



PART 5 - POLICE AND FIRE REGULATIONS
Division 5 - Animal Control

Subdivision 1 - Interpretation

5.5.1. 1. In this bylaw unless otherwise specified:

"Cat" shall mean any domesticated cat of the feline species apparently over the age of FOUR (4) months;

"Dog" shall mean any animal of the canine species apparently over the age of FOUR (4) months;

"Control Officer" shall mean the person(s), company or organization appointed; from time to time by the District to ensure compliance with this Division of the Municipal Code;

"Leash" shall mean a tether, strap or device, not exceeding six feet in length, used to secure an animal to a person;

"Owner" shall mean any adult person residing on and/or owning the property where the animal is normally harboured, possessed or domiciled;

"Owner of Record" shall mean the person or persons shown as the licensed owner on the District record;

"Paved Roadway" shall mean the paved surface of any road or parking lot and shall include an area six feet adjacent to the paved surface;

"Paved Walkway" shall mean the paved surface of any walkway and shall include an area six feet adjacent to the paved surface;

"Pound" shall mean the place or places designated by the District for the care and control of impounded animals;

"Running at Large" shall mean an animal not under control by being other than:

- a. on the property of its owner or of another person who has the care and control of the animal; or
- b. when on other than a paved roadway or walkway, in the direct and continuous charge of a person who is competent to control the animal; or



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Subdivision 1 - Interpretation (Continued)

- 5.5.1. 1. c. when either the animal or the person in charge of the animal is on a paved roadway or walkway, attached directly by a leash to a person competent to control the animal and to ensure the animal does not break free; or
- d. securely confined within an enclosure.

Subdivision 2 - Licences

- 5.5.2. 1. No person shall own, possess or harbour any dog apparently over the age of FOUR (4) months within the boundaries of the District of Kitimat unless a valid and subsisting licence has been issued by the District of Kitimat under this Division for such a dog.
2. No dog licence shall be issued to any person under the age of EIGHTEEN (18) years, unless such person provides the District with the written consent, from their parent or guardian; and any parent or guardian providing a written consent shall be deemed to be the "owner of record" of the animal.
3. Every licence issued under this Division shall be for a specific animal, and no person shall place, fix or use a licence issued in respect of one animal on or for another animal.
4. On or before February 15th every owner shall apply for a licence for that calendar year for each dog. On being satisfied the application meets the provisions of this Division and on receiving the appropriate fee listed in Schedule "A" of this Division, the District shall issue a dog licence and numbered dog tag.
5. The District, upon being satisfied that the dog has been acquired after February 15th, may prorate the purchase of the full licence fee by the number of full months remaining in the licence period, provided that in no event shall the licence fee be prorated to less than a THREE (3) month period.
6. Owners applying for licences for a spayed female dog or neutered male dog, shall provide proof to the satisfaction of the District that their dog is in fact spayed or neutered.



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Subdivision 2 - Licences (Continued)

- 5.5.2. 7. Where an owner has a valid licence for a dog from an area other than the District of Kitimat, upon surrender of that licence, a credit of one month for each month the surrendered licence remains in effect in the period January 1st to December 31st, will be given.
8. The District upon being satisfied that a tag issued has been lost or stolen, may issue a replacement tag on the payment of the fee listed in Schedule "A" of this Division.

Subdivision 3 - Impoundment

- 5.5.3. 1. Any animal running at large or violating any portion of this Division commits offence and the animal may be impounded and/or the owner may be prosecuted.
2. No person shall take an animal into or otherwise allow any animal to be within the fenced area of the Kitimat Municipal Cemetery.
3. No person shall tether or otherwise fasten an animal in a public place.
4. No animal shall be released from impoundment except to the owner of record, or delegate, and until all provisions of this Division are complied with and all applicable charges, licence fees, board costs, damage costs and/or fines as specified in Schedule "A" are paid to the Poundkeeper.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision an animal may not be released from impoundment if it is judged by the District, Control Officer, or Poundkeeper to be a vicious animal.
6. When an animal has been impounded, the Poundkeeper shall provide good and sufficient nourishment, shelter and attendance.
7. Where the Poundkeeper can determine from District licence records the owner of an impounded animal, the Poundkeeper shall attempt to notify the owner by telephone of such impoundment.
8. a. All impounded animals shall be kept for a maximum period of SEVENTY-TWO (72) hours, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, or until released to the owner of record or designate, which ever is shorter.



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Subdivision 3 - Impoundment (Continued)

- 5.5.3. 8. b. After SEVENTY-TWO (72) hours, if unclaimed by the owner of record or designate, ownership of the animal will be with the District and the animal may be destroyed, retained or ownership transferred; at the discretion of the District.
9. Any animal may be destroyed at any time on the request of the owner of record or designate, or if the animal is diseased or suffering.
10. The owner of record or owner shall be responsible for all uncollected amounts in respect of an impounded animal whether or not they effect the release of the animal.

Subdivision 4 - Obstruction

- 5.5.4. 1. No person shall hinder, delay or obstruct any person lawfully engaged in the capturing or the taking to the pound of any animal under this Division and no person shall release, take or let out any animal from the pound, without the consent of the Poundkeeper.

Subdivision 5 - Nuisance

- 5.5.5. 1. The owner of any animal, or any person who is in possession of or harbouring any animal which; by excessive barking, or howling or by chasing any person or animal, or otherwise disturbs the quiet and peace of any person, shall be guilty of an infraction of this Division.
2. No animal owner shall keep the animals in such a manner that they, or their feces, are offensive to sight or smell.
3. The owner or person in charge of any dog shall remove immediately any feces despoiled by the dog from any private residential or commercial property unless the property is owned by the owner or person in charge of the dog and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.



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- 5.5.5.
4. The owner or person in charge of any dog, shall remove immediately any feces deposited by the dog from publicly accessible areas of City Centre, Service Centre, Kildala Neighbourhood, Whitesail Neighbourhood, and Nechako Neighbourhood, and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
 5. No person shall directly feed by any means any undomesticated fur bearing animal.
 6. No person shall harass or throw any object at any undomesticated fur bearing animal.

Subdivision 6 - Number of Cats and Dogs

- 5.5.6.
1. No person shall keep, harbour or permit to remain on any dwelling in a residential zone more than FOUR (4) dogs at any one time.
 2. No person shall keep, harbour or permit to remain on any dwelling in a residential zone at any one time more than the following number of cats:
 - a. eight (8) cats
 - b. after June 30, 1996 - seven (7) cats
 - c. after June 30, 1997 - six (6) cats
 3. No person shall keep, harbour, or permit to remain on any dwelling in a residential zone at any one time an aggregate of more than the following number of dogs and cats:
 - a. ten (10) dogs and cats
 - b. after June 30, 1996 - eight (8) dogs and cats
 - c. after June 30, 1997 - seven (7) dogs and cats



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SCHEDULE "A"

FEEES

DOG LICENCES

1.	Neutered Male or Spayed Female	\$ 7.00/yr.
2.	Other Dogs	\$30.00/yr.
3.	Seeing Eye Dogs	No Charge
4.	Replacement of Lost Tag	\$ 2.00

IMPOUNDMENT

1st Impoundment	\$ 30.00
2nd Impoundment within 24 calendar months of last impoundment	\$ 50.00
3rd Impoundment within 24 calendar months of last impoundment	\$ 75.00
4th Impoundment within 24 calendar months of last impoundment	\$100.00
Additional Impoundment Fee for Unlicensed Dog	\$ 30.00

BOARD

Per Day	\$ 6.00
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DESTRUCTION

Cats Under 2 Months	No Charge
Animal Under 10 lbs.	\$ 3.00
Animals from 10 to Under 50 lbs.	\$ 5.00
Animals Over 50 lbs.	\$ 10.00