

TOWN OF CHOICELAND
BYLAW NO. 4/88

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CHOICELAND TO CONTROL, AND REGULATE
THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF CATS**

The Council of the Town of Choiceland, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

INTERPRETATION:

1. For the purpose of this bylaw the expression:
 - a) “cat” shall mean either male or female over six(6) months old.
 - b) “municipality” shall mean the Town of Choiceland.
 - c) “running at Large” shall mean when the cat is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor, or harbourer of the said cat, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupants of the said land and when it is not under control by being:
 - i) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
 - ii) securely confined within an enclosure; or
 - iii) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.
 - d) “council” shall mean the council of the Town of Choiceland.
 - e) “Administrator” means the administrator for the Town of Choiceland.

INFRACTION OF A BYLAW:

2. Every person who owns, harbours, or possesses a cat shall cause his/her cat to wear a collar to which his/her cat can be identified and the cat shall be on a leash if the animal is taken off the property where it is outside the boundaries of any lands where it may be within the permission of owner or occupant of the lands.
3. No cat shall run at large in the municipality.
4. A person who owns, possesses or harbours a cat found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
5. Any person may take any cat found running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw to the municipal pound, where it shall be kept for three (3) days unless the owner, possessor, or harbourer redeems the cat by paying the Administrator or Pound keeper the sum of \$5.00 for each cat impounded and the sum of \$2, 00 per day for the care and keep of the cat.
6.
 - a) The Administrator or Pound keeper may sell any cat which is not redeemed within three (3) days, provided that the purchaser keeps a collar on the cat if he-she is a resident of the municipality
 - b) The Administrator or Pound keeper, or at his/her request, any other person, may destroy any cat which has not been redeemed within three (3) days.

SEIZURE OF CATS:

7. Any police constable or Police Officer, or any other person shall be authorized to seize and capture, by the use of a tranquilizer gun or other method authorized by resolution of council, and impound any cat running at large contrary to the provisions hereof, or if the owners, harbourers or possessors thereof have not complied with the provisions hereof; provided however, that in the event of seizure or capture by any person other than a police constable or police officer, such persons shall immediately deliver such cat to the Police Constable or Police Officer or to a pound keeper as hereinafter provided.

POUND:

8. For the purpose of impounding cats, seized or captured as herein provided, a pound shall be established at such place or places as may be designed by the Council from time to time and the council shall appoint a pound keeper therefore. Any cat seized or captured hereunder shall immediately be delivered to the pound keeper.

DUTIES OF THE POUNDKEEPER:

9. Whenever a cat with a collar is impounded, the pound keeper shall immediately post a public notice advising of the impounding and that unless the cat is redeemed and the fees in this bylaw provided are paid within seventy-two(72) hours from the time of impoundment the said cat shall be sold or destroyed as in this bylaw provided.

REDEMPTION BY OWNERS:

10. When the own of the cat impounded as aforesaid produces within seventy-two (72) hours from such impounding before such cat is sold or destroyed, satisfactory evidence that he has complied with the provision of this bylaw he/she shall be entitled to remove such cat upon proof of his ownership and upon payment of such impounding fees as are hereinafter provided for.

FEES:

11. The owner of any impounded cat as aforesaid shall pay the pound keeper or administrator the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars for the impounding of such cat and the sum of Ten (\$10.00) dollars for any subsequent impounding of the same cat, and also the sum of two (\$2,00) dollars per day for each day, or part thereof, that the said cat shall have remained in the said pound. After the expiration of seventy (72) hours from the time of impounding if the said cat shall have not been redeemed or sold, the pound keeper shall destroy or otherwise dispose of the cat.

FOOD AND WATER:

12. During the period of impounding the cat it shall be the duty of the pound keeper to supply such cat with adequate food and water.

RECORDS:

13. It shall be the duty of the pound keeper to keep a record of all cats impounded and of the manner in which the same are disposed of, and to make a return to the Town Administrator on or before the fifteenth day of each month of all the fees paid to him and moneys collected by him and the proceeds of sale of cats by him as such pound keeper in respect to the proceeding calendar month; and all such fees and moneys shall be paid by him to the Town Administrator and he shall, in his said return, give any additional information as may be required by Town Council.

REMOVAL OF COLLAR:

14. No person shall remove a collar from a cat.

NUISANCES:

15. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbour any cat that creates a disturbance to the annoyance or discomfort of other persons residing in the neighborhood or to the public at large, or cause injury to any person.

RABIES:

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- a) In suspected cases notify: When a cat has bitten a person and/or is suspected of being rabid, or has been in contact with a rabid animal, the Director and Medical Health Officer and a Veterinarian of the Health of Animals Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture, shall be notified immediately. Where a Veterinarian of the Health of Animals Branch is not available the report shall be made to the local veterinarian or an Officer of the R.C.M.P.
- b) Suspect May Be Confined Order: A Medical Health Officer of licensed Veterinarian or office of the R.C.M.P., having cognizance that a cat is dangerous or might have been exposed to rabies, may order that the person, owning harbouring, or having in his/her possession such cat, whether vaccinated or not against rabies, shall keep it under confinement at a place acceptable to the Veterinarian of the Health of Animals Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture, for a period of at least two weeks or until such time as the suspicion of rabies has been confirmed or refuted.
- c) Mass Inoculation May be Ordered: Where in the opinion of the Medical Health Officer, and the district Veterinarian, Health of Animals Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture, rabies infection has reached proportions where mass vaccination is indicated, every person who owns, or harbours or has in his possession within the Town of Choiceland any cat susceptible to rabies, shall cause such cat to be inoculated against rabies.

BREAKING POUND:

17. No person shall break open or assist in breaking open any pound in which a cat may

be impounded, or hinder or delay or obstruct any person in the performance of his duties hereunder.

PENALTY:

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- a) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw or fails to comply therewith, or with any notice or order given thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a penalty of \$20.00 for each offense.
- b) A violator of this bylaw, upon being served with a Notice of Violation, may during office hours, voluntarily pay the penalty at the municipal office, and upon payment as so provided, that person shall not be liable to prosecution of the offense.
- c) The Notice of Violation shall be in Form "A" attached and forming part of this bylaw.

This bylaw shall come into force on the 13th day of December, 1988.