any other person authorized by Council to have the animal impounded.
3. Where a cat is impounded, the Animal Control Officer shall:
 - a) hold the cat for three days, unless earlier claimed by the owner of the cat;
 - b) attempt to notify the owner of the cat, if known, of the impoundment.
4. An owner of a cat which has been impounded may claim the cat by:
 - a) providing reasonable proof of ownership; and
 - b) paying an impoundment charge as may be specified in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw.
5. Where a cat is not claimed by the owner within three days of impoundment, the Animal Control Officer may dispose of the cat:
 - a) by humane destruction.
6. Notwithstanding the above, any cat suspected of having rabies or other life-threatening disease shall be isolated and may not be claimed, destroyed or otherwise disposed of except after notice to the Medical Health Officer of the Town and then only in compliance with the direction of the Medical Health Officer.

PART IV - PENALTY

1. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon conviction of a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00.




Mayor



Town Administrator

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of Bylaw No. 7/91 passed by a resolution of the Council of the Town of Tisdale on the 9th day of September, 1991.



Merv T. Vey
Town Administrator

TOWN OF TISDALE

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. /91

CAT TRAP PERMIT

DATE: _____

TRAP NO. _____

The undersigned agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- to place the cat trap only on his or her property;
- to personally check the cat trap regularly where it has been set;
- in the event a cat is trapped, to immediately contact the Animal Control Officer or the Town Office at 873-2681. The cat may be held until picked up by a Town Official. Where a cat is held, the undersigned is responsible for the humane treatment and shelter of the cat including feeding and watering. A captured cat should be left in the trap and placed in a shed, garage, basement or other place that is warm, dry and secure with a blanket placed over the trap to pacify the animal. Do not attempt to remove an unfamiliar cat from the trap, this will be done by the Town Personnel. If the undersigned cannot comply with this condition, the trapped cat must be freed unharmed; to ensure that no harm comes to any trapped cat while in his or her possession including exposure to inclement weather;
- any Animal Control Officer may enter the property of the undersigned to ensure the trap is being used properly;
- to advise the Town of the ownership if any cat trapped, if known;
- to be responsible for the trap, including the cost of repair and replacement if damaged, lost or stolen.

Address of intended location of trap: _____

I understand and accept all liability which may arise in connection with the use of this cat trap while it is in my possession and will save and indemnify the Town of Tisdale for all such liability.

Signature: _____ Witness: _____

Name of Complainant: _____

Address of Complainant: _____

Trap Returned: Date: _____ Received by: _____

Remark: _____

(NOTE: Traps must be returned within 7 days from date of this permit)

TOWN OF TISDALE
SCHEDULE "B" TO BYLAW NO.
IMPOUNDMENT CHARGE

CHARGES:

As provided by Part III (4)(b)

The owner, possessor or harbourer of any cat impounded shall pay the Town Office in advance of release of the said cat the sum of fifty (50.00) dollars for the impounding of such cat.