Bylaw No. 05/26

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF TISDALE TO REGULATE, LICENSE, CARE AND CONTROL PETS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS.

Under the authority granted by clause 8(1)(k) of *The Municipalities Act*, SS 2005, c M-36.1, the Town of Tisdale in the Province of Saskatchewan, by and with the advice and consent of the Town of Tisdale Council, enacts as follows:

TITLE

1. This bylaw shall be referred to as *The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.*

PART I

DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw,

    a. **act** means *The Municipalities Act*;

    b. **animal** means a domestic feline or canine.

    c. **at large** any animal that is off the premises or boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, unless the animal is both on a leash not exceeding two meters in length and is under proper control;

    d. **attack** means an assault resulting in bleeding, bone breaking, sprains, serious bruising or multiple injuries;

    e. **bite** means a wound to the skin causing it to bruise, puncture or break;

    f. **cat** means any domestic feline animal;

    g. **collar** means any device made of any material capable of having metal tags securely fastened to it, and designed and solely intended to be worn around the neck of a dog or cat;

    h. **council** means the Council of the Town of Tisdale;

    i. **dangerous animal** means an animal that is declared dangerous by a judge pursuant to Section 374 of the act;

    j. **designated officer** means a person employed or designated by the town to enforce the provisions of this bylaw;

    k. **distressed animal** means any domestic animal that is:

        i. deprived of adequate food, water, shelter, ventilation, light space, exercise, care or veterinary treatment;

        ii. kept in unsanitary conditions;

        iii. not protected from excessive heat or cold;

        iv. injured, sick, in pain or suffering; or

        v. abused or neglected;

    l. **dog** means any domestic canine animal;

    m. **fee bylaw** means any bylaw or amendment adopted by the town to provide for establishing fees for municipal services;

    n. **leash** means any chain, rope, strap or similar device attached to the collar or harness of an animal, no longer than two (2) metres, especially a dog, and is used to lead or hold it in check;

    o. **license** means a license issued by the town in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw;

    p. **municipal tag** means a tag or similar document issued by the town;

    q. **non-sterilized** means capable of reproducing;

r. **nuisance** means behaviour by an animal or owner that negatively impacts another person or animal. Including, but not limited to, fighting, defecating or spraying on private property without the permission of the owner, howling or hissing at night, digging in flower beds or garbage containers, mounting, defecation, and trespassing on private property;

s. **off-leash dog park** means an area or parcel designated by the municipality as an off-leash park;

t. **owner** includes:

   i. a person who owns or has possession of, or control over, an animal;

   ii. the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of the animal; and

   iii. any person who regularly provides food, water, or shelter to a stray or abandoned animal

   but does not include:

   iv. a veterinarian pursuant to The Veterinarians Act, 1987, who is keeping or harbouring an animal to which this Bylaw applies for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease or injury to the animal; or

   v. an animal shelter or rescue;

u. **police service dog** means a dog that:

   i. is owned by any public law enforcement; and

   ii. has been specially trained for the performance of police work and is under the control and supervision of a member of a public law enforcement agency;

v. **pound** means the premises and facilities, as may be designated by the Town of Tisdale.

w. **properly restrained** means the animal is:

   i. being carried by a person capable of restraining the size and strength of the particular animal;

   ii. being confined in a kennel or like container, properly latched or locked; or

   iii. being restrained by a person capable of restraining the size and strength of the specific animal by means of a leash;

x. **provocation** means an act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking an animal;

y. **residential district** means any area within the town limits that is classified according to the town's Zoning Bylaw;

z. **run** means a structure designed and used for the keeping or containment of an animal;

aa. **rescue group** means a not-for-profit or charitable organization whose mandate and practices are predominantly the rescue and placement of animals, and facilitating the spaying or neutering of animals, for animal welfare purposes;

bb. **service dog** means any dog with specialized training to assist any person with a recognized disability. Emotional support animals or therapy animals, which provide therapeutic benefits but do not have specialized training to provide services for a disabled person, are not considered a service dog under this bylaw;

cc. **sterilized** means incapable of reproducing;

dd. **town** means the Town of Tisdale;

ee. **CAO** means the administrator of the municipality;

ff. **Zoning Bylaw** means any bylaw or amendment adopted under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007,* by the town to regulate zoning and development.

PART II

LICENSING

3. No person shall own, keep or harbour any animal over the age of six (6) months for a period of more than four (4) weeks within the town unless it is registered under this bylaw.
4. Every owner of a dog or cat shall:
    a. obtain a municipal tag or license from the town no later than January 31st of each year;
    b. cause the canine to wear the municipal tag issued; and
    c. pay the appropriate annual fee as set out in “Schedule A” of this bylaw.
5. For the purposes of licensing, there shall be the following classes of licenses:
    a. sterilized dog or cat;
    b. non-sterilized dog or cat; and
    c. service dog.
6. When applying for registration of a dog or cat under this bylaw, the owner shall provide the following:
    a. description of the animal, including breed, colour, name, gender and age;
    b. name, address, telephone number(s) of the owner and email address if any;
    c. where the owner is a corporate body, the name, address and telephone number(s) of the natural person responsible for the dog or cat;
    d. for a service dog license, a copy of the certification showing that the dog is a service dog and proof of specialized training;
    e. a copy of a proof of microchip, if applicable;
    f. if a dog has been previously determined to be a dangerous dog by the court in Saskatchewan or any other municipality, province or country;
    g. any other information the town may require.
7. Any owner who requires replacement of a municipal tag shall pay the replacement fee as set out in the Fee Bylaw.
8. No person shall give false information when registering their dog or cat pursuant to this bylaw.
9. An owner shall notify the town of any change with respect to any information provided in an application for registration under this bylaw.
10. A license pursuant to this bylaw is non-transferable and non-refundable.
11. A license issued under this bylaw is effective on the date of issuance of the license and expires on December 31st of the year in which it is issued.
12. Any person may foster cats or dogs so long as:
    a. the dog is not a dangerous dog; and
    b. the dog or cat does not create a nuisance to adjacent property owners.
13. No person shall own or harbour in a single dwelling more than five (5) animals over the age of six (6) months.
    a. Active or retired service dogs and/or active or retired police dogs are not counted toward the limit of five (5) animals.

PART III

CONTROL

14. No owner shall allow their animal to be at large.
    a. An owner shall have complete control of their animal by physical means at all times.

b. No owner shall allow a minor to be in control of the leash of an animal that the minor is not able to physically control.

15. If a dog or cat is found to be at large the owner shall be deemed to have permitted the cat or dog to be at large either willfully or by not providing adequate containment.

16. Notwithstanding section 15, where a dog is on public property that has been designated as an “Off Leash Dog Park”, the dog will not be considered to be at large so long as the owner meets the following requirements:

    a. the dog is accompanied by the owner at all times;

    b. the owner has complete control of the dog, either by physical or verbal means, at all times;

    c. the owner ensures that his or her dog is in compliance with all signs posted at the off-leash dog park;

    d. the dog has not been designated as a nuisance or dangerous dog; and

    e. in the event the dog becomes a nuisance or displays any signs of aggressive behaviour the owner shall immediately restrain the dog by placing the dog on a leash and removing the dog from the area.

17. Notwithstanding section 15, the designated officer may grant an exemption for an event, such as a dog agility or other controlled dog event where dogs involved in that event will not be considered to be at large as long as the owner meets the following requirements:

    a. the dog remains in the designated event area while not on a leash;

    b. the owner uses the designated off-leash location in accordance with the periods of time and hours of the event and all other event requirements as identified by the town;

    c. the owner has complete control of the dog by either physical or verbal means at all times; and

    d. the dog has not been designated a nuisance or dangerous dog.

18. A designated officer may restrain a dog or cat found at large and transport them to the pound.

19. For the purpose of impounding any dog or cat at large in the Town of Tisdale, a pound is hereby established at the Northeast Veterinary Services or such other place as may from time to time be designated by resolution of Council.

20. If an impounded dog or cat is licensed, the Poundkeeper shall notify the Town within twenty-four (24) hours of the impoundment. Upon receiving notice, the Town shall notify the owner of the impoundment, the fees required for release, and that the animal may be sold or euthanized if not claimed within seventy-two (72) hours.

21. If an impounded dog or cat is unlicensed, the Poundkeeper shall notify the Town of the impoundment. The Town shall post a notice on the Town Office bulletin board, website, or official social media page describing the animal, the date and time it was impounded, and the date and time when it may be sold or euthanized if not claimed and all applicable fees are not paid within seventy-two (72) hours. The notice shall be posted for at least seventy-two (72) hours before the animal may be sold or euthanized.

22. During the period of impounding of any animal, it shall be the duty of the Poundkeeper to supply such animal with adequate food, water and heated shelter.

23. The owner of any animal impounded, in order to have it released from the Pound, shall satisfy the Poundkeeper by reasonable evidence that he/she is the lawful owner or person entitled to the possession of the pet and shall pay to the Town an impoundment charge, as set out in the Schedule to this Bylaw.

    a. The Poundkeeper may accept payment for the release of an impounded animal during weekends or outside regular Town Office hours. All fees collected shall be remitted to the Town within thirty (30) days of receipt.

24. If an impounded dog or cat is unlicensed, that license fee shall be paid in addition to the impoundment charge before the dog is released from the Pound.

25. If an impounded pet is not claimed within seventy-two (72) business hours from the time

notice of the impoundment has been given as set out above, the dog or cat may be sold or given away as the Poundkeeper may decide without further notice after the expiration of the said period.

26. In the event that the pet referred to in the paragraph immediately above has not been claimed within the specified time (and all fees and charges paid as aforesaid), or not sold or given away as described above, that animal may be destroyed in such manner and at such time as the Poundkeeper may determine.

27. No person shall be permitted to trap cats within the town.

28. No person shall be permitted to use leg hold or foot hold traps in the town.

29. The owner of a non-sterilized female animal shall be confined on their owner's property at all times during the period the animal is in heat.

30. Where an animal is housed or kept in a run, the owner shall:

    a. ensure the run is kept in a sanitary condition, protecting the health and safety of the animal and any other living being;

    b. ensure the run is constructed so that the total area is at least 3 times the length of the animal in all directions;

    c. ensure a run on the owner's property is no closer than one (1) meter to a property line and five (5) meters from a dwelling unit located on an adjacent property;

    d. not use a fence separating the owner's property from an adjacent property as one of the sides of the animal run;

31. If, in the opinion of the designated officer, the condition or location of a run is not in accordance with this bylaw, the designated officer may order the owner of the property to clean, alter, demolish or relocate the run within 30 days.

32. Any person who finds an animal in distress, as defined in Subsection 2(k), may contact the Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan for assistance.

PART IV

NUISANCES

33. A dog shall be deemed a nuisance when it creates a disturbance, annoyance or discomfort for or to other persons residing in the neighborhood, or to the public at large, whether by loud or frequent barking, howling or yelping, by leaving the premises of its owner or other caretaker, by chasing motor or other vehicles, or in any other manner or way.

34. If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the owner's property, the owner shall immediately remove the defecation and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

    a. A person who owns and is physically reliant on a guide dog trained and used to assist such person is not required to immediately remove the defecation.

35. An owner or occupant of private property shall not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to annoy or create a potential health risk to others.

    a. The designated officer may serve an owner or occupant of private property with a notice to remove all animal feces from the property within seventy-two (72) hours of service of the notice.

    b. If a notice under subsection 35(a) is not served personally on an owner or occupant of private property or posted on the property, then a copy of the notice shall be sent by registered mail to the owner of the property and deemed to have been received five (5) days following the date of mailing.

    c. the town may remove the feces from the property if:

        i. The person to whom the request is made fails to remove the feces within 72 hours; or

        ii. After reasonable inquiry, the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the property cannot be determined.

        iii. If the town carries out work under subsection 35(c), the costs and expenses

incurred are a debt due to the town, and the town may recover costs and expenses by adding the costs and expenses to the taxes on the land on which the work was done.

36. No owner of an animal shall allow the cat or dog to bark or howl so as to create a nuisance. For the purposes of this bylaw, the factors for determining whether the barking or howling of the animal has become a nuisance are as follows:

    a. the time of day or night the barking or howling occurs;

    b. the duration of the barking or howling;

    c. whether the barking or howling is the result of provocation;

    d. where the barking or howling is recurrent, intermittent or constant.

37. The following acts are deemed nuisance barking or howling violations of this bylaw *per se*:

    a. in residential districts, barking or howling which persists for a period of 15 consecutive minutes or longer; and

    b. in residential districts, barking or howling which persists, intermittently, for a period of one hour or longer.

38. No animal shall, without provocation:

    a. bite a person or other animal;

    b. engage in an act that injures a person or other animal;

    c. chase or otherwise threaten a person or other animal, unless the person or animal being chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the owner;

    d. bark at, chase people or other animals, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles;

    e. cause damage to property;

    f. defecate, urinate or spray on private property, except with respect to the owner's property;

    g. dig in flowerbeds and gardens or waste receptacles;

        i. upset waste receptacles or scatter the contents;

        ii. trespass on private property, whether or not the animal is at large or leashed.

39. An owner shall report any incident in which their animal bites or attacks a person or another animal within twenty-four (24) hours to the town office. The owner shall provide their name and the animal's license number, or a description of the animal, to the affected person or animal owner.

40. The owner of an animal shall take all measures to prevent any nuisance behaviour.

41. No person shall:

    a. untie, loosen or otherwise free an animal which has been tied or otherwise restrained;

    b. negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening of a fence or enclosure in which an animal has been confined and thereby allow an animal to run at large in town; or

    c. tease, entice, bait or throw objects at a confined animal.

PART V

DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS

42. Dangerous and Aggressive Animals shall be dealt with under the provisions of Section 374 of *The Municipalities Act.*

PART VI

ENFORCEMENT, OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

43. When a designated officer has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of Parts II, III, or IV of this Bylaw, the designated officer may issue a notice of

violation to the person in contravention.

a. Where a Notice of Violation is issued, a person may make a voluntary payment of the fine amount listed in Schedule “A” for that violation if the person does so before the specified date set out in the notice of violation.
b. Where the town receives a voluntary payment of the prescribed amount in Schedule “A” before a summons is issued, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.

44. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of Parts I, II, III, or IV of this Bylaw or fails to comply with an order issued by a designated officer is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to:

    a. a fine in the amount set out in Schedule “A”; or

    b. where a fine is not specified, to a fine of up to $2,000 in the case of an individual, and $5,000 in the case of a corporation.

45. For the purpose of determining the applicable fine required by subsection 43(a), the number of offences shall be determined by the number of previous Notices of Violation that are not the subject of an appeal, issued in relation to that particular animal.

    a. Notwithstanding section 44, for offences relating to defecation, the applicable fine required by subsection 43(a), shall be determined by the number of Notices of Violation issued in relation to the same address.

46. Any payment required pursuant to this bylaw may be made at the Town Office.

PART VII

TRANSITIONAL, REPEAL AND COMING INTO FORCE

47. An existing license issued under Bylaw No. 05/05 remains valid until the term of such license expires.

48. Bylaw No. 5/05, Bylaw No. 7/91, Bylaw No. 8/08 are hereby repealed.

49. This bylaw shall come into force on the day of adoption by the Town of Tisdale Council.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of Bylaw No. 4/26 passed by a resolution of Council of the Town of Tisdale on the 9th day of March 2026

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Lovely Magnaye, CAO

Schedule "A"

License Fees

Male or Female Dog/Cat	$30.00
Spayed/Neutered (with proof)	$15.00
Spayed/Neutered & Microchipped (with proof)	$5.00
Service Dog	$0.00
Replacement Tag	$5.00

Fines

		1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd & Subsequent Offence
General Fines				
	Failure to comply with a provision of this Bylaw	$250.00	$500.00	$750.00
	Failure to comply with an order of a designated officer	$500.00	$750.00	$1,000.00
Licensing				
s. 3	Failure to register a pet	$50.00	$100.00	$150.00
ss. 4(b)	Failure to affix a valid animal identification tag	$50.00	$100.00	$150.00
s.8	Providing false information during registration	$500.00	$500.00	$500.00
s.13	Harbouring more than five (5) animals over the age of six (6) months	$100.00	$200.00	$300.00
Control				
s. 14	Allowing animals to be at large	$200.00	$300.00	$400.00
s. 16	Failure to accompany and control the animal in an off-leash area	$50.00	$100.00	$150.00
ss. 16(e)	Allowing a dangerous animal, or an animal displaying aggressive behaviour, in an off-leash area	$200.00	$300.00	$400.00
s. 23	Impoundment Fees	$50 + Cost of the vet services	$100 + Cost of the vet services	$200 + Cost of the vet services
s. 27	Use of a cat trap	$100.00	$200.00	$300.00
s. 28	Use of a leg hold or foot hold trap	$100.00	$200.00	$300.00

s. 29	Failure to confine a non-sterilized animal during a period of heat	$250.00	$300.00	$350.00
s. 30	Failure to comply with run standards	$100.00	$200.00	$300.00
Nuisance				
s. 34	Failure to remove defecation	$500.00	$500.00	$500.00
s.33	Allowing an animal to bark or howl so as to create a nuisance	$100.00	$200.00	$300.00
ss. 38(a)	Allow an animal to bite a person or another animal	$500.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
ss. 38(c)	Allow an animal to chase or otherwise threaten a person or animal	$500.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
s. 40	Purposefully release or provoke an animal	$500.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00