

**TOWN OF LA RONGE**  
**Animal Control Bylaw 673, 2023**

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*A Bylaw to regulate and impose requirements in relation to animals in the Town of La Ronge.*

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The Council of the Town of La Ronge, in the Province of Saskatchewan hereby enacts as follows:

**PART 1 TITLE**

1.1. This bylaw may be cited as “Animal Control Bylaw 673, 2023.”

**PART 2 INTERPRETATION**

**2.1. General**

- 2.1.1. The headings used in this Bylaw are for convenience only and do not form part of this Bylaw and are not to be used in the interpretation of this Bylaw.
- 2.1.2. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of the Province of Saskatchewan and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time, and any Bylaw referred to herein is a reference to a Bylaw of the Town, as amended, revised, consolidated, or replaced from time to time.
- 2.1.3. Unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw, terms herein shall have the meanings as set out in the *Act*.
- 2.1.4. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions. If any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.
- 2.1.5. Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any federal, provincial, or Municipal law or regulation, order, or other lawful direction.

**2.2. Definitions**

2.2.1. In this bylaw:

“**Act**” means the *Northern Municipalities Act 2010* of the Province of Saskatchewan.

“**Animal**” means any member of the animal kingdom, other than a human being.

“**Animal Control Officer**” or “**ACO**” means any person appointed by Council as an Animal Control Officer, and includes the Town Bylaw Enforcement Officer and any member of the La Ronge and District Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

“**At Large**” means an Animal is in or on a public place, including streets, lands, or premises of any Person other than the Owner of the Animal, and is not Kept under proper control by being tied or secured to a leash, chain, or other similar restraining device not exceeding 2 metres in length.

“**CAO**”, “**Chief Administrative Officer**”, or “**Administrator**” means the person appointed by Council as the CAO for the Town pursuant to Section 126 of the *Act*, or their lawful deputy, including any person appointed as Acting Chief Administrative Officer by Council or CAO.

“**Cat**” means a domestic member of the feline species.

“**Coop**” means a fully enclosed weather proof structure, that is no larger than 100 square feet in floor area and 7 feet high, and that is adequate to prevent the entry of wildlife or other Animals, and prevents the escape of Urban Hens contained within.

“**Council**” means the Council of the Town of La Ronge.

**“Dangerous Animal”** means any Animal declared to be a dangerous Animal by a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan or a Justice of the Peace (pursuant to the *Act*).

**“Dog”** means a domestic member of the canine species.

**“Domestic Animal”** means all Animals that have been domesticated for agricultural persons or to be Kept as pets, and who have not become feral.

**“Farm Animal”** means a Domesticated Animal normally raised or Kept for food or a beast of burden and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes any horse, mule, donkey, llama, swine, sheep, goat, cow or other animal of the bovine species, bees, ostrich, and emu, excepting Dogs and Cats.

**“Hen”** means a female chicken.

**“Keep” or “Kept”** means to own, possess, harbour, have responsibility for, or have care and control over an Animal.

**“Kennel”** means a place, building, or structure for the training, breeding, boarding, care, or sale of Animals.

**“Owner”** means any Person who Keeps an Animal. If the Owner is a minor, the Person responsible for the custody of the minor shall also be the Owner. An Owner does not include a Person Keeping an Animal when they are:

- (a) the Town;
- (b) an ACO;
- (c) a veterinarian pursuant to *The Veterinarians Act* who is Keeping an Animal for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a disease or of an injury to the Animal.

**“Person”** means a natural person, corporation, partnership, or firm.

**“Pound” or “Animal Shelter”** means the premises and facilities established by the CAO or ACO from time to time for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation and securing for Animals.

**“Poundkeeper”** means any person appointed by the CAO to operate a Pound or Animal Shelter.

**“Rooster”** means a male chicken.

**“Urban Area”** means lands located within the Town where agricultural operations, including but not limited to the Keeping of livestock, are neither a permitted or discretionary use as per the Zoning Bylaw.

**“Urban Hen”** means a Hen that is Kept for non-commercial purposes in an Urban Area within Town.

**“Town”, “Municipality”, or “Municipal”** means the Town of La Ronge.

**“Town Office”** means the Town Office located at 1212 Hildebrand Drive, La Ronge, SK.

**“Zoning Bylaw”** means the Town’s current Zoning Bylaw.

### **PART 3 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF KEPT ANIMALS**

- 3.1. No Person or household shall Keep more than three (3) Dogs at a time, whether licensed or not, except as part of the operation of a Kennel or Pound. Dogs will not count toward this limitation until they reach four (4) months of age.
- 3.2. No Person or household shall Keep more than three (3) Cats at a time, whether licensed or not, except as

part of the operation of a Kennel or Pound. Cats will not count toward this limitation until they reach four (4) months of age.

- 3.3. No Person or household shall Keep more than five (5) Urban Hens, whether licensed or not, except as part of the operation of a Kennel or Pound. Urban Hens will not count toward this limitation until they reach four (4) months or age.
- 3.4. No Person or household shall Keep more than five (5) Animals in total, except as part of the operation of a Kennel or Pound. Cats and Dogs that have not reached four (4) months of age, and any Urban Hens, will not count towards this limitation.
- 3.5. No Person shall establish, operate, or maintain a Kennel or Pound within the Town unless it is in a zoning district where such use is permitted as per the Zoning Bylaw.

#### **PART 4 DOG OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.1 Requirements for Owners of Dangerous Dogs are as follows:
  - (a) When at the Owner's residence, ensure that the Dangerous Dog is within a locked Dog enclosure incapable of being accessed by Domestic Animals and any Person who is not the Owner;
  - (b) Ensure the Dangerous Dog remains snugly muzzled when out of its enclosure or Owner's residence, and secured by a collar and leash with a maximum length of 4 feet;
  - (c) Ensure the Dangerous Dog does not enter into public parks, sports fields, and school grounds at any time;
  - (d) Post a warning sign, in accordance with Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, visible to the public at the front and back of the property where the Dangerous Dog resides.
- 4.2 No Person shall Keep a Dog, four (4) months of age or older, within the boundaries of the Town unless a valid and subsisting Dog licence and tag has been issued for such Dog. The Owner is required to obtain a Dog licence for said Dog within 30 days from the date of acquisition.
- 4.3 Every Owner of a Dog who resides in Town for more than 30 days in a calendar year, and brings their Dog into the Town, shall obtain a licence for each such Dog that is four (4) months of age or older.
- 4.4 An application for a Dog licence under this Bylaw shall be submitted to the Town Office. Upon receipt of the application, the Town shall issue a numbered Dog licence and corresponding licence tag to the applicant.
- 4.5 Every Dog licence and corresponding tag issued under this Bylaw is free of charge, and shall be valid for the lifetime of the Dog.
- 4.6 Every Dog licence and corresponding licence tag issued under this Bylaw is valid only in respect of the Dog for which it was issued, as described on the licence application. However, a licence and tag may be transferred to another Dog provided the Town approved form (or notification) is submitted to the Town Office.
- 4.7 The Owner of a Dog that a licence has been issued for under this Bylaw shall affix, and keep affixed, the licence tag on the Dog by a collar, harness, or other suitable device.
- 4.8 The Owner of a Dog that has been issued a licence under this Bylaw may obtain a replacement tag upon payment of the \$10.00 replacement fee.
- 4.9 The Owner of a female Dog in heat shall, at all times while the Dog is in heat, Keep the Dog securely confined within a building or enclosure capable of preventing the entry of other Dogs and the Dog's escape.

#### **PART 5 CAT OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 5.1. No Person shall Keep a Cat, four (4) months of age or older, within the boundaries of the Town unless a valid and subsisting Cat licence and tag has been issued for such Cat. The Owner is required to obtain a Cat licence

for said Cat within 30 days from the date of acquisition.

- 5.2. Every Owner of a Cat who resides in Town for more than 30 days in a calendar year, and brings their Cat into the Town, shall obtain a licence for each such Cat four (4) months of age or older.
- 5.3. An application for a Cat licence under this Bylaw shall be submitted to the Town Office. Upon receipt of the application, the Town shall issue a numbered Cat licence and corresponding licence tag to the applicant.
- 5.4. Every Cat licence and corresponding tag issued under this Bylaw is a free, and shall be valid for the lifetime of the Cat.
- 5.5. Every Cat licence and corresponding licence tag issued under this Bylaw is valid only in respect of the Cat for which it was issued, as described on the licence application. However, a licence and tag may be transferred to another Cat provided the Town approved form (or notification) is submitted to the Town Office.
- 5.6. The Owner of a Cat that a licence has been issued for under this Bylaw shall affix, and keep affixed, the licence tag on the Cat by a collar, harness, or other suitable device.
- 5.7. The Owner of a Cat that a licence has been issued under this Bylaw may obtain a replacement licence tag upon payment of the \$10.00 replacement fee.
- 5.8. The Owner of a female Cat in heat shall, at all times while the Cat is in heat, Keep the Cat securely confined within a building or enclosure capable of preventing the entry of other Cats and the Cat's escape.

## **PART 6 URBAN HEN OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 6.1. No Person shall Keep an Urban Hen in Town unless they obtain a valid, non-transferable permit for a specific property where Keeping Urban Hens may be permitted.
- 6.2. Urban Hen permit applications must be made using the Town approved form, and must include a site plan identifying Coop dimensions, other structures, and identified setbacks from structures and property lines;
- 6.3. Every Urban Hen permit issued is a free, lifetime permit that shall only expire if the permittee no longer resides on the property to which the permit applies.
- 6.4. No Person shall Keep Urban Hens unless.
  - (a) they are the owner and resident of a property on which a duplex dwelling or single detached dwelling is located, or are a resident of such a property and have written permission from the owner;
  - (b) they do not sell, trade, or barter manure, meat, or other products derived from the Urban Hens, excepting for eggs. The sale of eggs derived from Urban Hens is permitted as long as such activities are compliant with all Municipal, Provincial, and Federal laws and regulations;
  - (c) health, environmental, or nuisance problems are avoided;
  - (d) the Urban Hens are Kept in a secured Coop;
  - (e) the Coops, which are considered accessory buildings, are in compliance with this Bylaw and the accessory building regulations in the Zoning Bylaw;
  - (f) Coops are located in the rear yard as defined in the Zoning Bylaw;
  - (g) Coops are maintained in good repair and sanitary condition, free from vermin and obnoxious smells or substances;
  - (h) Coops are constructed in a manner that would reasonably prevent wildlife entry and prevent rodents and animals from harbouring underneath or within its walls;
  - (i) they ensure that all food sources are kept securely within an enclosed building;

- (j) they ensure the timely and appropriate removal of leftover food, debris, and manure;
  - (k) they ensure the slaughter, euthanization, and burying of an Urban Hen does not occur on their property;
  - (l) they avoid depositing Urban Hen manure in the Town's sanitary system;
  - (m) they ensure no Roosters are Kept under any circumstances.
- 6.5. An ACO may revoke an Urban Hen permit if they issue a non-compliance notice and the licence holder fails to rectify the matter within 30 days.
- 6.6. In the event that an Urban Hen permit is revoked, the owner will be given 30 days to rehome the Urban Hens. In such instances, all costs and expenses associated with the removal shall be the responsibility of the Owner.

## **PART 7 GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- 7.1. No Person shall tease, entice, bait, throw objects at, or otherwise abuse an Animal.
- 7.2. No Person shall cause or permit a Kept Animal to be At Large unless in a designated off-leash area for that Animal.
- 7.3. No Person shall Keep an Animal and deprive it of adequate and appropriate food, water, shelter, or care for maintaining proper Animal health. Further, no Person shall leave their Animal unattended while chained, tethered, muzzled, or within a vehicle without adequate ventilation, food, and measures to prevent the Animal from suffering from an excessive cold or heat related injury.
- 7.4. The Owner of an Animal shall be responsible to ensure that their Animal does not create a nuisance, such as by howling, barking, meowing, or making any other noises:
- (a) Continuously for a period of more than 5 minutes;
  - (b) Sporadic regularity for a period of more than 20 minutes;
  - (c) In a manner that disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the public or Person in the area.
- 7.5. No Person shall Keep, or permit to be Kept, any Farm Animal unless permitted in the applicable zoning district as prescribed in the Zoning Bylaw.
- 7.6. Where an Animal defecates on a highway, public place, or lands of any Person other than the Owner of the Animal, the Person having care, custody, or control of the Animal shall immediately remove the excrement and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- 7.7. No Person shall store manure unless it is in a fully enclosed structure and in a manner that does not generate excessive heat or odor.
- 7.8. No Person, other than an Animal's Owner, shall remove any form of identification on or affixed to an Animal.
- 7.9. No Person shall Keep an Animal that is suffering from an infectious or contagious disease on any parcel of land in the Town unless Kept securely confined within a building or enclosure capable of preventing the infected Animal's escape and exposure to other Animals.

## **PART 8 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DUTIES**

- 8.1. An ACO may enter onto the land surrounding any building in the Town in pursuit of any cat or dog observed to be At Large, and may seize and impound such Animals.
- 8.2. When an ACO has reasonable cause to believe that an Animal is not receiving proper care, treatment, or shelter, the ACO may enter onto the property at any reasonable time to determine the health and well being of an Animal and to ascertain whether the provisions of this bylaw are being observed.

- 8.3. Any Owner, or Person who seizes or captures an Animal on their property, may take such Animal to the ACO to be impounded. The ACO may accept and impound any such Animal provided that such person enters into an agreement in a form acceptable to the ACO indemnifying the Town from any and all claims relating to the seizure and impoundment of such Animal.
- 8.4. Any Animal seized and impounded pursuant to this section shall be Kept at the Town Pound or at a location approved by the ACO.
- 8.5. The ACO shall provide adequate water, food, and shelter for any Domestic Animal impounded under this Bylaw while detained at the Town Pound.
- 8.6. When any Animal is impounded, the ACO shall prepare an impoundment notice and shall deliver such notice to the Owner, if the Owner can be identified. In the event the Owner cannot be identified, the notice will be posted at the Town Pound and on the Town's Facebook page or website.
- 8.7. Every impoundment notice shall state the fees and penalties to be charged by the ACO.
- 8.8. Any Person claiming an Animal from the Pound shall pay the applicable fines, impoundment and boarding fees, and any applicable fees prior to the applicable Animal being released.
- 8.9. Daily boarding fees are applicable to any portion of a calendar day where the Animal is in the care of the Town Pound (or alternative location). Daily boarding fees are as follows:
  - Dogs - \$20.00/day, including applicable taxes;
  - Dangerous Dogs - \$40.00/day, including applicable taxes;
  - Cats - \$10.00/day, including applicable taxes;
  - Urban Chickens - \$20.00/day, including applicable taxes;
  - Other Animals - \$40.00/day, including applicable taxes.
- 8.10. In the event that impoundment and other applicable fees are not paid within 120 hours from the time of impoundment, the ACO shall do as follows:
  - Post a notice at the Pound, Town Office, and other places deemed appropriate, indicating the Animal will be offered for sale. Such notice shall include date and time that acceptance of offers will close;
  - That in the event there is more than one offer, the highest offer will be accepted;
  - The lowest acceptable price will be the outstanding fees accrued to date of sale;
  - Such notice of sale may be posted at any time after impoundment of any Animal, but in no case shall such sale occur with 144 hours of such impoundment. Any Person purchasing an Animal from the ACO shall be required to enter into a release and indemnity agreement satisfactory to the ACO;
  - In the event that the Animal is not disposed of by way of sale, then the ACO shall dispose of such Animal in a humane manner, which may include placement of such Animal with a Person deemed suitable to the ACO for the purposes of adoption, provided that such Person enters into a release and indemnity agreement satisfactory to the ACO.
- 8.11. The ACO shall maintain the following records:
  - (a) A description of every Animal seized and impounded under this Bylaw and the date and time each Animal was received by the Pound;
  - (b) The name of the Person taking or sending any Animal to be impounded;
  - (c) The date and time each Animal impounded was redeemed, sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the ACO;

- (d) The name of every Person redeeming any Animal and the amount paid by such Person;
  - (e) The name of every Person purchasing any impounded Animal and the amount paid by such Person;
  - (f) The amount of impoundment and maintenance fees, costs, and charges connected with each impounded Animal;
  - (g) Any inspection records and required records for trapping under the Wildlife Act.
- 8.12. No Person shall attempt to take or remove any Animal from the custody of the ACO, other authorized Person, or the Town Pound.
- 8.13. No Person shall resist or interfere with an ACO in the course of performin their duties.

## **PART 9 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

- 9.1. Any Person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of, or in violation of, any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$120.00.
- 9.2. Every day during which there is an infraction of this Bylaw shall constitute a separate offence.
- 9.3. Any Person who commits a second or subsequent offence within 12 months of committing a prior offense under a provision of this Bylaw shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of \$240.00.
- 9.4. An ACO who has reasonable grounds to believe that a Person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, may serve that Person a Notice of Violation or ticket.
- 9.5. A Person to whom a Notice of Violation or ticket is being issued pursuant to this Section must, upon request, provide their name and address.
- 9.6. Service of a Notice of Violation, ticket, or summons pursuant to this Bylaw may be made:
- a) by personally delivering the Notice of Violation, ticket, or summons to the person committing the breach of the provision of this Bylaw; or
  - b) by mailing such Notice of Violation, ticket, or summons to the last known address of the Person by registered mail.
- 9.7. Upon being served with said Notice of Violation or ticket, a Person may make voluntary payment to the Town of the prescribed penalty. In such instances, if the voluntary payment is received within 15 days from the date of the Notice of Violation or ticket, the total fine will be discounted by 25%.
- 9.8. Fines may be paid:
- a) in person, during regular office hours, to Town personnel at the Town Office located at 1212 Hildebrand Drive; or
  - b) by mail addressed to the Town Office, Box 5680, La Ronge, Saskatchewan, S0J 1L0
- 9.9. Upon acceptance and receipt of voluntary payment for an offence, the Person will no longer be liable for prosecution of that offence.

## **PART 10 EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 10.1. Dog Bylaw 519, 2011, Cat Bylaw 351, 1996, and Livestock and Poultry Bylaw 166, 1981 are hereby repealed.
- 10.2. This bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon final passage of Council.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time 14th day of March, 2023

Read a second time this 11th day of April, 2023

Read a third and final time this 25th day of April, 2023



Schedule "A" - Dangerous Dog Warning Sign

