



**WESTLOCK COUNTY BYLAW NO. 55-2024  
WESTLOCK, ALBERTA**

Being a bylaw of Westlock County, in the Province of Alberta, for the purposes of establishing regulations for the licensing, regulating, and confinement of animals, including dogs.

WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, and amendments thereto, grant the Council of Westlock County the authority to pass bylaws for the purpose of safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property and regulation in regard to wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Westlock County deems it necessary and proper to provide regulations and procedures for the purpose of establishing regulations to license and regulate dogs and activities in relation to them in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF WESTLOCK COUNTY, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:


**1.0 TITLE:**


- 1.1 This Bylaw shall be referred to as the "Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw."

**PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

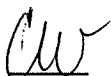
**2.0 DEFINITIONS:**


- 2.1 "Animal" means any live creature, both domestic and wild, and includes Dogs, cats, Livestock, fowl, fish, reptiles, but does not include a human.
- 2.2 "*Animal Health Act*" means the *Animal Health Act*, SA 2007, c A-40.2, and regulations thereunder.
- 2.3 "*Animal Protection Act*" means the *Animal Protection Act*, RSA 2000, c A-41, and regulations thereunder.
- 2.4 "At Large" means where a Dog is at any place other than the Owner's Property or Permitted Property, and not restrained by a Permitted Leash or other satisfactory means, or not under the immediate control, restraint, and command of its Owner or a Person in charge of the Dog.
  - 2.4.1 Notwithstanding the above, a Dog may be determined, by a Designated Officer, to be At Large if:
    - i. It is difficult for a Person to restrain the Dog by a Permitted Leash, then the Dog shall be deemed to be At Large notwithstanding the presence of a Permitted Leash.

  
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- ii. Said Dog is on the property of the Owner but is not under the direct supervision of the Owner and due to not being under the direct supervision of the Owner the Dog may leave the property line of said property at any time.
- 2.5 "CAO" means the Person appointed by Council as Chief Administrative Officer for Westlock County.
  - 2.6 "Chief Provincial Veterinarian" has the same meaning as in the *Animal Health Act*.
  - 2.7 "Controlled Confinement" means the confinement of a Dog in a pen, cage, or building.
  - 2.8 "County" means the Municipality of Westlock County.
  - 2.9 "County Residential Subdivision" means a Country Residential Subdivision as defined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.
  - 2.10 "Court" means a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Alberta.
  - 2.11 "Damage to Property" means damage to property other than the Owner's Property and includes defecating or urinating on such property.
  - 2.12 "Day" means a continuous period of twenty-four (24) hours but does not include Sundays or Statutory Holidays.
  - 2.13 "Dangerous Dog" means any Dog designated as such in accordance with the *Dangerous Dogs Act*.
  - 2.14 "Dangerous Dogs Act" means the *Dangerous Dogs Act*, RSA 2000, c D-3, and regulations thereunder.
  - 2.15 "Designated Officer" means a Person appointed to that office for the purpose of enforcement of County bylaws pursuant to Section 210 of the *Municipal Government Act*, or an authorized delegate thereof.
  - 2.16 "Distress" has the same meaning as in the *Animal Protection Act*.
  - 2.17 "Dog" means a member of the species "*Canis Lupus Familiaris*" (commonly referred to as the domestic dog), including any hybrid offspring of that species.
  - 2.18 "Former Owner" means the Person who, at the time of the impound, was the Owner of the Animal.
  - 2.19 "Guide Dog" has the same meaning as in the *Blind Persons' Rights Act*, RSA 2000, c B-3 and regulations thereunder.
  - 2.20 "Hamlet" means a Hamlet as defined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.
  - 2.21 "Harness" means straps and fittings that are of a suitable size and strength that may be humanely attached to the chest and back of a Dog.
  - 2.22 "Housed and Confined" means to confine a Female Dog during the whole period of time that such Dog is in heat in such a manner that the Dog will not be a source of attraction to the other Dogs.
  - 2.23 "Infectious Physical Condition" means any physical condition of a Dog which may be passed to another Animal or human by invasion of an organism emanating from the Dog suffering the physical condition.
  - 2.24 "Kennel" means an Animal breeding and/or boarding facility as defined in the County's Land use Bylaw.
  - 2.25 "Land Use Bylaw" means the County's Land Use Bylaw, as amended, or as repealed and replaced from time to time.

  
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- 2.26 "License Fee" means the applicable fee payable in respect of a license for any particular Dog that resides in any of the hamlets within Westlock County as set out in Schedule "B".
- 2.27 "License Tag" means an identification tag of metal or other material showing the County-issued license number of a specific Dog and intended to be attached to a Dog by way of a collar or Harness.
- 2.28 "Live Trap" means a device used to humanely and safely capture Dogs found to be in contravention of this bylaw.
- 2.29 "Motor Vehicle" has the same meaning as in *Traffic Safety Act*, RSA 2000, c T-6 and the regulations thereunder.
- 2.30 "*Municipal Government Act*" or "MGA" means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26 and amendments thereto.
- 2.31 "Muzzle" means a humane fastening or covering device placed over the mouth of a Dog of sufficient strength and design to prevent it from biting.
- 2.32 "Nuisance Dog" means any Dog in respect of which there have been two or more complaints under this bylaw or a Dog whose Owner has plead guilty to two (2) or more offences under this bylaw.
- 2.33 "Order" means a written notification to the owner of the said Dog, from a Designated Officer, advising of Vicious Animal requirements, or any other specified provision(s) relating to this Bylaw and the *Municipal Government Act*.
- 2.34 "Owner" means a Person who:
- 2.34.1 In the case of land, any Person registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner of the fee simple estate in a parcel of land; or
- 2.34.2 In the case of personal property, any Person who has lawful possession or the right to exercise control over it or to be the registered owner of it and, for greater certainty, includes any Person:
- i. Who has the care, charge, custody, possession, or control of a Dog;
  - ii. Who owns or claims a proprietary interest in a Dog;
  - iii. Who harbours or permits a Dog to be present on any property owned or under their control;
  - iv. Who claims and receives a Dog from the custody of a Shelter or a Designated Officer; or,
  - v. To whom a License Tag was issued for a Dog in accordance with this Bylaw;
- and for the purposes of this bylaw, a Dog may have more than one (1) Owner or Person(s) owning, harbouring, possessing, or consensually having charge of or control over any animals, either temporarily or permanently.
- 2.35 "Owner's Property" means any property in which the Owner of a Dog has a legal or equitable interest over or over which the Owner of a Dog is a tenant or visitor on; without limiting the generality of the foregoing property shall include, land, buildings, and vehicles.
- 2.36 "Permitted Leash" means a leash adequate to control the Dog to which it is attached, and which leash shall not exceed three (3) metres in length.

  
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- 2.37 "Permitted Property" means private property upon which the Owner of a Dog has the express permission of the Owner to allow the Owner's Dog to be At Large thereon.
- 2.38 "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative.
- 2.39 "Peace Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a Community Peace Officer employed by the County.
- 2.40 "*Public Health Act*" means the *Public Health Act*, RSA 2000, c P-37 and the regulations thereunder.
- 2.41 "*Provincial Offences Procedure Act*" means the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 2000, c P-34 and the regulations thereunder.
- 2.42 "Public Property" means all property owned by or under the control and management of the County.
- 2.43 "Registered Veterinarian" has the same meaning as in the *Veterinary Profession Act*, RSA 2000, c V-2.
- 2.44 "Restraining Device" means any leash, Harness, or other restraining system capable of allowing the Owner to maintain control of the attached Dog, or if located on the Owner's Property, capable of retaining a Dog within the boundaries of the Owner's Property.
- 2.45 "Secure Enclosure" means a building, cage, or other enclosure for retaining a Dog, which has a secure top and bottom, and which prohibits a Dog from jumping, climbing, digging, or using any other means to exit the enclosure, and which is capable of prohibiting the entry of young children into the enclosure.
- 2.46 "Serious Wound" means an injury resulting from a Dog attack which may include but is not limited to a breaking of the skin or the flesh to be torn.
- 2.47 "Service Dog" has the same meaning as in the *Service Dogs Act*, SA 2007, c S-7.5 and regulations thereunder.
- 2.48 "Shelter" means a facility operated or contracted by the County for the purposes of housing and providing care for impounded Dogs or other Animals, collecting fees, and otherwise assisting with the administration of this Bylaw; this may include a veterinary clinic.
- 2.49 "Vicious Dog" means any Dog, regardless of age, whether on public or private property, which has without provocation, chased, injured, harassed or bitten any other Animal or human, or destroyed or damaged any public or private property, or threatened or created the reasonable apprehension of a threat to other Animals or humans and which, in the opinion of the Designated Officer presents a threat of serious harm to other Animals or humans and any Dog designated "Dangerous" as such in accordance with the *Dangerous Dogs Act*.
- 2.50 "Vicious Dog License" means a license for a Dog designated as a Vicious Dog by the County or any dog, or any Dog designated Dangerous as such in accordance with the *Dangerous Dogs Act*.
- 2.51 "Violation Ticket" has the same meaning as in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

  
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**3.0 RULES AND INTERPRETATION:**


- 3.1 Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any provision of any Provincial or Federal legislation or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, Order, or license.
- 3.2 Any headings or sub-headings in this Bylaw are included for guidance purposes and convenience only and shall not form part of this Bylaw.
- 3.3 Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
- 3.4 Any reference to the provisions of a statute of Alberta or another bylaw is a reference to that statute or bylaw as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.

**PART II – DOG LICENSING**

**4.0 REQUIREMENT TO LICENSE:**

- 4.1 Every Person who resides within a County Hamlet or Country Residential Subdivision and who is, or becomes, the Owner of a Dog which is over the age of six (6) months shall apply for a license for that Dog with the County and pay the applicable License Fee within fifteen (15) Days of becoming the Owner of the said Dog, or taking up residence within the County.
  - 4.1.1 Notwithstanding the above, if a Dog of any age is found At Large within Westlock County the Owner of said Dog shall be responsible for acquiring a license for the Dog.
- 4.2 An Owner of a Dog shall apply for a license as set out in this part, by:
  - 4.2.1 Paying the required License Fee as set out in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw; and,
  - 4.2.2 Providing such information as may be required by the County and shall include:
    - i. Name, Street and/or Postal address of the Owner;
    - ii. Name and description of the Dog to be licensed; and,
    - iii. Such other relevant and necessary information in respect to the application.
- 4.3 Any Person who provides the County with false or misleading information with respect to the information required in Section 4.2 of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 4.4 An Owner of a Dog which is unlicensed, and which is required to be licensed pursuant to this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 4.5 Upon payment of the required License Fee as set out in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw and providing such information as may be required by the County, the Owner will be supplied with a License Tag having a number which will remain registered to a specific Dog.


  
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- 4.6 The Owner of a Dog that has been duly licensed under this Bylaw may obtain a replacement License Tag for one that has been lost or damaged upon payment of the replacement License Tag fee as set out in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw.
- 4.7 The onus of proving a Person has a valid and subsisting license is on the Person alleging its existence.
- 4.8 Any Owner that fails to comply with the conditions of any license issued under this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 4.9 No Person is entitled to a refund or rebate for any License Fee.
- 4.10 If the said License Tag is not associated with current Ownership and the Dog information, it shall be deemed invalid, and the Dog shall be considered not licensed.
- 4.11 The Designated Officer shall consider all applications for licenses and may, in their discretion:
- 4.11.1 Require the applicant to submit such information as the Designated Officer deems appropriate, including information respecting the Dog, proposed Controlled Confinement of the Dog, the lands where the Dog is to be kept, availability and nature of insurance, a site plan of the lands, and the number of Dogs to be kept;
- 4.11.2 Reject the application; or,
- 4.11.3 Approve the application, with or without any conditions, relevant to the presence of the Dog(s) on the lands.
- 4.11.4 If the Designated Officer determines that a license will not be issued for a Dog, or if the Owner refuses to acquire a license, a Dog may be removed from the municipal boundaries of the County or surrendered to the County.
- 4.12 The Designated Officer may revoke a license if:
- 4.12.1 The applicant fails to comply with the conditions of the license;
- 4.12.2 The license was issued on the basis of incorrect information or misrepresentation by the applicant;
- 4.12.3 The license was issued in error; or,
- 4.12.4 The Owner has been given written notice that a breach of this Bylaw has occurred and the Owner fails, refuses, or neglects to correct the contravention.
- 4.13 A License Tag shall be valid for the life of the Dog, or until the Dog no longer resides within Westlock County or at such time the Dog has been determined to be a Dangerous or Vicious Dog, at which time the Dog shall be subject to a yearly license renewal.

## **5.0 TRANSFERABILITY, POSSESSION OF LICENSE TAG:**

- 5.1 A license issued under this Bylaw is neither transferable from one Dog to another Dog nor from one Owner to another Owner.
- 5.2 If the application is approved, and the required License Fee is paid, the Owner will be supplied with a License Tag which shall have a number registered to their Dog.

  
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- 5.3 An Owner of a licensed Dog is guilty of an offence if that dog is not wearing the assigned License Tag while that Dog is on property other than the Owner's Property.
- 5.4 An Owner shall ensure that the License Tag is securely fastened to a choke chain, collar, or harness worn by the Dog, with the License Tag to be worn by the Dog at all times when the Dog is on property other than the Owner's Property.

**6.0 EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:**

- 6.1 The provisions of this Part shall not apply to the following:
  - 6.1.1 Owners of Dogs temporarily visiting the County for a period not exceeding two (2) consecutive weeks;
  - 6.1.2 Dogs that are under the temporary care of a resident of the County for a period not exceeding four (4) consecutive weeks;
  - 6.1.3 Not-for-profit associations, not-for-profit corporations and government organizations engaged in the provision of specialized Dog services, including but not limited to, Service Dogs, police Dogs, Guide Dogs, or search and rescue Dogs;
  - 6.1.4 Persons holding an identification card proving ownership of a Service Dog or Guide Dog for their use;
  - 6.1.5 Dogs under six (6) months in age; and,
  - 6.1.6 To holders of a valid Development Permit issued pursuant to the Land Use Bylaw for providing for a private and/or boarding Kennel.

**PART III – RESTRICTIONS**

**7.0 NUMBER OF DOGS:**

- 7.1 No more than two (2) Dogs shall be permitted to remain upon any land or in any house, shelter, room, building structure, property or place within a Hamlet or Country Residential Subdivision within the County, unless:
  - 7.1.1 The property is lawfully used for the care and treatment of Animals, operated by or under the charge of a Registered Veterinarian;
  - 7.1.2 The Owner is the holder of a valid and subsisting development permit which authorizes the keeping of Dogs in excess of the applicable limit established in Section 7.1;
  - 7.1.3 The property is temporarily being used for the purposes of an authorized Dog show;
  - 7.1.4 The Dogs in excess of the limit are under six (6) months of age and are the offspring of a licensed Dog residing at the same location;
  - 7.1.5 The Owner is a not-for-profit association, not-for-profit corporation, or government organization engaged in the provision of specialized Dog services, including but not limited to Service Dogs, Police Dogs, Guide Dogs,

  
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- and search and rescue Dogs;
- 7.1.6 The Owner whose Dog is in excess of the limit is temporarily visiting a resident of the County for a period not exceeding two (2) consecutive weeks; or,
- 7.1.7 The exceedance of the Dog limit is temporary whereby the Dog is in the care of resident of the County for a period not exceeding four (4) consecutive weeks.

**PART IV – GENERAL DOG CONTROL**

**8.0 DOG CONTROL AND NOISE PROVISIONS:**

- 8.1 An Owner whose Dog is At Large whether licensed or not is guilty of an offence.
- 8.2 An Owner whose Dog barks, howls or makes another noise thereby disturbing the quiet or repose of any person is guilty of an offence (see Section 14.3).
- 8.3 An Owner who brings their Dog into any place where that Dog is prohibited is guilty of an offence. This does not apply when:
  - 8.3.1 A Service Dog or Guide Dog in the possession and control of an Owner who holds an identification card proving ownership of the Service Dog or Guide Dog for their use; and,
  - 8.3.2 An application has been waived on a temporary basis by the County, including for the purpose of an event requiring or involving the presence of the Dog.
- 8.4 The Owner of a Dog that attacks, bites, chases, injures, kills, threatens, or otherwise harasses any Person or Animal is guilty of an offence.
- 8.5 The Owner of a Dog that chases a Motor Vehicle is guilty of an offence.
- 8.6 The Owner of a Dog that causes damage to property within the County is guilty of an offence.
- 8.7 An Owner whose Dog has upset a waste receptacle, causing its contents to be scattered in or about a street, lane, or property other than the Owner's Property, is guilty of an offence.
- 8.8 The Owner of a Dog that behaves in such a manner as to alarm or cause any Person to fear for their physical safety is guilty of an offence.
- 8.9 An Owner whose Dog is in an area where a sign prohibits the presence of Dogs is guilty of an offence regardless of whether or not such Dog is At Large.
- 8.10 No Person shall allow a Dog to be left unattended while tethered or tied up on premises where the public has access, whether the right of access is expressed or implied.
- 8.11 Any Person, who without the knowledge or consent of the Owner, unties, loosens, or otherwise frees a Dog that was tied or otherwise restrained, or opens a gate, door or opening in a fence or Secure Enclosure in which a Dog has been confined, thereby allowing the Dog to be At Large, is guilty of an offence.
- 8.12 No Person, whether or not they are the Owner of a Dog which is being or has been pursued or captured, shall interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Designated Officer


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- who is attempting to capture or who has captured a Dog which is subject to being impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 8.13 Obstruct for the purpose of this Section shall include but is not limited to:
- 8.13.1 Blocking or yelling at a Designated Officer;
  - 8.13.2 Induce the Dog to enter a house or other place where it may be safe from capture;
  - 8.13.3 Falsely represent themselves as being in care or control of the Dog, so as to establish that the Dog is not At Large;
  - 8.13.4 Unlock, unlatch, or otherwise open the Designated Officer's vehicle in which Dog(s), kept for impoundment, have been placed so as to allow or attempt to allow any Dog to escape there from; or, remove, or attempt to remove, any Dog from the possession of a Designated Officer or any Person authorized to enforce any of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 8.14 In the instance where a Person has received a Serious Wound, or the Owner of any Dog has received a Serious Wound and the Owner of a Dog which has inflicted the Serious Wound fails to promptly report the Dog to a Designated Officer, is guilty of an offence.

## **9.0 HYGIENE AND NUISANCES:**

- 9.1 An Owner of a female Dog in estrus (also known as being "in heat") who does not keep it Housed and Confined in a building or kennel during the entire period such female dog is in estrus, both on and off the Owner's property, in a manner sufficient to avoid attracting other Dogs , is guilty of an offence.
- 9.2 A Designated Officer may, on having reasonable and probable grounds to believe a Dog is a Nuisance Dog, direct the Owner, in writing, to take such action as deemed necessary by the Designated Officer to ensure this Bylaw is not further contravened.
- 9.3 An Owner shall at all times keep the property where a Dog is kept in a clean and tidy condition. For the purposes of this Section, "clean and tidy condition" means clean and tidy from the observation of a Designated Officer, acting reasonably.
- 9.4 If a Dog defecates on property which is not the Owner's Property, the Owner shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately and disposed of in a sanitary manner.
- 9.5 An Owner of a Dog shall carry a suitable means of removing Dog feces at all times while the Dog is in the custody of the Owner on property other than the Owner's Property.
- 9.6 The Owner of a Nuisance Dog shall take all precautions to ensure that such Nuisance Dog is not left tethered or tied up and allowed to behave in such a fashion that it disturbs the rest, enjoyment, or use of another person's property, in a residential yard when no one at that residence is home.

  
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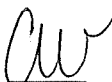
**10.0 CARE:**


- 10.1 Any Person who teases, torments, provokes, abuses, or injures a Dog is guilty of an offence.
- 10.2 Any Person who leaves a Dog unattended in or on a Motor Vehicle, without proper protection from the elements or in a manner that places the Dog at risk of harm, is guilty of an offence.
- 10.3 Any Person who fails to properly secure a Dog, inside or on a Motor Vehicle while it is in motion or while it is parked to ensure that the Dog is unable to fall out of or leave the Motor Vehicle, is guilty of an offence.
- 10.4 Any Person who keeps or harbours more than two (2) Dogs within the County in a manner contrary to provisions detailed in Section 7 is guilty of an offence.
- 10.5 An Owner who fails to provide a Dog with the following care provisions is guilty of an offence:
  - 10.5.1 Potable water;
  - 10.5.2 Species-specific food;
  - 10.5.3 Sanitary food and water receptacles;
  - 10.5.4 Regular opportunity for exercise sufficient for the wellbeing of the Dog; and,
  - 10.5.5 Veterinary care to relieve or prevent pain when a Dog exhibits any signs of pain, injury, illness or suffering, including prompt veterinary care for any potential Infectious Physical Condition.
- 10.6 An Owner who fails to provide an outside Dog with the following shelter provisions is guilty of an offence:
  - 10.6.1 Protects from wind, heat, cold, wet and the direct rays of the sun;
  - 10.6.2 Is structurally sound;
  - 10.6.3 Is sanitary; and,
  - 10.6.4 Is sufficiently large to allow the Dog to easily and comfortably stand, turn, and lie down.

**PART V – VICIOUS DOGS**

**11.0 DECLARATION OF VICIOUS DOGS:**

- 11.1 A Designated Officer may declare a Dog to be a Vicious Dog if the Designated Officer has reasonable grounds to believe, either through personal observation or on the basis of facts determined after an investigation of a complaint, that the Dog:
  - 11.1.1 has an observed or known propensity, tendency, or disposition to threaten, attack, harass, chase or bite other Animals or humans;
  - 11.1.2 has, inflicted a Serious Wound upon another Animal or human;
  - 11.1.3 has been the subject of an order or direction of a Justice or Judge, pursuant to the Dangerous Dogs Act; or,
  - 11.1.4 is a continuing threat of serious harm to any human or other Animal.
- 11.2 Where a Designated Officer determines on reasonable grounds that a Dog is a Vicious Dog, either through personal observation or on the basis of facts

  
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determined after an investigation initiated by a complaint, the Designated Officer shall:

- 11.2.1 Serve the Owner with a written Order or notice that the Dog has been declared to be a Vicious Dog;
- 11.2.2 Direct the Owner to keep the Vicious Dog in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of this Bylaw and provide the Owner with a time limit for compliance; and,
- 11.2.3 Inform the Owner that, if the Vicious Dog is not kept in accordance with Section 13 of this Bylaw the Owner may be fined, or subject to enforcement action pursuant to this Bylaw and/or any relevant Provincial legislation.

## **12.0 VICIOUS DOG OWNER REQUIREMENTS:**

- 12.1 If a Vicious Dog attacks, bites, chases, injures, kills, threatens, or otherwise harasses any human being or Animal the Owner shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a penalty under this Bylaw, exclusive of any other civil actions or penalties.
- 12.2 An Owner of a Vicious Dog shall:
  - 12.2.1 Take all necessary steps to ensure that it does not bite, chase, harass, or attack any human being or Animal whether the Dog is on the property of the Owner or not;
  - 12.2.2 Post a sign indicating a Vicious Dog is on the property. The sign shall be placed in a conspicuous location at the entry to the property;
  - 12.2.3 Apply for a yearly Vicious Dog License and pay the applicable fee as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw;
  - 12.2.4 Be subject to the same process, with all the necessary modifications, of licensing a Dog as outlined in PART II of this Bylaw; however, the license shall only be valid for the term of one year from the date of issue and shall expire December 31 of each year;
  - 12.2.5 Notify the County should the Vicious Dog be sold, gifted, or transferred to another person or die, and remain liable for the actions of the Vicious Dog until formal notification of sale, gift or transfer is provided to the County; and,
  - 12.2.6 Apply for and obtain a Vicious Dog License for such Dog prior to November 15 of each year.
- 12.3 When a Dog that has been declared a Vicious Dog is on the premises of its Owner, it shall be confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen or other structure constructed and secured in such a fashion as to prevent the escape of the Vicious Dog and to prevent the entry of Persons unauthorized by the Owner. Any such pen shall have a secure top and sides and either:
  - 12.3.1 Have a secure bottom effectively attached to the sides; or,
  - 12.3.2 The sides shall be embedded in the ground to a minimum of thirty (30) centimetres.
- 12.4 When a Vicious Dog is off the Owner's property, it shall be securely Muzzled, and shall be either harnessed or leashed securely to effectively prevent it from attacking or biting a human being or Animal; this requirement shall not apply when the

  
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- Vicious Dog is in a building or enclosure in attendance at a *bona fide* Dog show or confined in a pen meeting the requirements of this Section. Any Person who fails to meet the requirements of this Section is guilty of an offence.
- 12.5 The Owner of a Vicious Dog At Large is guilty of an offence.
- 12.6 An Owner of a Vicious Dog shall inform the owner and/or the legal occupant of a property the Vicious Dog is on that their Dog has been declared a Vicious Dog. Any Person who fails to meet the requirements of this Section is guilty of an offence.
- 12.7 The Owner of an Unlicensed Vicious Dog, notwithstanding a Vicious Dog Designation is from another Municipality if the Owner ought to have known the Dog was deemed a Vicious Dog in the other Municipality, is guilty of an offence.
- 12.8 The Owner of a Vicious Dog shall provide proof of liability insurance in a form satisfactory to the County providing third-party liability coverage in a minimum amount of \$500,000.00 for potential injuries caused by the Owner's Vicious Dog. The liability policy shall contain a provision requiring the insurer to immediately notify the County in writing should the policy expire or be cancelled or terminated. Upon cancellation, expiry or termination of the liability policy, the Vicious Dog License is null and void.
- 12.9 Provisions in this Bylaw which apply to Vicious Dogs shall not apply to Dogs owned by a police service solely by reason of any events or actions which occur while the Dogs are engaged in police work.
- 12.10 Nothing in this Section shall prevent a Designated Officer from bringing forward an application, to a Provincial Court Justice, in relation to a Dog that has injured (or attempted to injure) any human being or Animal pursuant to the *Dangerous Dog Act* or *Animal Protection Act* of the Province of Alberta without first deeming a Dog Vicious under this Bylaw.
- 12.11 Where the Owner of a Dog that has been determined to be a Vicious Dog produces information to Westlock County Enforcement Services Department that may alter a determination made under this Section, the CAO, as soon as is reasonably possible, shall cause the matter to be reviewed and make a final determination.
- 12.12 Notwithstanding a Violation Ticket being issued and in addition to the licensing fee, any Vicious Dog License that is expired pursuant to the records of the County as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, there will be added an added fee, as per Schedule "B".

## PART VI – DISEASE CONTROL

### 13.0 DISEASE CONTROL:

- 13.1 The Owner of a Dog that has caused a Serious Wound or that the Owner has reason to suspect may have been exposed to rabies or other communicable disease shall, in addition to any other duty imposed under the *Animal Health Act* or *Public Health Act* and this Bylaw, immediately inform a Designated Officer:
- 13.1.1 Of the infliction of the Serious Wound or the suspicion of exposure to rabies or other communicable disease; a Designated Officer who may thereupon place the Dog under Controlled Confinement. The Dog shall not be released from such Controlled Confinement until the Designated Officer is satisfied that the provisions of this Bylaw will be complied with;

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- 13.1.2 In the case of a Serious Wound, of the name and contact information for the Person that has been wounded and/or the Owner of the Animal that has been wounded, as applicable;
- 13.1.3 Whether the matter has been reported to the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian, local community health centre, Public Health Inspector, or the Medical Officer of Health;
- 13.1.4 Upon demand made by the Designated Officer, the Owner shall forthwith surrender for supervised quarantine, any Dog which has inflicted a Serious Wound to any human or Animal;
- 13.1.5 Upon demand made by the Designated Officer, the Owner shall forthwith surrender any Dog which the Designated Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to suspect of having been exposed to rabies;
- 13.1.6 The Dog which has been impounded pursuant to Sections 13.2 and 13.3 may be reclaimed by the Owner:
  - i. If adjudged free of rabies;
  - ii. Upon payment of confinement expenses and payment of any penalties pursuant of this Bylaw;
  - iii. Upon compliance with the licensing provisions of this Bylaw; and,
  - iv. At the sole discretion of a Designated Officer considering the recommendation of a Registered Veterinarian.
- 13.2 In the event of an outbreak or a threatened outbreak of rabies or any disease affecting Dogs which may be transmitted to human beings, the Designated Officer, by virtue of this Bylaw, may direct that all Dogs be securely tied up by the Owner or be otherwise effectively confined and prevented from being At Large. Any Dog found At Large in contravention of this Bylaw shall be impounded and the Owner shall be found guilty of an offence.
- 13.3 Except as herein provided, no Person shall kill, or cause to be killed, any rabid Dog, any Dog suspected of having been exposed to rabies, or any Dog which has bitten a human, or remove such Dog from the County, without prior written permission from the Designated Officer.
- 13.4 When, in the judgment of a Registered Veterinarian, a Dog should be destroyed for humane reasons, such Dog may not be redeemed, until such Dog has been destroyed.
- 13.5 No action shall be taken against any Person acting under the authority of this Bylaw for damages for the destruction or other disposal of any Dog.
- 13.6 A Designated Officer that has reasonable grounds to believe that a Dog found At Large may have, or has been, exposed to rabies or another communicable disease may confine that Dog at a Shelter, veterinary facility, or any other location as directed by the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian.
- 13.7 A Designated Officer that has reasonable grounds to believe that a Dog within the County has or has been exposed to rabies or another communicable disease shall report the matter to the Office of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian as soon as reasonably possible.
- 13.8 An Owner of a Dog which is suffering from rabies or another communicable disease or who has been notified by the County that the Designated Officer has reasonable

  
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grounds to believe the Dog has, or has been exposed to, rabies or another communicable disease, shall:

13.8.1 Not permit the Dog to be in any public place;


13.8.2 Not keep the Dog in contact with or in proximity to any other Animal; and,


13.8.3 In the case of rabies, prevent the Dog from coming into contact with any other Person, except as permitted or directed by a representative of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian or other Public Health official.

## **PART VII – ENFORCEMENT AND IMPOUNDMENT**

### **14.0 POWERS OF A DESIGNATED OFFICER:**

- 14.1 A Designated Officer may obtain, from a Provincial Court Justice, a warrant to search within a private dwelling or upon any property upon satisfying the Provincial Court Justice that there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that there has occurred or is occurring within or upon such private dwelling or property a contravention of the provisions of this Bylaw. If, upon conducting such search, it appears that a contravention of this Bylaw is or has occurred, or a number of Dogs in excess of the Dogs authorized by this bylaw are being kept, then upon laying a charge under this Bylaw, the Designated Officer conducting the search may forthwith remove from the property and impound, as evidence for trial, any number of Dogs in excess of the maximum number, or any Dog being kept in contravention of this bylaw.
- 14.2 Any Person who fails to surrender a Dog that is acting in contravention of the Bylaw upon request of a Designated Officer is guilty of an offence.
- 14.3 A Designated Officer is authorized to capture and impound in a Shelter any Dog which is At Large or in any way being kept or allowed to behave in contravention of this Bylaw. The Designated Officer is further authorized to take such reasonable measures as are necessary to subdue any Dog which is At Large, including the use of tranquilizer/immobilization equipment and materials. If any such Dog is injured, it may be taken to a Registered Veterinarian for treatment and then to a Shelter. Upon a complaint being received, and for the purpose of greater certainty, any Owner of a Dog which is found in contravention of Sections 8.2, 9.6 and/or any other Section of this Bylaw, without the Owner being home or someone authorized by the Owner to supervise the Dog being home, the Dog shall be impounded to stop the further contravention of this Bylaw. Upon removing the Dog from the property, the Designated Officer shall place a Dog impoundment notice, as prescribed from time to time by the County on the property.
- 14.4 The purchaser of a Dog from the Shelter shall obtain full right and title to it, and the right and title of the Former Owner of the Dog shall cease.
- 14.5 The discretion to investigate a complaint pursuant to this Bylaw lies solely with Westlock County or their agents.
- 14.6 For the purpose of greater certainty and to provide clear authority for the Designated Officer to perform duties under this Bylaw, an explicit authority is

  
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granted for the Designated Officer to enter onto private property to perform any of those duties which are required to be performed under this Bylaw; however, this authority does not include a private dwelling.


### **15.0 INSPECTIONS AND REMEDYING CONTREVENTIONS:**

- 15.1 On behalf of the County, any Designated Officer or agent of the County may enter upon any parcel of land within the Westlock County and take any actions or measures deemed necessary by such Person(s) to achieve any of the following purposes:
  - 15.1.1 To carry out any inspections to determine compliance with this Bylaw;
  - 15.1.2 To enforce this Bylaw; or,
  - 15.1.3 To prevent a reoccurrence of any contravention of this Bylaw.
- 15.2 Except as otherwise provided, in this Bylaw, notice shall be provided as follows:
  - 15.2.1 If a Designated Officer, or agent of the County reasonably believes that there may be an urgent situation to the subject premises, no notice is required;
  - 15.2.2 Where an investigation is conducted to determine compliance, notice may be affected upon the occupants of the premises in writing or verbally not less than 24 hours in advance, and need not be in the form of an Order to remedy; and,
  - 15.2.3 Subject to the foregoing, no such action or measures referred to in the preceding section may be performed until seven (7) days have elapsed following the mailing of an Order to remedy the contravention as prescribed by the *Municipal Government Act*. An Order to remedy shall be served personally or by registered mail to the address specified in the Land Titles Certificate for any parcel of land which will be affected by such action or measures. Such mailing shall be effective notwithstanding that the registered mail is not accepted or retrieved.
- 15.3 All expenses, costs, and legal costs on a solicitor-client basis incurred by the County of its agents for any such action or measure performed pursuant to this Bylaw or the *Municipal Government Act* are amounts owing to the County by the Person who was required to do something by the Order to remedy, shall be paid within thirty (30) days of any such Person receiving notice of the amount due by registered mail served and effective in the same manner as the Order to remedy; any unpaid fines or penalties may be added to the property tax roll, the business tax roll, or both pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.
- 15.4 No Person shall obstruct or hinder a Designated Officer, agent of the County, or any other Person in the exercise or performance of that Person's powers pursuant to this Bylaw.


### **16.0 ENFORCEMENT ORDERS:**


- 16.1 An Order issued by a Designated Officer or the CAO or designate may:

  
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- 16.1.1 Direct a Person to stop doing something, or to change the way in which the Person is doing it;
- 16.1.2 Direct a Person to take any action or measures necessary to remedy the contravention of this Bylaw and, if necessary, to prevent a reoccurrence of the contravention;
- 16.1.3 State a time within which the Person must comply with the directions; or,
- 16.1.4 State that if the Person does not comply with the directions within a specified time, the County will take the action or measure at the expense of the owner or occupier.
- 16.2 An Order issued pursuant to this Section may be served:
  - 16.2.1 By delivering it personally to the Person;
  - 16.2.2 By leaving it for the Person at their apparent place of residence with someone who is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - 16.2.3 By mail, addressed to the Person at their apparent place of residence or at any address for the Person on the tax roll of the County or at the Land Titles registry; or,
  - 16.2.4 By posting it in a conspicuous place on the premises or property referred to on the Order.
- 16.3 If in the opinion of the CAO and/or their designate, service of the written Order cannot be reasonably affected, or if the CAO and/or their designate believes that the owner/occupant of the premises or property is evading service, the CAO and/or their designate may post the written Order in a conspicuous place on the premises or property, or on the private dwelling place of the owner/occupant of the premises or property, and the written Order shall be deemed to be served upon the expiry of three (3) Days after the written Order is posted.
- 16.4 When an owner fails to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw within the time allowed in a written order, the County may enter the premises or property to perform or complete the work necessary to remedy the violation of this Bylaw the costs incurred by the County to remedy the violation will be billed to the owner and will be amounts owing to the County. If the costs are not paid in the time specified by the County, the costs may be charged against the premises or property as a special assessment to be recovered in the same manner as other taxes.
- 16.5 Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to limit or hinder the ability of the County to issue an order pursuant to Section 542, 545, 546, or 645 of the *Municipal Government Act*. A Person who fails to comply with an Order issued pursuant to applicable sections of the *Municipal Government Act* is guilty of an offence.
- 16.6 Where a contravention of this Bylaw has occurred or is occurring, a Designated Officer may issue an Order to the Person responsible for the contravention, pursuant to Section 545 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- 16.7 A Person to whom an order is issued pursuant to Section 545 of the *Municipal Government Act* may request a review of the Order by written notice to Council within fourteen (14) days of the date on which the order is received by that Person. Upon review of the Order, Council may confirm, vary, substitute, or cancel the Order.

  
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- 16.8 A Person who fails to comply with an Order issued pursuant to Section 545 of the Municipal Government Act is guilty of an offence.

### **17.0 AUTHORITY FOR CAPTURE:**


- 17.1 A Designated Officer is, in addition to any other powers or authority granted under this Bylaw or any enactment, authorized to:
- 17.1.1 Capture and impound in a Shelter any Dog that is At Large;
  - 17.1.2 Take any reasonable measures necessary to subdue any Dog that is At Large;
  - 17.1.3 Enter onto lands surrounding any building in pursuit of a Dog while it is At Large;
  - 17.1.4 If a Dog is in Distress, whether or not as a result of enforcement action taken pursuant to this Bylaw, to take the Dog to a Registered Veterinarian for treatment and, once treated, to transfer the Dog to a Shelter;
  - 17.1.5 Capture and Impound any Dog that has been found wounded, abandoned, or diseased.
  - 17.1.6 The Designated Officer is authorized to take reasonable measures to subdue and capture any Dog(s) found to be in contravention of this Bylaw including:
    - i. Baits and lures;
    - ii. Live traps;
    - iii. Snare pole;
    - iv. Other mechanical devices; and,
    - v. Chemical agents providing that such methods are applied in a humane manner.


### **18.0 CONTINUING OFFENCES:**

- 18.1 In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which it continues and a Person guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this Bylaw for each such day.

### **19.0 NOTIFICATIONS OF DOGS AT LARGE:**

- 19.1 A Person other than the Owner who takes control of any Dog found At Large shall immediately notify a Designated Officer.
- 19.2 A Person other than the Owner who takes control of a Dog found At Large shall surrender same to the possession of a Designated Officer.

  
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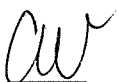
  
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**20.0 IMPOUNDMENT:**

- 20.1 Dogs impounded in a Shelter shall be kept for a minimum period of three (3) Days. In the calculation of the three (3) Day period, Sundays, Statutory Holidays, and Days that the Shelter is not open shall not be included. If the Owner arrives to claim the Animal within three (3) Days, the Shelter may release the animal.
- 20.2 Notwithstanding Section 20.1, where a Dog that has been impounded displays obvious identification tattoos, microchips, brands, marks, tags, or license, the Dog shall be kept by the Shelter a minimum of ten (10) Days from the date the Dog was impounded.
- 20.3 At the expiration of the impoundment period as stated in Sections 20.1 and 20.2, any Dog not redeemed becomes property of the County and may be adopted, given away, or humanely destroyed, at the County's sole discretion.
  - 20.3.1 Notwithstanding the care taken to ensure return of a Dog, if a Dog shall be found by the Designated Officer to be dangerous and/or seriously injured, it may be humanely destroyed.

**21.0 RECLAIMING AN IMPOUNDED ANIMAL:**

- 21.1 Within the period established in Section 20, the Dog may be reclaimed by its Owner, except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, upon payment to the County or its authorized agent of, by paying:
  - 21.1.1 The impoundment fees set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw;
  - 21.1.2 The cost of any veterinary treatment provided in respect of the Dog pursuant to this Bylaw; and,
  - 21.1.3 In the case of an unlicensed Dog, the appropriate License Fee.
    - i. If no license is issued for the Dog, or the conditions of the license have not been met, the Designated Officer is not obliged to release the Dog to the Owner.
- 21.2 At the expiration of the time period established in Section 20, the Designated Officer and/or the Shelter is authorized to:
  - 21.2.1 Offer the Dog for sale or as a gift;
  - 21.2.2 Have the Dog euthanized in a humane manner;
  - 21.2.3 Allow the Dog to be redeemed by its Owner in accordance with the provisions of Section 21; or,
  - 21.2.4 Continue to impound the Dog for an indefinite period of time or for such further period of time as the Designated Officer deems appropriate.
- 21.3 An impounded Vicious Dog shall be kept in the Shelter for a period of three (3) Days from the time the Owner is given authorization, at the sole discretion of the Designated Officer, to reclaim the Dog from the Shelter.

  
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## **22.0 VOLUNTARY SURRENDER:**

- 22.1 An Owner may surrender a Dog to the County at a Shelter, by signing a confirmation of voluntary surrender, paying the required surrender fee as set out in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw, and providing such other information as may be required by the County.
- 22.2 A surrendered Dog becomes the sole property of the County, and the prior Owner retains no interest in the Dog and is not entitled to reclaim the Dog.

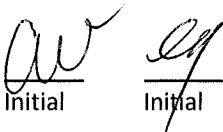
## **23.0 EUTHANASIA:**

- 23.1 Where a Dog has been impounded or surrendered if, in the opinion of a Registered Veterinarian, the Dog should be humanely euthanized for medical reasons, a Registered Veterinarian may immediately proceed to humanely euthanize the Dog.
- 23.2 No action shall be taken against any Person, including a Designated Officer or Registered Veterinarian, acting under the authority of this Bylaw for damages for destruction or other disposal of any Dog in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

## **PART VIII – FINES, PENALTIES, AND VIOLATIONS**

### **24.0 FINES AND VIOLATIONS:**

- 24.1 A Person who is guilty of an offence is liable upon summary conviction to a fine in an amount:
  - 24.1.1 Not less than the specified penalty established in Schedule "A"; and,
  - 24.1.2 Not exceeding \$10,000.00.
- 24.2 Without restricting the generality of Section 24.1, the fines set out in Schedule "A" are established as specified penalties for use on Violation Tickets.
- 24.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum fine payable in respect of a contravention of this Bylaw shown for any offence referred to in Schedule "A" is the immediately adjacent amount shown in the same Schedule.
- 24.4 When a voluntary payment option is provided, the specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of this Bylaw shown for any offence referred to in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw is the immediately adjacent amount shown in the same Schedule.
- 24.5 A contravention of this Bylaw constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day or part of a day on which it continues. A person guilty of such offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this bylaw for each such day. No proceedings may be instituted under this Bylaw more than six (6) months after the last occurrence of the alleged offence.
- 24.6 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum fine and specified penalty payable in respect of a second or subsequent contravention of the same section of this Bylaw committed within twenty-four (24) months shall be double the minimum fine and

  
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specified penalty of the previous offence, and a third offence resulting in a summons up to a maximum penalty of \$10,000.00.


## **25.0 VIOLATION TICKET:**


- 25.1 A Designated Officer is hereby authorized to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedure Act to any Person who the Designated Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
- 25.2 If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket will:
- 25.2.1 State the specified penalty for the offence as set out in Schedule "A" herein;
- or,
- 25.2.2 Require a Person to appear in Provincial Court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 25.3 A Person who commits an offence may:
- 25.3.1 If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and,
- 25.3.2 If the Violation Ticket states the specified penalty established by this Bylaw for the offence, as set out in Schedule "A" herein:
- i. Make a voluntary payment by submitting to a Clerk of the Provincial Court, on or before the initial appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket, the specified penalty set out on the Violation Ticket.
- 25.4 When a clerk of the Provincial Court records the receipt of a voluntary payment pursuant to Section 26.2.2 and the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, the act of recording constitutes acceptance of the guilty plea and also constitutes a conviction and the imposition of a fine in the amount of the specified penalty.
- 25.5 Any Designated Officer, in that Officer's sole discretion, is authorized to issue a Violation Ticket which permits the voluntary payment of the fine or specified penalty indicated thereon in the manner, specified by the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- 25.6 Nothing in this Bylaw shall limit a Designated Officer's discretion to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, or instead lay an information pursuant to the *Criminal Code*, RSC 1985, c C-46 and all amendments thereto, at any time within six (6) months of the last occurrence of the offence.

## **PART IX – GENERAL**

### **26.0 REMEDIES NOT RESTRICTED TO THE BYLAW:**

- 26.1 A Designated Officer may pursue any and all remedies set out in this Bylaw, the *Municipal Government Act*, and any other law in the Province of Alberta. Nothing in this Bylaw shall restrict, limit, or preclude the County from taking multiple steps to regulate Dogs in the County.

  
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- 26.2 An applicant is responsible for and is not excused from ascertaining and complying with the requirements of any Federal, Provincial, or other Municipal legislation, including the County's Land Use Bylaw.
- 26.3 Payment of any fine or imprisonment for any period of time, pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw or any Provincial legislation, shall not relieve any person from the obligation to pay any fees, charges, or costs for which that person is liable.
- 26.4 Payment of any fine or imprisonment for any period as provided for in this Bylaw shall not relieve any person from any civil liability whatsoever which may arise by reason of that person's contravention of any provision of this Bylaw.

**27.0 VICARIOUS LIABILITY:**


- 27.1 For the purposes of this Bylaw, an act or omission by an employee or agent of a Person is deemed also to be an act or omission of the Person if the act or omission occurred in the course of the employee's employment with the Person, or in the course of the agent's exercising the powers or performing the duties on behalf of the Person under their agency relationship.
- 27.2 In this Bylaw, the legal and beneficial Owners of any land are each severally liable and each guilty of the offence if the tenant(s), lessee(s), or occupier(s) of such land contravenes or fails to comply with this Bylaw in relation to such land.
- 27.3 In this Bylaw, the operator and the Owner(s) of any vehicle are each severally liable and each guilty of the offence to either of them contravenes or fails to comply with this Bylaw in relation to any such vehicle. In this section, "owner" has the same definition as used in the *Traffic Safety Act*.


**28.0 CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS:**

- 28.1 When a corporation commits an offence under this Bylaw, every principal, director, manager, employee, or agent of the corporation who authorized the act or omission that constitutes the offence or assented to or acquiesced or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the offence is guilty of the offence whether or not the corporation has been prosecuted for the offence.
- 28.2 If a partner in a partnership is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, each partner in that partnership who authorized the act or omission that constitutes the offence or assented to or acquiesced or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the offence is guilty of the offence.
- 28.3 When a corporation contravenes or fails to comply with this Bylaw, every principal, director, officer, manager, employee or agent of the corporation who authorized, assented to, acquiesced, or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the offence is severally liable and guilty of the offence.

**29.0 STRICT LIABILITY OFFENCE:**

- 29.1 An offence under this Bylaw is a strict liability offence.

  
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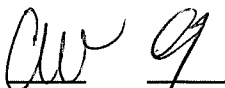
  
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**30.0 REPEAL:**


30.1 Westlock County Bylaw #16-2012 is hereby repealed.

**31.0 SEVERABILITY PROVISION:**

31.1 Should any provision of the Bylaw be deemed invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such portion of the Bylaw shall be severed, and the remainder of this Bylaw shall remain in force and effect.


  
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**READ A FIRST TIME THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2024.**

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

**READ A SECOND TIME THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF October, 2024.**


  
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**READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF October, 2024.**

  
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**Schedule "A"**


<b>Bylaw Section Number</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>4.3</b>	Providing false or misleading information.	\$1,000
<b>4.4</b>	Owner of an unlicensed Dog.	\$100
<b>5.4</b>	Owner of a licensed Dog not wearing License Tag while off the Owner's Property.	\$100
<b>7.1</b>	Excessive number of Dogs.	\$1,000
<b>8.1</b>	Owner of a Dog At Large: A) Licensed. B) Unlicensed.	\$75 \$150
<b>8.2</b>	Owner of a Dog which barks, howls, or makes another noise thereby disturbing the quiet or repose of any Person.	\$150
<b>8.3</b>	Bringing a Dog to a place where Dogs are prohibited.	\$250
<b>8.4</b>	Owner of a Dog which bites, attacks, threatens, harasses, chases, injures, or kills any human or Animal.	\$2,500
<b>8.5</b>	Owner of a Dog which chases a Motor Vehicle.	\$150
<b>8.6</b>	Owner of a Dog which causes Damage to Property.	\$1,000 Plus any incurred costs

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<b>Bylaw Section Number</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>8.7</b>	Owner of a Dog that has upset any waste receptacle.	\$150
<b>8.8</b>	Owner of a Dog that behaves in such a manner as to alarm or cause any Person to fear for their physical safety.	\$150
<b>8.9</b>	Owner of a Dog which is present in an area where signs indicate Dogs are not permitted.	\$150
<b>8.10</b>	Owner of a Dog left unattended in a public place.	\$150
<b>8.11</b>	Any Person, who without the knowledge or consent of the Owner, unties, loosens, or otherwise frees a Dog that was tied or otherwise restrained.	\$500
<b>8.12.1</b>	Any Person who interferes with or attempts to obstruct a Designated Officer who is attempting to capture or who has captured a Dog.	\$1,000
<b>8.13</b>	Failure to report a Dog attack to a Designated Officer.	\$1,000
<b>9.1</b>	Failure of Owner to keep a female Dog in heat (estrus) Housed and Confined.	\$150
<b>9.2</b>	Failure, refuse or neglect to comply with an enforcement order in relation to a Nuisance Dog.	\$1,000
<b>9.4</b>	Failure to remove defecation immediately and/or properly.	\$150

  
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<b>Bylaw Section Number</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>9.5</b>	Failure to carry suitable means of removing defecated matter.	\$150
<b>9.6</b>	Failure to keep property where a Dog is kept in clean and tidy condition.	\$150
<b>9.7</b>	Nuisance Dog in yard when no Owner at home disturbs another person.	\$150
<b>10.1</b>	Any Person who teases, torments, provokes, abuses, or injures a Dog.	\$1,000
<b>10.2</b>	Leaving a Dog unattended in a Motor Vehicle.	\$250
<b>10.3</b>	Failure to properly secure a Dog in or on a Motor Vehicle in motion.	\$250
<b>10.4</b>	Harbouring more than two (2) Dogs.	\$250
<b>10.5</b>	Owner failing to provide a Dog with appropriate care provisions.	\$250
<b>10.6</b>	Owner failing to provide a Dog with appropriate shelter provisions.	\$250
<b>12.1</b>	Owner of a Vicious Dog which bites, attacks, threatens, harasses, chases, injures, or kills any human or Animal.	\$3,000
<b>12.2.2</b>	Failure of an Owner of Vicious Dog to post a sign indicating Vicious Dog.	\$250

  
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<b>Bylaw Section Number</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>12.2.5</b>	Failure of Owner of a Vicious Dog to notify the County in the event of sale, gift, transfer of ownership, or death.	\$500
<b>12.3</b>	Failure of Owner of a Vicious Dog to keep a Dog properly confined/provide Secure Enclosure.	\$1,000
<b>12.4</b>	Failure of Owner of a Vicious Dog to keep the Dog Muzzled and harnessed or leashed while off the Owner's property.	\$1,000
<b>12.5</b>	Owner of a Vicious Dog At Large.	\$1,000
<b>12.6</b>	Owner of a Vicious Dog failing to notify the owner and/or the legal occupant of a property the Vicious Dog is on.	\$250
<b>12.7</b>	Owner of an unlicensed Vicious Dog.	\$500
<b>12.8</b>	Owner of a Vicious Dog fails to provide proof of \$500,000.00 liability insurance.	\$500
<b>13.3</b>	Failure to tie, confine, or to otherwise secure a Dog and prevent from being at large when a rabies outbreak order has been placed.	\$1,000
<b>13.4</b>	Destroy Dog without written consent.	\$1,000
<b>14.2</b>	Failure to surrender a Dog at the request of a Designated Officer.	\$1,000
<b>15.4</b>	Obstructing or hindering a Designated Officer, agent of the County, or any other Person in the	\$500

  
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<b>Bylaw Section Number</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
	exercise or performance of that Person's powers pursuant to this Bylaw.	
<b>16.5</b>	Failure to comply with an Order issued pursuant to the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> .	\$500
<b>N/A</b>	An offence for which a penalty is not otherwise provided in this Schedule.	\$100


  
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**Schedule "B"**

<b>Lifetime License Rate for each Dog</b>	<b>Fee Excluding GST</b>	<b>GST Status T = Taxed E=Exempt</b>
a) For each neutered male or spayed female Dog	\$15.00 (one-time fee)	E
b) For each unaltered male or female Dog	\$30.00 (one-time fee)	E
c) Rate for Replacement License Tag	\$5.00	E
<b>Yearly License Rate for each Vicious Dog</b>		
a) For each neutered Vicious male or Vicious spayed female Dog	\$250.00	E
b) For each unaltered Vicious male or Vicious female Dog	\$500.00	E
c) Surcharge for Expired Vicious Dog License	\$100.00	E
<b>Impoundment Rates</b>		
Those charges rendered by the veterinarian that impounds the Dog, or if a veterinarian is not used, the same charges as would be charged by a veterinarian in the locale of the County's Offices or similar services.	Actual Costs	T
Rate for Voluntary Animal Surrender	\$50	E
<b>Medical Rates</b>		
Associated costs for any medical services that may have been required.	Actual Costs	T

  
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