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Responsible Pet Ownership

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By-law Winnipeg

On XX, 2013, City of Winnipeg Council repealed the Pound By-law (No. 2443/79) and the Exotic Animal By-law (No. 3389/83) and approved the newly created Responsible Pet Ownership By-law (No. XX).

The Responsible Pet Ownership By-law provides a more contemporary approach to animal ownership in Winnipeg and protects the safety of pets, their owners and other residents.

DOGS & CATS

LICENSE YOUR PET

The first step to responsible pet ownership is to license your pet. In Winnipeg, dogs six months of age or older must be licensed.

- Owners must be 18 years of age or older to apply for a license.
- Licenses may not be transferred to another dog.
- The Animal Services Agency enforces a zero tolerance policy. The fine for an unlicensed dog is $250.
- Spayed/neutered dogs qualify for a reduced license fee. Falsifying information when applying for a license can result in a fine of $500.
- To be properly licensed, a dog must wear its City of Winnipeg license tag.

Annual Dog License Fees:

$29.00 spayed/neutered $64.00 intact

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Cats six months of age or older will also require a license.

- Owners will need to be 18 years of age or older to apply for a license.
- Licenses will not be transferrable to another cat.
- The Animal Services Agency will enforce a zero tolerance policy. The fine for an unlicensed cat will be $250.
- Spayed/neutered cats will qualify for a reduced license fee. Falsifying information when applying for a license could result in a fine of $500.
- A properly licensed cat will either wear its City of Winnipeg license tag or have a legible tattoo or identifiable microchip that has been registered with the Animal Services Agency. We suggest a breakaway collar with the license tag.

Annual Cat License Fees:

$15.00 spayed/neutered $50.00 intact

DON'T ALLOW YOUR PET TO BECOME A THREAT OR NUISANCE

- Owners must ensure that dogs and cats do not run at large. Dogs and cats found running at large may be captured and impounded.
  $200 Penalty + any additional fees relating to an impoundment
- Dog and cat owners must keep their pet on a leash when off their property, except when walking a dog in a designated off-leash area. The leash must never be longer than 20 feet in length and must be no longer than 6 feet in length when on a street, path or an area where people or animals are within 20 feet of the dog or cat.
  $200 Penalty
- Dogs and Cats must be vaccinated for rabies.
  $200 Penalty
- Owners must ensure that dogs do not bark, howl or otherwise unduly disturb the quiet.
  $200 Penalty
- Owners are required to pick up after their dog or cat by immediately removing any feces from public or private property and depositing it in a suitable garbage container.
  $400 Penalty
- Dogs and cats must not pursue or injure people or other animals.
  $200-$350 Penalty
- Dogs are prohibited at all times in the following areas: school grounds, playgrounds, sports fields, and any other area where prohibited by signs.
  $200 Penalty
- A female dog or cat in heat must be confined on the owner's property the entire period she is in heat.
  $200 Penalty



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Dangerous Dogs

- A dog may be designated as dangerous if it is likely to cause significant harm or injury to individuals or animals or if it is used primarily to guard property.
- If a dog has been designated as dangerous, the owner must obtain a dangerous dog license and must comply with the requirements outlined in the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law, as well as any other restrictions that are deemed necessary in order to protect the safety of individuals and animals.
- A dog that is determined to be exceptionally dangerous under this By-law may be destroyed.

Other Restrictions

- Residents may own six dogs and cats in total, of which no more than four may be dogs. Those who wish to keep more than this number of animals must apply for an excess animal permit.

Commercial Animals

- Commercial animals may only be kept on property appropriately zoned for this use under the Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law or the Winnipeg Zoning By-law.
- The owner of a commercial animal must ensure that the animal does not run at large.

Prohibited Animals

- No person may keep or harbor within the City of Winnipeg any animal that is prohibited through the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law.
- If a person owned an animal that was being lawfully kept within the City of Winnipeg when this By-law came into effect, they may keep that specific animal so long as they register it with the Animal Services Agency within 90 days of the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law coming into effect.

For more information:

- **Call 311**
- **Visit Winnipeg.ca**

A copy of the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law (No. XX) is available at Winnipeg.ca under City Hall, By-laws.

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