

THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD

By-Law No. 19-99

Being a By-Law to **Regulate and Prohibit the Running at Large of Dogs** and for the **Requiring the Licensing and Registration of Dogs** and for **Imposing a License Fee for Dogs** in the municipality.

Short Title
DOG CONTROL and LICENCING BY-LAW

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. M. 45;

The Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. L.24 as amended;

The Pounds Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. P.17, and The Animals for Research Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. A22, enacts as follows;

1. In this By-Law:
 - 1.1 **'Canine Control Officer'** means the person or fire appointed by Council to carry out and perform the duties assigned to the Canine Control Officer under this By-Law, the Pound Act and the Animals for Research Act.
 - 1.2 **'Dog'** means male or female dog.
 - 1.3 **'Owner of dog'** includes a person who possesses or harbours a dog, and where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor.
 - 1.4 **'Pound'** means premises that are used for the detention, maintenance or disposal of dogs that have been impounded pursuant to this By-Law.
2. The owner of every dog within the Township of South-West Oxford shall register the dog with the clerk or other person authorized for such purposes within a reasonable time after acquiring the dog.
3. The owner of every dog within the Township of South-West Oxford, whether he has registered the dog or not, **shall pay annually before the 31st of May**, the following license fees:
 - 3.1 \$15.00 for the first male or female dog, and,
 - 3.2 \$25.00 for each additional male or female dog on the property, regardless of ownership, and,
 - 3.3 For the purpose of imposing the licensing fee reference shall be made to the number of dogs habitually kept on the premises and not whether in fact the dog or dogs in question are owned by the same person.
4. Where the owner acquired a dog after the expiration of six months out of the year, he shall be required to pay to the Municipality only one-half of the license fee for that year as set out above.
5. On payment of the license fee, the Clerk or other person authorized for such purpose shall supply to the owner a tag for each dog licensed.
6. The tag shall bear a serial number and the year in which it was issued and a record shall be kept by the license issuer showing the serial number of the tag, the date it was issued, the name and address of the owner, and a short description of the dog.
7. Upon satisfactory proof that a tag has been lost, a new tag may be issued on payment of one dollar (\$1.00.)

8. The tag shall be kept securely fastened on the dog at all times during to year and until the owner procures a tag for the following year except that the tag may be removed when the dog is lawfully used for hunting in the bush.
- 9.1 The owner of a kennel of dogs that are registered or eligible for registration with an association incorporated under the **Animal Pedigree Act (Canada,)** shall pay an annual fee of **fifty dollars** (\$50.00) to the Township as a license fee to the kennel instead of a license fee for each dog.
- 9.2 A kennel license will be issued by the Township Clerk or Deputy Clerk upon proof being provided that the dogs in the kennel are registered or eligible for registration with an association incorporated under the **Animal Pedigree Act** (Canada,) provided that the property is appropriately zoned for a kennel by **By-Law No. 25-98**, as amended.
10. The Canine Control Officer and the person authorized to issue dog tags and collect dog licenses fees shall be appointed by By-Law and shall hold office at the pleasure of Council.
11. The Canine Control Officer shall perform the duties set out herein and shall be subject to the provisions of the **Animals for Research Act** and **The Pounds Act** except as hereinafter varied.
12. For every dog impounded, the owner or person reclaiming the dog shall pay to the Canine Control Officer the sum of all costs incurred for the pick-up and care of the dog, including a dog license fee if required.
13. The dog shall not be released from the pound until the pound costs set out above are paid and the Canine Control Officer is satisfied that the proper tag has been procured from the Clerk or other person authorized for such purpose.
14. **No owner shall permit any dog to run at large at any time within the Township of South-West Oxford.**
15. **For the purpose of Section 14 of this By-Law, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of any person.**
16. **No person shall permit any dog of vicious or ferocious nature or any female dog while in heat to run at large in the Township of South-West Oxford.**
17. No owner shall permit any dog to run at large at any time within the limits of any and all Registered Plans of Subdivisions or in any and all Villages in the Township of South-West Oxford.
18. **Any dog found running at large in contravention of the foregoing Sections may be seized or impounded by the Canine Control Officer and the provisions of the Animals for Research Act and this By-Law shall apply hereto.**
19. The Canine Control Officer may seize, impound and kill any dog;
 - (a) that is found killing or injuring livestock or poultry,
 - (b) that in a Township or Village is found between sunset and sunrise straying from the premises where the dog is habitually kept.
 - (c) that is found straying at any time and not under the proper control, upon premises where livestock or poultry are habitually kept
20. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of South-West Oxford shall appoint valuers of sheep, cattle and poultry and they shall be governed by the provisions of **The Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act**.
21. Kennels may be established in the Township of South-West Oxford only in those Zones which are zoned for agricultural purposes or farm residential purposes as set out in the **Zoning By-Law** for the Township of South-West Oxford, No. 25-98, as amended from time to time.

22. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for under the **Provincial Offences Act**.

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23. In cases where it is alleged that any of the provisions of the By-Law respecting dogs running at large have been contravened, the penalty may be paid to the Treasurer of the Township voluntarily out of court and if such payment is not made, the fine shall be recoverable under **The Provincial Offences Act**.

24. The following By-Laws are hereby repealed:
- By-Law No. 8-82**
 - By-Law No. 32-82**
 - By-Law No. 7-91**
 - By-Law No. 5-92**
 - By-Law No. 5-96**

25. This By-Law shall come into force and effect on the date of the final passing hereof.

READ a First and Second time this 6th day of April, 1999.

READ a Third time and finally passed this 6th day of April, 1999.

Signed;

MAYOR: Margaret (Peg) Caffyn

CLERK: Allen Forrester

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