

Town of Springdale
Amendment to Animal Control Bi-Law
Dog Regulations:

The following regulations have been made by the Town Council of the Town of Springdale under the provisions of Section 414 (2) (g to q inclusive) of the Municipalities Act, 1999.

Amended and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Springdale on the 7th day of March, 2011.

1. These regulations shall be known as the Dog Control Regulations of the Town of Springdale, 2011.

2. **Interpretations**

For the purpose of these regulations, unless otherwise required:

- a. Act means the Municipalities Act, 1999.
- b. Dog means a male or female dog or pup and includes an animal which is a cross between a dog and a wolf.
- c. Animal Control Officer means any person appointed by the Town of Springdale to provide services and to enforce these regulations.
- d. Impounder (same as Animal control Officer) means any person, including a Municipal Enforcement Officer, appointed by the Town and authorized to enforce these regulations.
- e. Town means the Town of Springdale, including the Town Council, as defined by the Act.
- f. Town Clerk means the Town Clerk of the Town of Springdale.
- g. Kennel means any establishment for the keeping, breeding or boarding of dogs.
- h. Owner means any person who owns, harbours, has custody, has possession or has charge of a dog, and where the owner is under the age of 18 years, the person responsible for custody of the minor.

- i. Premises means any property within the boundaries of the Town.
3. From and after the date of passing of this amendment, no person shall keep any dog, unless less than (4) four months old, within the limits of the town, unless a license has been issued by the Town and unless such animal bears a numbered tag indicating that such license is in force.
 - a. The Town shall keep a register of all dogs licensed by them.
 - b. Every license issued by the Town shall have no expiry date and shall be non-transferable.
 - c. The owner of every licensed dog shall, immediately upon receipt of the license, attach it to a strong and durable collar which shall be kept upon the animal's neck at all times.
 - d. Fee for a license shall be:
 - (i) \$10.00 for neutered or spayed dog.
 - (ii) \$20.00 for an un-neutered or an un-spayed dog.
 - (iii) \$50.00 for a breeding license.
 - (iv) \$50.00 to operate a kennel.
4. Any dog found at large in the Town contrary to these regulations may be humanely destroyed by any Municipal Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer or any person authorized by the Town, except that these regulations shall not apply to any dog under the age of four months.
5. Every owner of a dog within the Town shall keep such animal safely tethered or penned up at all times except when under the control of some person capable of controlling it at the time.
6. A dog which is tethered or penned up pursuant to these regulations shall not be done so as to impose any undue hardship or cruelty on the dog.
7. The impounder may seize and impound any dog found at large contrary to Regulations 4 & 5 , and may enter any premise for the purpose of recapturing any dog that may escape his/her control.

8. The owner of an impounded dog may receive the impounded animal upon proof of ownership, and upon payment of all fees associated with the impounding and keep of the dog as indicated in Regulation 9.
9. The following seizing and impounding fees shall be paid by the owners of animals seized or impounded:
 - a. 1st offence - \$25
 - b. 2nd offence - \$50
 - c. Thereafter - \$100
 - d. Daily fee for keep - \$10
10. The impounder shall keep any unclaimed dog in the pound for a period of 48 hours after which the animal may be humanely destroyed.
11. Where, in the opinion of the impounder, the dog liable to be impounded appears to be vicious, dangerous, diseased, or otherwise unfit for impounding, the impounder may cause the dog to be disposed of or humanely destroyed forthwith.
12. If veterinary services are required upon impounding a dog, the owner of the animal will be responsible for reimbursing the Town.
13. Any person who interferes with or attempts to interfere with a Municipal Enforcement Officer or his agents in the exercise of their duties shall be deemed to have committed an offence under these regulations
14. No person may keep more than (4) four dogs within the limits of the town unless it is a properly constructed kennel approved by the Town.
15. If any dog bites any person, such dog shall be deemed a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence under these regulations.
16. If any dog is found damaging or destroying private property, such dog shall be deemed a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence under these regulations.

17.If any dog shall bark or howl in such a manner as to disturb the peace or to constitute an annoyance to residents of the neighbourhood, such dog shall be deemed a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence under these regulations.

18.Any person who violates any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty as prescribed by these regulations.

19.Any person who interferes with or attempts to interfere with a Municipal Enforcement Officer, or Animal Control Officer, or a SPCA representative in the exercise of their duties shall be deemed to have committed an offence under these regulations.

20.Any person who violates any of the provisions of these Regulations, with the exception of Regulations 4 & 5, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a minimum fine of \$100 for a first offence and a minimum fine of \$200 for a second and each subsequent offence.

21.Prosecution under these regulations may be taken summarily by any Police Authority or by any person designated by the Council.

22.All previous Municipal Dog Control Regulations or amendments thereto are hereby rescinded.

Daphne Earle
Town Clerk