

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RIVERSIDE NO. 168
SPECIAL SERVICE AREA SUCCESS**

BYLAW NO. 4-2024

**A BYLAW FOR THE CONTROL, LICENSING AND PREVENTION
OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Riverside No. 168 Special Service Area Success in the Province of Saskatchewan deems it desirable to provide for the regulation, control, licensing and prevention of cruelty to animals;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RIVERSIDE, hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Animal Control Bylaw”
2. In this Bylaw:

“Animal”	means any such other living thing other than a human being with the exception of fish;
“Animal at Large”	means an animal, which is off the premises of its owner and is not under the immediate physical control of a competent and responsible person;
“Cat”	means either the male or female of the feline family;
“Cat Run”	means a permanent structure outside of a residential dwelling unit, used for the containment of a cat
“Council”	means the Council of the Village;
“License Issuer”	means an employee, Town Administrator or licensed business authorized to sell animal license tags on behalf of the Village;
“Licensed Kennel”	means a kennel licensed pursuant to the Business License Bylaw of the Village;
“Live Capture Cage”	means a cage or trap placed for the live capture of animals;
“Neutered Animal”	means an animal certified by a licensed veterinarian to be sexually sterile;
“Officer”	means a person appointed as a Bylaw Officer or Animal Control Officer to enforce the bylaws of the Rural Municipality of Riverside, and any Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer to enforce the bylaws of the Rural Municipality of Riverside;

“Owner”	means a person who owns, harbours, possesses or has control or custody of an animal;
“Poundkeeper”	means a person appointed by resolution of Council pursuant to this Bylaw to provide poundkeeping services;
“Provocation”	means incitement to anger, cause irritation or annoyance;
“Village”	means the Municipal Corporation of the Rural Municipality of Riverside;
“Rural Municipality Administrator”	means the senior Administrative officer of the Rural Municipality of Riverside appointed pursuant to <i>The Municipalities Act</i> or his or her designate;
“Working Day”	means a calendar day or portion thereof when an animal is kept and cared for by the Poundkeeper

LICENSES

3. No person shall harbor any breed of livestock within the limits of the Special Service Area Success.
4. No person shall own a dog or cat within the Rural Municipality unless the dog or cat is licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaw.
5. No person shall own, keep, have in his possession or harbor more than three (3) dogs over the age of six (6) months.
6. No person shall own, keep, have in his possession or harbor more than three (3) cats over the age of three (3) months.
7. The Rural Municipality Administrator may enter into contracts with one or more licensed businesses in the Rural Municipality for the purpose of issuing dog and cat licenses.
8. Every owner of each dog and cat owned thereof shall apply to the license issuer for a dog or cat license and pay a license fee of \$20.00 annually.
9. For the purposes of Section 7 of this bylaw a dog or cat shall not be licensed as a neutered dog or cat unless the applicant produces a certificate from a licensed veterinarian certifying that such dog or cat is sexually sterile.

10. Every owner applying for a dog or cat license shall produce or provide the following:
 - a) His or her name, municipal address and mailing address;
 - b) Name and description of the dog or cat to be licensed;
 - c) A certificate from a licensed veterinarian certifying that the dog or cat to be licensed has received a rabies vaccination and is valid on the date of the application; and
 - d) Such other information as may be required by the Village
11. Where the application is made for a dog or cat license in accordance with Section 9 of this bylaw, and the appropriate fee is paid in accordance with Section 7 of this bylaw, the license issuer shall issue a numbered dog/cat license tag and shall record in the ledger retained for that purpose the number of the tag and the description and details of the dog/cat and owner.
12. Where a dog or cat license is lost or stolen, a license issuer may issue a replacement tag upon being satisfied of the loss or theft and upon payment of the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each replacement tag so issued.
13. Any person who is visually impaired and requires the assistance of a dog shall, upon application, be issued a license tag for such dog without payment of fees.
14. A dog or cat license shall be dated the date of issue. No refund of the license fee or any portion thereof shall be made where death, disposal or removal of the dog or cat from the Rural Municipality has occurred.
15. Dog and cat licenses issued shall not be transferable from one dog/cat to another.
16. Every person who becomes the owner of a dog or cat in respect of which a valid license has been obtained by the former owner, shall notify the Rural Municipality within fifteen (15) days of his or her name, civic address, and the number of the dog or cat license tag.
17. A dog or cat license tag shall at all times be securely fastened to the collar, choke or harness worn by the dog or cat to which the license tag applies.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

18. No person shall allow any animal in his or her possession, charge or control:
 - a) To pursue or bark at any vehicle within Rural Municipality limits so as to constitute a nuisance;
 - b) To pursue or bark at any person so as to constitute a nuisance;
 - c) To disturb the peace and quiet of any person;
 - d) To enter upon any park, playground, public place where signs erected by the Rural Municipality restrict or prohibit such entry, or private property other than such property owned by the animal's owner
 - e) To have an expired rabies vaccination certificate; or
 - f) To bite any person without provocation.
19. No person shall allow their cat to run at large unless it has been spayed or neutered.

20. No person shall allow their dog to run at large
21. No person shall run an animal in harness so as to obstruct traffic or pedestrians.
22. No person shall cause unnecessary suffering to an animal by neglect or deprivation nor shall any person punish or abuse an animal in a manner or to an extent that is cruel or unnecessary.
23. Where an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately.
24. No person shall:
 - a) Interfere, obstruct or attempt to obstruct an Officer lawfully engaged in the pursuit or seizure of an animal at large;
 - b) Unlock, unlatch or otherwise open the vehicle in which animals seized by an Officer have been or are being placed;
 - c) Remove or attempt to remove an animal from the possession or control of an officer except in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw; or
 - d) Close or unlock, unlatch or otherwise open to remove or attempt to remove an animal from a live capture cage placed by an Officer.

AT LARGE

25. An officer may take whatever actions are appropriate to seize an animal found at large and may deliver such animal to the SPCA in Swift Current or the Rural Municipality of Riverside No. 168 Special Service Area Success Poundkeeper for impoundment.
26. Any person may seize an animal found at large and deliver such animal to an Officer who, upon being satisfied that the animal was at large, may deliver such animal to the SPCA in Swift Current or the Rural Municipality of Riverside No. 168 Special Service Area Success Poundkeeper for impoundment.
27. Any person may use such force as is necessary to prevent injury to any person being attacked by an animal.
28. Any officer may destroy an animal that is in the act of pursuing or attacking or injuring a person or domesticated animal.

CAT RUN(S)

29. Where cats that are not spayed or neutered, are housed or kept in a cat run, the owner of the cats shall:
 - a) Ensure that the cat run is located no closer than one (1) metre from any property line and no closer than five (5) metres from any neighboring dwelling unit;
 - b) Daily cause all defecation to be removed from the cat run and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

30. The Officer may order the owner of any cat housed or kept in a cat run and the owner or occupant of any property upon which a cat run is located to remedy the requirements set out in this section within a period of time specified.
31. No owner of a cat shall fail to immediately remove any exposed defecation of the cat from private property, other than property owned or occupied by the owner, and dispose of the defecation in a sanitary manner.

CAT TRAPS

32. The Rural Municipality may set out live animal traps upon complaints of tax payers as to cat issue problems;
33. Where a trap is set out by any other persons other than the poundkeeper they will be charged with a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00).

VICIOUS OR RABID ANIMALS

34. Any animal shall be deemed to be vicious or a public nuisance if it has made an unprovoked attack upon any person or domesticated animal in the course of which such person or animal is bitten or injured or where such person suffers damage to his or her person, clothing or personal property.
35. Where an animal is deemed to be vicious or a public nuisance, such animal shall, in the public interest, be forthwith impounded and quarantined for a period of ten (10) days; and
 - a) If found to be rabid, destroyed, or
 - b) If found not to be rabid then subject to any proceedings which may be instituted pursuant to section 36 of this Bylaw, disposed of in accordance with Section 48 of this Bylaw
 - c) All costs for the impoundment and quarantining of such animal shall be borne by the owner of the animal. Where no owner is identified, the Rural Municipality will bear the costs of impoundment and quarantining.
36. Where an impounded animal is found to show severe symptoms of distemper, hepatitis, or parvo virus, including depression, dehydration, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea with or without blood, the pound, after notifying the Village, shall have authority to destroy the animal. The Poundkeeper shall first take all reasonable steps to notify the owner thereof of his or her intention to destroy such animal.
37. Where it has been determined by an Officer that an animal has been provoked into making an attack which causes damage or injury to a person or animal, the animal may be impounded and quarantined for a period of ten (10) days, the terms and conditions of which shall be in accordance with section 33 of this bylaw.
38. On complaint made on oath before a Justice of the Peace that an animal has pursued, attacked or injured any person or domesticated animal, the Justice may issue a Summons directed to the owner of such animal requiring the owner to appear before the Justice at a time and place therein stated to answer such complaint.

39. No order made or penalty imposed pursuant to Section 36 shall bar any person from bringing an action for the recovery of damages for loss or damage to any property, or injury to any person or domesticated animal caused by another animal.

IMPOUNDMENT

40. For the purpose of impounding any animal found at large in the Village, a pound shall be established at such place as may be designated by resolution of Council as a pound.
41. A Council may, by resolution, authorize the Rural Municipality to enter into contracts within one or more persons for the provision of poundkeeping services.
42. Every Poundkeeper shall receive and detain in the pound any animal found running at large and shall detain same until disposal of it in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
43. The Poundkeeper shall keep a record of all animals impounded and of the time and manner of their disposal. Said records shall be open for inspection by the Rural Municipality Administrator at any time.
44. Any Poundkeeper appointed under the provisions of this bylaw is hereby empowered to collect all necessary fees in connection with the impounding of animals and for the keeping of such animals at the pound.
45. The Poundkeeper or such other person as may be designated by the Rural Municipality Administrator shall supply to each animal impounded under the authority of this bylaw sufficient food and water during its confinement in the pound, and to maintain clean and properly vented enclosures for impounded animals.
46. The Rural Municipality will not bear the cost for any animal impounded for more than five working days except in the case where an animal has been quarantined pursuant to Section 33 of this bylaw.
47. Fines and fees shall be paid to the Rural Municipality or the poundkeeper in respect of animal seized in accordance with those sums prescribed and set out in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.
48. The poundkeeper shall not release an animal seized under this Bylaw unless:
- a) All fines and fees pursuant to this Bylaw have been paid, and
 - b) The animal, if a dog or cat, is licensed and is wearing a Rural Municipality of Riverside No. 168 Special Service Area Success dog or cat tag

NOTIFICATION

49. Where the animal impounded is wearing a collar to which is attached a valid license, the Poundkeeper or the Rural Municipality Administrator shall, send notice in the form of Schedule "B" to the owner of the address as shown in the

records made when the license was purchased. No liability whatsoever shall be attached to the Village, or the Poundkeeper by reason of the failure of the Owner to receive such notice.

DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED ANIMALS

50. If an impounded animal is not claimed within five (5) days from the time such animal is received at the pound, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory holidays, and the fees if any, paid as therein provided, said dog may be disposed of by the Poundkeeper without further notice in the following manner:
- a) Subject to section 46, disposal by adoption, where in the opinion of the Poundkeeper the dog is suitable for adoption;
 - b) Disposal by euthanasia where in the opinion of the Poundkeeper the dog is not suitable for adoption,
 - c) Disposal by euthanasia if the animal cannot be sold for adoption within a reasonable time, at the discretion of the Poundkeeper.


GENERAL

51. Where an Officer having reasonable and probable grounds to believe that there has been violation of the provisions of this Bylaw and where the subject animal is located on private property, the Officer may seize such animal upon obtaining a court order.
52. No damages or compensation may be recovered on account of an animal destroyed by an Officer or Poundkeeper acting in good faith and with reasonable cause under this bylaw.

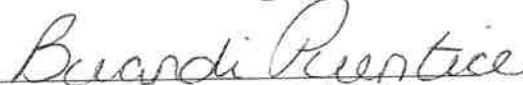
COMING INTO FORCE

53. This Bylaw shall come into effect August 13, 2024.





Reeve



Beardi Prentice
Administrator

Certified a True copy of
Bylaw 4-2024 as Adopted by
Resolution of Council August 13, 2024



Reeve



Beardi Prentice
Administrator

SCHEDULE "A"
FORMING PART OF BYLAW NO. 1-2011

CHARGES FOR THE RELAEASE OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS

1. First Offence:
\$100.00 plus \$6.00 per day or part thereof plus license fee if unlicensed.
2. Second and subsequent offences within one 12 month period.
\$175.00 plus \$6.00 per day or part thereof plus license fee if unlicensed.