



The Corporation of The Township of Carlow/Mayo

By-Law 15-2025

Being A By-Law To Regulate The Keeping And Control Of Dogs Within The Township of Carlow/Mayo

Whereas Council deems it advisable to provide for the keeping, regulating and control of dogs and to provide for the removal of dog excrement on public or private property within the Township of Carlow/Mayo;

And Whereas Section 103 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, authorizes that Council of a Municipality to pass By-Laws regulating or prohibiting with respect to the being at large or trespassing of and control of dogs in the Municipality;

And Whereas Section 105 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, Provides that where a Municipality requires a dog to be muzzled the owner may request a hearing and that such requirement to muzzle remains in effect until such time as the hearing is conducted;

And Whereas Section 425(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, provides that By-Laws may be passed by a Municipality to provide that a person who contravenes a By-Law of the Municipality passed under the *Municipal Act, 2001* is guilty of an offence;

And Whereas Section 429(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, Provides that a Municipality may establish a system of fines for offences under a By-Law passed under the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

And Whereas Section 436 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, provides that a Municipality has the power to pass By-Laws providing that the Municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not the following are being complied with: a By-Law of the Municipality passed under the Act, a direction or order for the Municipality made under this Act or made under a By-Law of the Municipality passed under this Act and a condition of a license issued under a By-Law of the Municipality passed under this Act;

Now Therefore the Council of The Cooperation of The Township of Carlow/Mayo enacts as follows:

Part 1 Short Title

- 1.1. This By-Law may be referred to as the Dog By-Law.

Part 2 Definitions

- 2.1. **Act:** means the *Dog Owners' Liability Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.D.16, as amended or any Act and Regulations enacted in substitutions, therefore.
- 2.2. **Bite:** a puncture wound to the skin as a result of contact with a dog's tooth or teeth, and bitten has a corresponding meaning.
- 2.3. **Dangerous Dog:** means any dog that:
- a) Has killed a domestic animal, regardless of circumstance;
 - b) Has bitten or injured a person or domestic animal without provocation;
 - c) Has shown the disposition or tendency to be threatening or aggressive; or,
 - d) Has been declared dangerous in another Municipality



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- 2.4. **Dog:** means a male or female domesticated canine, service dog, and over the age of 4 months.
- 2.5. **Clerk:** means the Clerk for the Township.
- 2.6. **Council:** means the Council of The Corporation of Township of Carlow/Mayo.
- 2.7. **Excessive:** means the continuous barking or howling of a dog, but does not mean the barking or howling of a dog when a person provokes the animal or enters onto the property;
- 2.8. **Harbor:** shall mean owning, having care, custody or control of a dog;
- 2.9. **Kennel:** shall mean building or structure where more than 3 dogs are kept, bred or boarded, and the said kennel must be lawfully operated in accordance with the Township's Zoning By-Law.
- 2.10. **Leash:** means a chain, rope, or other similar device which is designed to be held by a person and is used or designed to be used to restrain a dog.
- 2.11. **Municipal Dog Pound:** shall mean the Municipal Dog Pound which the Township has formed an agreement with Located at 326 Monck Road, R. R. 3, Bancroft, Ontario K0L1C0
- 2.12. **Municipality:** shall mean The Corporation of the Township of Carlow/Mayo.
- 2.13. **Muzzle:** shall mean a humane fastening or covering device of adequate strength and design and suitable to the breed of the dog that fits over the mouth of a dog and cannot be removed by the dog, to prevent a dog from biting or attacking a person or domestic animal.
- 2.14. **Muzzle Order:** means a Muzzle Order issued by an Officer of the Township.
- 2.15. **Officer:** means a person appointed by Council as a By-Law Enforcement Officer, Or Animal Control Officer, or a Police Officer, or other individual duly appointed to enforce this By-Law.
- 2.16. **Owner:** means and includes any person who possesses or harbors a dog within the Township. Where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor is deemed to be the owner of the dog.
- 2.17. **Pound:** means premises that are used for the sheltering, keeping, maintenance or disposal of dogs that have been impounded pursuant to a By-Law of a Municipality or the *Dog Owners' Liability Act*.
- 2.18. **Public Beach:** shall mean any beach that is used by the general public on Municipal or Crown Land.
- 2.19. **Running at Large:** means the running at large of a dog when it is found on a highway, roadway, laneway, public space, or any other property, other than the property where it is usually kept, and not under the control of any person.
- 2.20. **Service Dog:** means a dog trained to perform specific tasks for a person with disabilities.



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- 2.21. **Township:** shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Carlow/Mayo
- 2.22. **Without Provocation:** means in the absence of teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting actions upon the dog or its owner, either in the past or in the present, by the person or domestic animal which has been bitten by the dog.

Part 3 General Prohibitions

- 3.1. Every person who owns or harbors a dog shall, in a sanitary manner, remove forthwith and dispose of any excrement left by such a dog anywhere within the Township, excluding that of the owner's property.
- 3.2. No owner shall allow a dog to excessively howl or bark or otherwise become a nuisance.
- 3.3. Every owner shall upon leaving their property ensure the dog is properly restrained and if stipulated muzzled.
- 3.4. No person who owns or keeps a dog, or dogs, shall knowingly or unknowingly permit such a dog, or dogs to run at large, except that nothing in this By-Law shall prevent the lawful use of a dog or dogs for hunting during legal hunting season.
- 3.5. An Officer may impound or seize any dog found to be in contravention of this By-Law.
- 3.6. If an Officer is unable to seize any dog found to be running at large, and the owner of such a dog is known, the owner is guilty of an offence and shall be subject to a penalty in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.
- 3.7. Where a dog is impounded, the owner, shall be liable for designated impound fees and/or veterinary fees as prescribed. All fees shall be paid prior to the release of the dog to the owner.
- 3.8. Any dog impounded may be released to the Municipal Dog Pound.
- 3.9. Any dog, or dogs, which are not released to the owner as set out above, may be sold or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the Municipal Dog Pounds By-Laws and policies.
- 3.10. No owner shall allow a dog to trespass on private property, even when on leash.
- 3.11. No owner shall have a dog on public property unless the dog is leashed and under control.
- 3.12. No owner shall have a dog on a public beach.
- 3.13. No owner shall permit a dog to be within a Township owned or operated facility or building used by the public at any time except for a Service Dog, unless during an event where dogs have been approved or where Council has deemed permitted.
- 3.14. Every person being the owner of a Kennel within the Township of Carlow/Mayo shall pay an annual fee as set by the Townships User Fee By-Law on or before the 1st day of January each year, or within 30 days of establishing such a Kennel.

Part 4 Dangerous Dog / Muzzle Order

- 4.1. An Officer may declare a dog a Dangerous Dog:
- 4.1.1. Upon receipt of a signed Declaration Regarding a Dangerous Dog in



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the form attached hereto as Schedule "A", attested to by a witness who saw the dog commit an action consistent with that of a Dangerous Dog. The Declaration must identify the dog, the owner and owner's address; or

- 4.1.2. Upon receipt by the Township of a signed Declaration attested to by the Director, Administrator, Clerk or officer of another Municipality where the dog has been declared dangerous.
- 4.2. Where a dog is declared a Dangerous Dog, a Muzzle Order shall be served on the Owner of the dog by an Officer, and shall include the following requirements on the owner:
 - 4.2.1. When the dog is on the property of the owner, the dog shall be inside a building or house, or restrained to the side or rear yard with a securely placed leash or a fully enclosed pen of sufficient design and strength to contain the dog;
 - 4.2.2. When the dog is off the property of the owner, the dog shall be restrained by means of a securely attached muzzle, a leash with a maximum length of one (1) meter of sufficient strength and under the effective control of a person sixteen (16) years of age or older;
 - 4.2.3. The owner of the dog shall display a warning sign at the main entrance of the property that is clearly visible, warning of a dangerous dog;
 - 4.2.4. Provide the Municipality with a copy of current rabies vaccination records; and
 - 4.2.5. Notify the By-Law Department as to any changes in residency of the dangerous dog, transfer of ownership to another person or if the dangerous dog has been destroyed.
- 4.3. A Muzzle Order shall be served personally or by registered mail to the last known address. Such an order that has been served by registered mail shall be deemed to have been received by the person to whom it was served to on the fifth (5th) day after it is mailed.
- 4.4. Upon request, the owner of the dog is entitled to a hearing by the Council, or a Committee and the Committee or Council may amend, confirm or resend thereof or a designated official of the Township and upon examining all the facts the dog may be exempted from muzzling, or the conditions of muzzling will continue to apply.
- 4.5. The owner of the Dangerous Dog shall comply with all terms and requirements made in the Muzzle Order.
- 4.6. The provisions of this section do not prevent, supersede or quell proceedings pursuant to the *Dog Owners' Liability Act* by any other party and does not prevent the Officer from proceeding under the *Dog Owners' Liability Act* in place of this section where warranted

Part 5 Exemptions

- 5.1. Working Dogs in service shall be exempt from the Dangerous Dog provisions of this By-Law.



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Part 6 Powers of Entry

- 6.1. An Officer may enter lands at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine compliance with this By-Law.
- 6.2. An Officer may bring whomever they deem fit to assist them in their duties such as but not limited to a Police Officer, Township Clerk or an employee of the Township.

Part 7 Obstruction

- 7.1. No person shall obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer or other duly appointed person who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-Law.
- 7.2. Any person who had been alleged to have contravened any provision under this By-Law shall identify themselves by photo identification to an Officer upon request, failure to do so shall be deemed obstruction.

Part 8 Offence & Penalty Provisions

- 8.1. Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O1990,. C.P. 33, as amended.
- 8.2. Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and may be subject to such fees or charges as described in this By-Law under Schedule "B" Part 1 *Provincial Offences Act*.

Part 9 Severability

- 9.1. Should any provisions, or any part of a provision, of this By-Law be declared invalid, or to be of no force or effect, by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of Council that such a provision, or part of a provision, shall be severed from this By-Law, and every other provision of this By-Law shall be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the extent possible according to law.

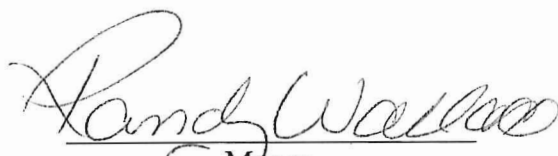
Part 10 Repeal

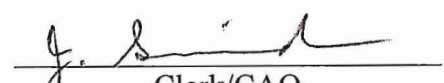
- 10.1. By-Law No. 22-2021, as amended, and any other By-Laws, resolutions or parts of By-Law or resolutions inconsistent with this By-Law are hereby repealed.

Part 11 Effective Date

- 11.1. This By-Law shall come into effect on the day that it is passed.

Read A First, Second And Third Time And Finally Passed This 11^h Day Of March 2025.


Mayor,
Randy Wallace


Clerk/CAO
Jenny Snider

Certified A True Copy





The Corporation of The Township of Carlow/Mayo
Schedule “A” To By-Law 15-2025

**Being A By-Law To Regulate The Keeping And Control Of Dogs
Within The Township of Carlow/Mayo
Declaration of a Dangerous Dog**

Owner of Dog		
Name:	Address:	
Description of Dog		
Name of Dog:	Breed:	Colour:
Special Markings:	Age:	Spayed/Neutered:
Veterinary Clinic:	Rabies Tag No.	Microchip No.
Location of Incident		
Date:	Time:	
Address:	Location on Property:	
Location of Street:	Other:	
Description of Incident		
Witness Information		
(The information contained in this declaration is true to the best of my knowledge)		
Signature of Witness (person who witnessed the alleged dangerous dog bite a person or domestic animal)		Date
Please Print Your Name		
Address of Witness		Contact # of Witness:
Signature of By-Law Enforcement Officer or Clerk		Date:
Form to be completed in full and returned in person to:		
Township Of Carlow/Mayo Office 3987 Boulter Road, Boulter, Ontario K0L 1G0		
Please note that you may be required to attend a hearing in the event an appeal is filed.		

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The Corporation of The Township of Carlow/Mayo
Schedule "B" To By-Law 15-2025

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Part 1 Provincial Offences Act Set Fines

Item	Column 1 Short Form Wording	Column 2 Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Column 3 Set Fine
1	Fail to remove excrement	Section 3.1	\$150.00
3	Allow dog to become a nuisance	Section 3.2	\$150.00
4	Allow dog to be at large	Section 3.4	\$150.00
5	Allow dog to trespass on private property	Section 3.10	\$150.00
6	Allow dog on public property- not leashed	Section 3.11	\$150.00
7	Allow dog on public beach	Section 3.12	\$150.00
8	Allow dog into Township facility or building without approval	Section 3.13	\$150.00
9	Failure to pay kennel fee	Section 3.14	\$150.00
11	Fail to comply with Muzzle Order	Section 4.5	\$300.00
12	Hinder or Obstruct an Officer	Section 7.1	\$300.00

"NOTE: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 8.1 of
By-Law No. 15-2025, a certified copy of which has been filed"

The fine amounts listed above have been approved by the Regional Senior Justice.

Dated: March 19, 2025

Electronic Signature:

W. Vincent Clifford, R.S.J.

W. Vincent Clifford
Regional Senior Justice
Ontario Court of Justice - East Region

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J. S. **CAO/CLERK**
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