

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS BY LAW NO. 7-2020

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS

PART I: AUTHORITY

WHEREAS subsection 232(1) of The Municipal Act, S.M. 1996, e. 58 (the "Act") provides, in relevant part, as follows:

Spheres of jurisdiction

232(1) A council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

- (a) the safety, health, protection and well-being of people and the safety and protection of property;
- (k) wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them, including by-laws differentiating on the basis of sex, breed, size or weight;
- (o) the enforcement of by-laws.

AND WHEREAS subsection 232(2) of the Act provides, in relevant part, as follows:

Exercising By-Law-making powers

232(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a council may in a by-law passed under this Division:

- (a) regulate or prohibit;
- (f) except where a right of appeal is already provided in this or any other Act, provide for an appeal and the body that is to decide the appeal, and related matters.

AND WHEREAS subsection 236(1) of the Act provides, in relevant part, as follows:

Content of by-laws under clause 232 (1)(o)

236(1) Without limiting the generality of clause 232(1)(o) (enforcement of by-laws), a by-law passed under that clause may include provisions:

- (a) providing for procedures, including inspections, for determining whether by-laws are being complied with; and
- (b) remedying contravention of by-laws, including
 - (i) creating offenses,
 - (ii) subject to the regulations, providing for fines and penalties, including the imposition of a penalty for an offense that is in addition to a fine or imprisonment, so long as the penalty relates to a fee, rate, toll, charge or cost that is associated with the conduct that gives rise to the offense, or related to enforcing the by-law,
 - (iii) providing that an amount owing under sub clause (ii) may be collected in any manner in which a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act,
 - (iv) seizing, removing, impounding, confiscating and selling or otherwise disposing of plants, animals, vehicles, or other things related to a contravention,

- (v) charging and collecting costs incurred in respect of acting under sub clause (iv),
- (vi) imposing a sentence of imprisonment for not more than six months for the commission of offenses or nonpayment of fines.

AND WHEREAS subsections 5(1), (2) and (3) of The Animal Liability Act, S.M. 1998 c. 8 provide, in relevant part, as follows:

Animals not to run at large

- 5(1) Except when permitted by a municipal by-law passed in accordance with The Municipal Act or a by-law of a local government district passed in accordance with The Local Government Districts Act, no owner or person in charge of an animal shall allow it to run at large.

By-Law does not limit owner's liability

- 5(2) An owner's liability under section 2 is not limited or otherwise affected by a by-law referred to in subsection (1).

Municipality or LGD not liable by reason only of making By-Law

- 5(3) A municipality or local government district that makes a by-law referred to in subsection (1) is not liable, by reason only of having made the by-law, for damages for any harm that an animal causes to a person or property while running at large in the manner permitted under the by-law.

AND WHEREAS, subsections 31(1) and (2) of the Diseases and Dead Bodies Regulation, 338/88R of The Public Health Act, R.S.M. 1987 c. P210 provide, in relevant part, as follows:

- 31(1) In the event of an animal bite to a person in which a physician determines that there is a possibility of transmission of rabies, the person bitten or any duly qualified medical practitioner or registered nurse attending that person shall forthwith notify the Medical Officer of Health or the Animal Control Officer of the municipality in which the biting incident occurred or a peace officer of the details of the biting incident.
- 31(2) An Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer receiving a report pursuant to subsection (1) shall notify the Medical Officer of Health of the details of the report at the earliest possible opportunity.

PART II: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

By-Law Name

- 1.1 This By-Law may be referred to as the "Animal Control By-Law".

Definitions

- 1.2 In this By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - "**aggressor animal**" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in section 11 of this By- Law.
 - "**Animal Control Officer**" means the person appointed by Council to enforce the provisions of this By-Law, and includes any person acting as an assistant to, or under the direction of, the Animal Control Officer authorized by the Council.
 - "**cat**" means any member of the genus *Felis domesticus* (domestic cat).
 - "**Council**" means the council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.
 - "**current rabies vaccination**" means that the dog or cat has been vaccinated for rabies in accordance with international veterinary protocol which calls for a primary vaccination, which is then followed with a booster

vaccination not sooner than 60 days and not greater than one year after the primary vaccination, and is then subsequently vaccinated at regular intervals not exceeding three years.

"dangerous animal" means any dog, cat or any other animal that has on at least one occasion, worried, attacked, injured or killed a person, livestock or any other animal, or that is for any other reason determined to be a risk to any person, livestock or any other animal, and that has been declared a dangerous animal under Part V of this By-Law.

"dog" means any member of the genus *Canis familiaris* (domestic dog).

"domestic pet" means any animal other than a dog or cat that has been domesticated and is kept or harboured within the Municipality;

"livestock" means:

- (a) animals kept for the purpose of:
 - (i) production of meat,
 - (ii) production of other products from the animals, or
 - (iii) herding, protection of livestock or draft work, and breeding stock of such animals;
- (b) animals kept for the purpose of improving or preserving any species or kind of animal that may be kept for a purpose set out in sub clause (a)(i), (ii) or (iii) of this definition; and
- (c) any other animal determined by the Animal Control Officer to be livestock for the purposes of this By-Law;

Whether or not intended for profit and including, without limitation:

- (d) dairy cattle and beef cattle, goats, sheep, bison and horses;
- (e) swine (including, wild boar);
- (f) all species of the cervid on game production farms;
- (g) all of the family *Camelidae* (including, Llamas and Alpacas);
- (h) all domestic poultry (including, chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese);
- (i) specialty fowl (including, guinea fowls); and
- (j) any other animals that are of a species or kind prescribed as livestock in the regulations pursuant to The Animal Liability Act.

"Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Reynolds.

"owner" includes any person who owns, keeps, harbours or has possession or control of an animal, or who owns, leases or occupies, either solely or jointly with others, any premises containing the animal or which contained the animal immediately prior to an attack by the animal or apprehension of the animal by the Animal Control Officer or any other person.

"person" includes a firm or corporation.

"pound" means any enclosure, premises or place, whether within or outside the Municipality, designated by the Animal Control Officer appointed by Council, for the impoundment and care of any animal for the purposes of enforcing any provision of this By-Law.

"restricted animal" means:

- (a) any member of the order *Primate* except a human being;

- (b) any member of the order Carnivora except dogs, cats and domestic ferrets (*mustela putorius furo*), but including all hybrids of dogs and cats;
- (c) any member of the order Crocodylia;
- (d) any constrictor snake, venomous snake or venomous reptile;
- (e) any venomous amphibian;
- (f) any wild animal or wildlife as defined in The Wildlife Act; and
- (g) any other animal determined by the Animal Control Officer to be a restricted animal, other than a dog, cat or livestock.

"running at large" or "run at large" means that the animal is not:

- (a) under the direct, continuous and effective control of a person competent to control it; or
- (b) securely confined within an enclosure or securely fastened so that it is unable to roam at will.

Interpretation

- 1.3 In all parts of this By-Law, any word importing the male gender shall include the female gender and vice versa, and any word importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, as applicable and unless the context requires a different interpretation.

PART III: APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND POUND KEEPER

Establishment of Pound

- 2.1 Council may establish and maintain a pound for the impoundment and care of animals apprehended pursuant to the enforcement of any provision of this By-Law; or Council may enter into an agreement with any person (including with any other municipality, city, town or organization) to establish and maintain a pound on their behalf. The costs associated with a pound operated by the Municipality, or pound services provided to the Municipality, shall be paid out from the general funds of the Municipality.

Appointment of Animal Control Officer

- 2.2 Council may appoint one or more persons as Animal Control Officer(s) to carry out the enforcement of this By-Law. The Animal Control Officers so appointed may be appointed on a temporary or permanent basis, and shall be paid out of the general funds of the Municipality.

Appointment of Pound Keeper

- 2.3 Council may appoint one or more persons as Pound Keeper(s) to carry out the duties of the Pound Keeper set out in this By-Law. The Pound Keeper(s) so appointed may be appointed on a temporary or permanent basis, and shall be paid out of the general funds of the Municipality.

Common Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper

- 2.4 At the discretion of Council, the Animal Control Officer may also serve as Pound Keeper, and vice versa.

Duties of the Animal Control Officer

- 3.1 It shall be the duties of the Animal Control Officer:
 - (a) to apprehend and confine at the pound, any animal running at large within the Municipality contrary to the provisions of this By-Law.

- (b) to apprehend and confine any restricted animal being kept or harboured by, or in the possession or control of, any person contrary to the provisions of this By-Law, or running at large, within the Municipality.
- (c) to apprehend and confine any dog, cat or any other domestic pet which is running at large within the Municipality contrary to the provisions of this By-Law, or which is kept or harboured by, or in the possession or control of, any person that is in breach of this By-Law or of any other laws or regulations pertaining to animals.
- (e) to make reasonable attempt to notify the owner of every animal impounded if the identity of the owner is known, by direct contact with the owner or by leaving a notice at the last known address of the owner, which notice shall be in the form set out in **Schedule A** hereto attached and shall state the place and time that the animal was apprehended, the place and time when the animal can be redeemed from the pound, the impoundment fee, any daily pound fees, and other costs or fines to be charged to the owner, the method of payment required, and the date after which the animal will be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of if not redeemed. Where the identity of the owner of the animal is not known, the Animal Control Officer shall post a notice describing the animal, the date of apprehension and the date after which the animal will be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of on the Animal Control Officer's web page and will provide the post to be added to the Municipality's website.
- (f) The Animal Control Officer will set a fine as per Schedule C, notify the Municipality of the name of the owner and fine they are to pay
- (g) The Animal Control Officer can release the animal back to the owner once all fines are paid to the Municipality and proof of receipt is provided to the Animal Control Officer
- (h) The Animal Control Officer or Pound Keeper may use a tranquilizer gun for the purpose of capturing any animal found to be running at large within the Municipality, provided however that if the Animal Control Officer or the Pound Keeper, as applicable, is not a licensed veterinarian, no such tranquilizer gun shall be used without the authority of a licensed veterinarian present at the time of use.
- (h) to enforce the provisions of this By-Law.

Duties of Pound Keeper

- 4.1 It shall be the duties of the appointed Pound Keeper:
- (a) To provide sufficient food and clean water, adequate shelter and a safe and sanitary environment for every animal impounded.
 - (b) To establish and maintain the pound in a manner in keeping with The Animal Care Act (Manitoba), and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to discharge the duties of an owner as set out in subsection 2(1) of The Animal Care Act (Manitoba) while an animal is in the custody of the Pound Keeper.
 - (c) To keep a record of every animal impounded, which record shall include the following minimum information:
 - (i) a description in reasonable detail of the animal (including, the approximate weight, height and colour of the animal, as well as the order and breed of the animal);
 - (ii) the day and hour of its impoundment;

- (iii) the day and hour of its redemption, sale, disposition or destruction, together with the details of redemption, sale, disposition or destruction;
 - (iv) the name and address of the owner (being the person to whom the animal was sold or released), and the license number on the animal's tag (if applicable);
 - (v) the amount and particulars of all fees, fines and other charges invoiced to, and received from or on behalf of, the owner and the name and address of the payor (if different from the owner); and
 - (vi) such other particulars as the CAO of the Municipality shall direct from time to time.
- (d) To collect all fees charged by the pound.
- (e) To keep any impounded dog, cat or any other animal which is, to the knowledge of the Pound Keeper, a domestic pet, for a minimum period of: (i) three (3) days, which shall include the day of impoundment but shall exclude Sundays and any statutory holidays during which the pound is closed to the public, or (ii) where the Municipality has entered into a contract with a private party for the operation of the pound, the minimum hold period established under the Pound Keeper's contract with the Municipality.
- (f) To make suitable arrangements for the temporary impoundment and sale, disposition or destruction of any animal other than a dog, cat or domestic pet that is apprehended within the Municipality, including any restricted animal or wild animal within the meaning of The Wildlife Act.
- (g) If, after expiration of the minimum period of impoundment set out in paragraph (e), a dog, cat or other domestic pet has not been redeemed, it will be the duty of the Pound Keeper to do one of the following with the impounded animal:
- (i) sell or otherwise dispose of the impounded animal to any person for an amount not less than the applicable pound and fees accrued in respect of the impounded animal as set forth in this By- Law, unless such fees are otherwise waived by the Pound Keeper; or
 - (ii) cause the impounded animal to be humanely destroyed; unless the Municipality, or the Pound Keeper on the express authority of the Municipality, agrees to or directs an extended period of impoundment, in which case the impounded animal will be held until the earlier of the date that it is sold or otherwise disposed of to a person in accordance with subparagraph (g)(i) or until expiry of the extended period of impoundment, before it is humanely destroyed.
- (h) The Municipality may vary the terms, conditions and duties of the Pound Keeper by contract with a private party, provided however that the contract shall contain (and where absent in the contract, shall be deemed to incorporate) as minimum provisions, the duties of the Pound Keeper set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above, and further provided that the provisions in paragraphs (d), (e), (f) and (g) above shall continue to apply except to the extent that they are specifically modified by the contract. Where the Pound Keeper is a private party under contract with the Municipality, the Pound Keeper shall observe all of the terms and conditions of the contract with the Municipality. Where it is permitted under the contract with the

Municipality, the Pound Keeper may, at its sole cost and expense, keep an impounded animal for longer than the minimum hold period, and may sell or otherwise dispose of the impounded animal for an amount less than the applicable pound fees.

PART IV: DOGS, CATS AND OTHER DOMESTIC PETS

Rabies Vaccination

- 5.1 The Animal Control Officer may at any time request that an owner provide proof that the owner's dog or cat has a current rabies vaccination status and, if the owner cannot produce such proof, the Animal Control Officer may in the case of a dog or cat, apprehend and impound the dog or cat, and may charge the owner with an offense under this By-Law.

Responsibility of Owners Regarding Dogs

- 6.1 No owner shall:
- (a) permit his dog to run at large. When a dog is found running at large, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection.
 - (b) permit his dog to bark or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person or persons anywhere in the Municipality.
 - (c) permit his dog to defecate on any public or private property other than the property of its owner. Where a dog defecates on property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such excrement to be removed forthwith.
 - (d) permit his dog to defecate on his property in a manner which constitutes an environmental or health hazard or a nuisance for neighbours.
 - (e) permit his dog to damage public property or private property other than that of the owner. Where public or private property has been damaged by a dog, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection.
 - (f) own, keep, harbour or have possession or control of any dog determined to be a dangerous animal, unless such dog is kept at all times in accordance with the provisions of Part V.
 - (g) permit his dog to pursue, bite, wound or worry any person or animal, whether or not on the property of the owner.
 - (h) permit his dog on any school ground or playground.
 - (i) permit his dog on public property (including parkland area) unless the dog is on a leash (which lease shall be no longer than six (6) feet in length, fully extended) and the dog is in the actual custody and effective control of the owner or a person competent to control it, unless the said public property has been specifically designated by Council as land upon which dogs are not required to be on a leash.
 - (j) permit his dog to upset waste receptacles or otherwise litter.
- 6.2 An owner of a registered guide dog that is visually impaired or any other person who requires the assistance of a registered guide dog shall not be subject to the restrictions imposed under subsections 6.1 (c), (h), and (i).

Redemption

- 7.1 Unless the impounded animal is determined to be a dangerous animal, the owner of any dog, cat or any other domestic pet (other than a restricted animal) impounded by the Animal Control Officer may be redeemed within three (3) days of the apprehension and impoundment by applying to the Animal Control Officer for redemption and paying:
- (a) the impoundment fee as set out by the appointed Animal Control Officer;
 - (b) the pound fee as set out by the appointed Pound Keeper; and
 - (c) all outstanding fines, damages or costs relating to the impounded animal.

Restrictions on Domestic Pets

- 8.1 An owner of a domestic pet other than a dog or cat shall not allow the domestic pet outside of the owner's premises unless the domestic pet is at all times while outside of the owner's premises, under the immediate charge and effective control of a person competent to control it. In the event that the animal alleged to be a domestic pet is a restricted animal or is a wild animal within the meaning of The Wildlife Act, no person shall be entitled to keep or harbour such animals within the Municipality.

Dogs

- 8.2 Subject to subsection 8.3 and the provisions of section 6, the owner of a dog shall not permit the dog to be outside of the owner's premises unless: (a) the dog has a collar; (b) the dog is on a leash that is less than six (6) feet in length fully extended; and (c) the dog is under the immediate charge and effective control of a person competent to control it.
- 8.3 A female dog in heat shall be confined to the premises of the owner or a person having control of the dog, or shall be housed in a licensed kennel, for the period of time that the dog is in heat. The said dog's confinement shall be in such a manner as to prevent any contact between the dog in heat and any other dog except other dogs owned by the same owner or by another owner who voluntarily permits such contact.

Cats

- 8.4 Subject to subsection 9.1 (c), the owner of a cat shall not permit the cat to be outside of the owner's premises unless the said cat is under the immediate charge and effective control of a person competent to control it.
- 8.5 A female cat in heat shall be confined to the premises of the owner or a person having control of the cat, or shall be housed in a licensed kennel, for the period of time that the cat is in heat. The said cat's confinement shall be in such a manner as to prevent any contact between the cat in heat and any other cat except other cats owned by the same owner.

Cat Trap

- 8.6 Any person who wishes to obtain a trap to apprehend a cat running at large from the Pound Keeper or the Animal Control Officer, shall:
- (a) provide to the Pound Keeper or Animal Control Officer, as applicable, his or her name, address and telephone number;
 - (b) agree to comply with the terms and conditions for the use of the trap, including any terms and conditions governing the treatment and disposition of any trapped cat, as may be imposed by the Pound Keeper or Animal Control Officer, as applicable; and
 - (c) pay any deposit and/or fee as set by the Animal Control Officer or Pound Keeper.

- (d) Traps will not be rented out when the weather is below zero degrees as per the Animal Care Act

8.7 Any person who fails to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this section 8 shall be guilty of an offense under this By-Law.

Maximum Number of Dogs or Cats

- 9.1 (a) No person shall own, harbour, keep or have in his possession or control on his premises, more than two (2) dogs over the age of four (4) months, regardless of the number of people who may be inhabiting the premises;
- (b) Persons with more than two (2) dogs prior to the passing of this by-law may apply for an exception to sub-section 9.1 (a) where up to six (6) dogs may be permitted or kept on the person's property provided:
 - a. the person does not reside in a conditional use area already limiting the number of dogs;
 - b. an application form (**Schedule B**) is completed and submitted to Council for review;
 - c. there have been no past complaints or problems regarding the dogs being considered; and
 - d. written proof is provided confirming that all dogs are vaccinated according to Section 5.1.
- (c) Council shall not refuse an exception application, as per section 9.1 (b), provided all conditions have been satisfied.
- (d) No person shall own, harbour, keep or have in his possession or control on his premises, more than five (5) cats over the age of four (4) months, regardless of the number of people who may be inhabiting the premises.

9.2 Subsection 9.1 (a)(b)(c) hereof shall not apply to premises which are zoned agricultural, provided however, that where, in the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, the number of cats or dogs on any such premises constitutes a danger to the public or to dogs or cats, the Animal Control Officer may exercise his discretion to apprehend and impound all or some of the dogs or cats.

PART V: DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Animal Bites

- 10.1 The Animal Control Officer:
 - (a) shall apprehend, impound and place in quarantine any dog or cat that he has reason to believe has bitten a person; and
 - (b) may apprehend, impound and place in quarantine any other domestic pet that he has reason to believe has bitten a person if, in his discretion, such action in respect of the domestic pet is necessary for the protection of the public;

in either case, the "aggressor animal", whether on private premises or elsewhere, and whether or not the skin was directly punctured or lacerated by the bite, except that this provision shall not apply to a police service dog owned by a public law enforcement agency while on duty and under the control of a qualified dog handler.

- 10.2 If the aggressor animal is not voluntarily surrendered to the Animal Control Officer by the owner, the Animal Control Officer shall be empowered to

apprehend and impound the aggressor animal and, if necessary, to apply to a provincial court judge, magistrate or justice of the peace, as required, in order to obtain an order to enter the personal residence of the owner for the purpose of apprehending and impounding the aggressor animal.

- 10.3 Any aggressor animal so apprehended and impounded at the pound shall, subject to subsection 10.9 herein, be quarantined for a minimum of ten (10) days at the owner's expense, commencing from the date of impoundment (the "quarantine period").
- 10.4 The Animal Control Officer may, in his discretion, authorize the owner of the aggressor animal to quarantine the aggressor animal in a place other than the pound, provided that such place is under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian and that the aggressor animal must remain at such place at the owner's expense for the quarantine period.
- 10.5 Subject to a determination by the Animal Control Officer pursuant to subsection 10.8 hereof that the aggressor animal is not a dangerous animal, the aggressor animal may be released to the owner after expiry of the prescribed quarantine period upon payment by the owner to the Pound Keeper of a pound fee calculated at the daily rate set out by the Animal Control Officer or Pound Keeper. In the event that the owner fails to redeem the aggressor animal from the pound within three (3) days after expiry of the quarantine period, the aggressor animal shall be sold, or otherwise disposed of, or destroyed at the discretion of the Pound Keeper.
- 10.6 The Animal Control Officer shall keep a record of all bite incidents, identifying the aggressor animal and the details of the incident, and such record may be used in any hearing or appeal with respect to the dangerous animal provisions contained herein.
- 10.7 The head of any aggressor animal quarantined for biting that dies while quarantined and prior to the veterinary examination required pursuant to subsection 10.8 hereof, shall be submitted to Manitoba Agriculture for rabies examination at their request.
- 10.8 The determination as to whether or not the aggressor animal can be released from quarantine or must be destroyed or otherwise disposed of, shall be at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer based upon the following factors:
 - (a) the medical report of the licensed veterinarian who has examined the aggressor animal;
 - (b) whether or not the public health authorities are prepared to consent to the release of the aggressor animal;
 - (c) the severity of the bite incident, the circumstances surrounding the incident and the consequences of the incident;
 - (d) whether or not the aggressor animal is, in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer, a dangerous animal and, if yes, whether or not the provisions of section 12 hereof have been complied with;
 - (e) whether or not the aggressor animal is a restricted animal, and if yes, whether or not the provisions of Part VII hereof have been complied with by the owner; and
 - (f) proof that the aggressor animal does not have rabies, and that the aggressor animal has a current rabies vaccination status at the date of the bite incident.
- 10.9 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 10.3 herein, it shall be within the discretion of the Animal Control Officer to release an aggressor animal prior to the expiry of the quarantine period and to impose conditions upon

the release of an aggressor animal from quarantine, which conditions may include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) the owner shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the aggressor animal is confined to the owner's premises in such a manner as to prevent escapes, and to ensure that all direct contact with other animals and persons other than the owner is avoided;
- (b) the owner shall post in a conspicuous location at the entrance of the premises where the aggressor animal is confined, a sign which reads "Beware of Dangerous <type of aggressor animal>";
- (c) the owner shall submit the aggressor animal for veterinary examination from time to time as may be prescribed by the Animal Control Officer, and shall report the results of any such veterinary examination to the Animal Control Officer;
- (d) the owner shall take out and pay for such liability insurance on the aggressor animal as may be prescribed by the Animal Control Officer;
- (e) the owner shall be responsible for all costs, fines and damages associated with the aggressor animal, including the costs of impoundment, quarantine, signage and veterinary fees, pound fees and license fees, and any costs associated with liability to the victim or victims of the bite incident;
- (g) such other conditions as the Animal Control Officer may deem necessary or advisable in the interests of public safety.

Determination that an animal is a dangerous animal

- 11.1 Where the Animal Control Officer has reason to believe that an animal, including but not limited to an aggressor animal under Part V, is a dangerous animal, he shall arrange a hearing with the owner. If the owner appeals the decision of the Animal Control Officer then a hearing before Council at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council to determine whether or not the said animal should be declared a dangerous animal. In the event that an owner voluntarily accepts the dangerous animal declaration and the recommended disposition of the matter made by the Animal Control Officer, a hearing before Council may be dispensed with, and the recommended disposition of the matter shall constitute a final order in respect of which there is no appeal.
- 11.2 Where it is deemed necessary by the Animal Control Officer to protect the public or other animals pending the decision of Council, the Animal Control Officer may: (i) require that the animal be quarantined in the pound until the earlier of the date that the Animal Control Officer determines that it is safe to release the animal to the custody of the owner or until Council hears the matter and issues its determination; or (ii) may impose all or any of the conditions set out in subsection 13.2 of this By-Law upon the owner's custody of the animal, which conditions shall apply until the earlier of the date that the Animal Control Officer determines that it is safe to remove the conditions or until Council hears the matter and issues its determination.
- 11.3 Council shall provide written notice of the hearing to the owner of the animal at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing by serving notice upon the owner or by mailing the notice by registered mail to the last known address of the owner. In the case where the animal alleged to be a dangerous animal is a dog, the Animal Control Officer shall be entitled to mail the said notice to the last address provided by the owner to the Municipality in relation to the licensing of the said dog. The notice shall include the following minimum information:
 - (a) the time, place and purpose of the hearing;

- (b) a summary of the reasons in support of the allegation that the animal is dangerous;
- (c) a copy of this section of the By-Law; and
- (d) a statement that if the owner does not attend the hearing, the matter will be dealt with in his absence and that he will not be entitled to any further notice or appeal in regard to the proceedings concerning the animal

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- (a) The owner has the right to appear at the hearing, with or without counsel, and to make submissions to Council and call evidence (whether viva voce or documentary) on his behalf. The owner also has the right to hear all of the evidence and submissions presented at the hearing by or on behalf of the Animal Control Officer and to inspect any documents filed by or on behalf of the Animal Control Officer, and to respond to same.
- (b) Where the owner does not attend at the hearing, having been given notice as provided in accordance with this section 11, Council shall be entitled to deal with the matter in his absence, and the owner shall not be entitled to any further notice or appeal in regard to the proceedings concerning the animal. The owner shall be notified of the decision of Council by notice in writing delivered by personal service or registered mail in the manner set out in subsection 11.3 hereof.

11.5 Within five (5) working days of the hearing of Council. Council shall issue a written decision in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The Council shall make an order declaring the animal to be a dangerous animal if in their opinion:
 - (i) the animal has caused injury to or killed a person, whether on public or private property; or
 - (ii) the animal has seriously injured or killed any other domestic animal or any livestock without provocation; or
 - (iii) the animal is used primarily for the purpose of guarding property and is not a police service dog owned by a public law enforcement agency.
- (b) The Council may make an order declaring the animal to be a dangerous animal if, in their opinion, there is a material risk that the animal may cause damage or injury to person or property or any other animal, taking the following non- exhaustive factors into account:
 - (i) whether the animal has worried, bitten, wounded or injured any person or animal, or is otherwise an aggressor animal;
 - (ii) the circumstances surrounding any previous worrying, biting or wounding incidents; and
 - (iii) whether the animal, when unprovoked, has shown a tendency to pursue, chase or approach in a menacing fashion, any person or any other animal upon any public or private property.

11.6 The Council shall deliver a copy of their decision to the owner in the manner provided in subsection 11.3. There shall be no obligation upon Council to issue written reasons for their decision.

- 11.7 The decision of Council shall be final. There shall be no appeal from the decision of Council.
- 11.8 Every owner who has received notification from Council pursuant to subsection 11.3 that a determination hearing will be held with respect to his animal, shall ensure that the animal remains confined upon the premises of the owner pending the final outcome of the hearing.
- 11.9 Subsection 11.8 shall not apply if the animal is impounded or the Animal Control Officer receives written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian that the animal has been placed in quarantine pending outcome of the hearing.
- 11.10 If an animal is declared dangerous in any other jurisdiction said animal is automatically declared dangerous in the Municipality

Consequences of dangerous animal declaration

- 12.1 Council shall determine whether the dangerous animal should be destroyed. The decision of Council shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Destruction of dangerous animal or aggressor animal

- 13.1 Where it appears on reasonable grounds that an owner has breached a condition of this By-Law in respect of an animal that has caused injury or damage to any person, property or any other animal or if the Animal Control Officer otherwise has reasonable grounds to believe that an animal presents a risk to any person, property or any other animal and such animal has been declared a dangerous animal by Council, the Animal Control Officer may apprehend and impound the animal for the purpose of destroying it. In the event that an animal is causing an immediate risk to any person, property or any other animal, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to apprehend and impound the said animal notwithstanding that it has not been declared to be a dangerous animal by Council at the time of its apprehension and impoundment.
- 13.2 When the Animal Control Officer impounds an animal under this section 13 for the purpose of destruction of the animal, he shall give the owner written notice, delivered to the last known address of the owner, that the animal will be destroyed after the expiry of ten (10) days from the date of the notice. The owner may, during that time period, appeal the decision of the Animal Control Officer to Council by providing notice in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality, in which case Council shall hold a hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council as to whether or not the animal should be destroyed, which hearing shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of section 11 hereof. The animal shall remain quarantined in the pound pending the outcome of the hearing.

PART VI: LIVESTOCK

- 14.1 The keeping of livestock shall only be permitted in those areas of the Municipality which are zoned agricultural unless otherwise permitted by the Municipality's zoning by-law in effect from time to time.
- 14.2 An owner shall not permit his livestock to run at large within the Municipality. When livestock is found running at large, its owner shall be deemed to have refused or failed to comply with this By-Law.
- 14.3 Council, or the Animal Control Officer on the authority of Council, may establish from time to time some temporary or permanent premises for the confinement of livestock apprehended pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law. This may include the premises where the apprehension took place, and the owner of such premises or any other such person as may be authorized by Council, shall provide care for the impounded animals at a rate of

remuneration to be fixed from time to time by the Council. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality may authorize the establishment of a temporary pound, which temporary pound shall be ratified at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

- 14.4 When livestock is impounded, the Animal Control Officer shall publish notice of the impoundment online, as well as post a notice at the office of the Municipality. This notice shall describe the livestock so impounded, including any identifying tags, marks or brands, the day of impoundment, along with the location within the Municipality where the livestock were found running at large.
- 14.5 If the identity of the owner is known, the Animal Control Officer shall serve directly upon the owner or mail a notice of impoundment to the owner at his last known address.
- 14.6 The owner of the livestock shall not be entitled to the return of the livestock until the actual costs incurred by the Municipality in apprehending and impounding the livestock, together with the costs of caring for the livestock and any fines imposed pursuant to this By-Law, have been paid in full.
- 14.7 If no person claims the livestock within ten (10) days of the date of the notice of impoundment, or if the owner has not paid the costs and fines referred to in subsection 14.6, the Animal Control Officer may sell or otherwise dispose of the livestock without further notice to the owner, the proceeds of which shall be paid to the general funds of the Municipality.

PART VII: RESTRICTED ANIMALS

Prohibition on restricted animals

- 15.1 Except as may be permitted by the Municipality's zoning by-law in effect from time to time, no person shall keep, harbour, possess or control any restricted animals within the Municipality.

PART VIII: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Offenses under this By-Law

- 16.1 For greater certainty and without limiting any provisions of this By-Law, the following shall constitute offenses under this By-Law:
 - (a) Allowing or failing to prevent a dog, cat or domestic pet from running at large;
 - (b) Keeping or harbouring dogs or cats in excess of the maximum number permitted by this By-Law contrary to section 9 of this By-Law;
 - (c) Failing to comply with an order of the Animal Control Officer to dispose of any dogs or cats in excess of the prescribed limit made under section 9 of this By-Law;
 - (e) Failure by the owner of a dog to comply with any one or more of the provisions of this By-Law;
 - (f) Failing to report a bite incident or failing to voluntarily surrender the dog or cat believed to have bitten a person to the Animal Control Officer;
 - (g) Failing to voluntarily surrender a dog or cat to the Animal Control Officer upon a request thereof;
 - (h) Failure by an owner to discharge the duties of an owner as set out in subsection 2(1) of The Animal Care Act (Manitoba);
 - (i) Keeping or harbouring any wild animal or other restricted animal within the Municipality;

- (j) Violating any of the conditions or restrictions imposed upon a permit to keep or harbour any wild animal or other restricted animal within the municipality;
- (k) Failing to properly vaccinate a dog or cat against rabies;
- (l) Failing to comply with any conditions imposed upon the use of a cat trap within the Municipality;
- (m) Failing to comply with the requirements of subsection 8.1 of this By-Law in relation to any domestic pet;
- (n) Failing to comply with the requirements of any provision of subsections 8.4, 8.5 or 8.6 in relation to any cat;
- (o) Failing to comply with any requirements of Part V of this By-Law in relation to an aggressor animal or a dangerous animal;
- (p) Defacing or removing a sign required to be of this By-Law;
- (q) Failing to comply with any of the requirements of Part VI of this By-Law in relation to livestock;
- (r) Failing to comply with any of the requirements of Part VII of this By-Law in relation to any restricted animals.

Interference with Enforcement

- 16.2 It shall be an offense under this By-Law for a person to interfere or obstruct any attempt by the Animal Control Officer, Pound Keeper or the Council from carrying out its duties and obligations hereunder. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no person shall interfere or obstruct or attempt to interfere or obstruct an Animal Control Officer, the Pound Keeper, a police officer or any other person authorized to apprehend and impound an animal running at large, who is attempting to apprehend or impound, or who has apprehended and impounded, any animal in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.
- 16.3 It shall be an offense under this By-Law:
- (a) to break into, or assist another person in any manner, directly or indirectly, to break into, any pound; and
 - (b) to remove or attempt to remove any impounded animal, or to otherwise cause or assist an escape of any impounded animal.

Apprehension by Resident

- 17.1 Any resident of the Municipality may apprehend and confine an animal which is running at large on his property, provided that he shall immediately thereafter inform the Animal Control Officer, Pound Keeper or the CAO of the Municipality of the apprehension and confinement, and the Animal Control Officer shall as soon as practical, attend upon the resident to take possession of and impound the animal.

Right of Entry

- 18.1 The Animal Control Officer or any other person appointed by the Municipality to enforce the provisions of this By-Law or any other law, rule or regulation pertaining to animal care or custody, may lawfully enter upon the land and buildings of an animal owner or any other person, other than the personal residence of an individual, for the purposes of apprehending an animal running at large, to ensure compliance with this By-Law or to otherwise enforce the provisions of this By-Law, but shall not enter the personal residence of any individual without the consent of the owner or occupant of the personal residence or a valid warrant or order from a provincial court judge, magistrate or justice of the peace, as required to permit such entry.

- 18.2 The owner of any dog, cat or any other domestic pet that has bitten any person or any other animal shall present the said animal to the door of his dwelling upon the request of the Animal Control Officer, to assist the Animal Control Officer to apprehend and impound the said animal.

Complainant Identification

- 19.1 Any person who makes a complaint alleging an offense under this By-Law against another person shall provide to the Animal Control Officer his name, address and telephone number. It shall be at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer whether or not to proceed based on an anonymous complaint or information.

Liability

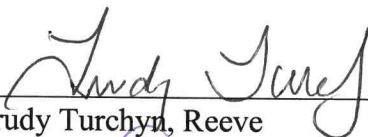
- 20.1 No liability shall attach to the Animal Control Officer, the Pound Keeper, the Council and/or the Municipality in carrying out their respective duties under this By-Law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no liability shall attach to the Animal Control Officer, the Pound Keeper, the Council and/or the Municipality for any animal destroyed, sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law or killed or injured during the course of its apprehension or impoundment.

PART IX: REPEAL AND ENACTMENT

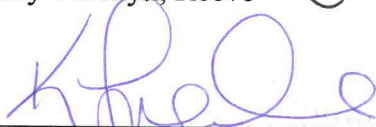
Enactment

- 21.1 That By-Law 10/17 and all amendments thereto, be repealed.
- 21.2 This By-Law shall come into full force and take effect upon the passage thereof.

DONE AND PASSED as a By-Law of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds, at Council offices in Hadshville in the Province of Manitoba, this 21 day of April, 2020



Trudy Turchyn, Reeve



Kim Furgala, Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 7 day of April, 2020
Read a second time this 21 day of April, 2020
Read a third time this 21 day of April 2020

SCHEDULE A
NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT
FOR MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS

Owner: (Name and Address of Owner of animal)

Description of

Animal(s): _____

Date of Apprehension: _____

Time of Apprehension: _____

Location Animal Apprehended: _____

Daily Pound Fee: _____

Impoundment Fee and/or Fine: _____

Method of Payment Required: Cash, Cheque or Interac E-Transfer (with notice)
payable to the RM of Reynolds.

Date the animal will be sold or destroyed: _____

Animal Control Officer:

Animal Control Officer Contact Information: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Schedule B
Request for Exception to Section 9.1 (b)

Name(s)/ Address of Dog Owners:

Number of additional dogs requested (circle):

ONE (1) | TWO (2) | THREE (3) | FOUR (4)

Respective age of additional dogs:

Are these dogs inside or outside dogs? (circle answer) INSIDE OUTSIDE

Breed(s) of additional dogs:

All dog vaccinations are current (circle answer) YES NO

Please provide documentation verifying up to date vaccinations for all dogs on the property with your application for exception.

Signature of Applicant

Date

SCHEDULE C

FINES

Offence	Minimum	Maximum
Animal Running at Large (dog, cat & livestock)	\$75	\$300
Allow animal to attack, chase, harass or threaten a person or animal	\$500	\$1000
Leave an animal improperly unattended while tethered in a public place or leave an animal unattended in a vehicle for such length of time as to endanger its life	\$50	\$75
Permit their animal to disturb or annoy the quiet of others by insistent howling, barking or other loud noise(s)	\$50	\$75
Cause of injury or death to a person or domestic animal	\$150	\$1000
Failure to remove dog and cat feces from private or public property	\$150	\$250
Allow premises to become offensive or affect the health and comfort of other persons by reason of filthy conditions, offensive odors	\$150	\$250
Permit domestic animal to damage public or private property other than that of its owner	\$150	\$250
Lack of securely controlling an un-spayed female dog or cat while in heat	\$100	\$500
Dangerous dog unattended or not controlled	\$100	\$250
Obstruct or interfere with officer or attempting to or setting free restrained or impounded animals	\$250	\$500
Permit a dog on any school ground or playground	\$50	\$100
Permit a dog or cat on public property unless the animal is on a leash, unless the said public property has been specifically designated by Council as land upon which dogs are not required to be on a leash	\$50	\$200
Permit a dog to upset waste receptacles or otherwise litter	\$50	\$75
Keeping or harbouring dogs or cats in excess of the maximum number permitted by this by-law	\$50	\$200
Failing to report a bite incident or failing to voluntarily surrender the dog or cat believed to have bitten a person to the Animal Control Officer	\$50	\$200
-If said animal fails to properly be vaccinated	\$50	\$150
Keeping or harbouring any wild animal or other restricted animal within the Municipality set out in the zoning by-law	\$50	\$200