

BYLAW NO. 424-19

PART 14 - IMPOUNDING ANIMALS

51. Any Officer or any designated Contractor with the Town may seize and impound:
 - a. any Animal or Aggressive Dog Running at Large;
 - b. any Animal or Aggressive Dog not wearing a collar or Tag while off the premises of the Owner;
 - c. any Animal or Aggressive Dog found on Park or Parkland and not under the direct control of the Owner;
 - d. any female Animal or Aggressive Dog in heat not contained or restrained in a manner sufficient to avoid attracting other Animals.
52. Upon receiving an Animal or Aggressive Dog for impound, an Animal Control Officer, Contractor, or its staff, shall make reasonable efforts to identify and contact the Owner of the Animal or Aggressive Dog.
53. Subject to the entry notice provisions of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000 c. M-26*, an Officer may enter upon privately owned property at all times, other than a dwelling house, for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Bylaw.
54. Any Officer, including an Animal Control Officer is hereby authorized to use live traps, nets or any other similar means to effect capture of Animals or Aggressive Dogs. The Town or its Contractor shall not be held liable for the death or injury of any Animal or Aggressive Dog.
55. The Contractor shall not sell, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of any impounded Animal or Aggressive Dog until the Animal or Aggressive Dog is retained in the Contractor's impound facility for seventy-two (72) hours, not including the day of impounding, Sundays or Statutory Holidays. After the expiration of seventy-two (72) hours, if the Owner has not claimed the impounded Animal, the Animal becomes the property of the Contractor.
56. The Contractor may retain an Animal for a longer period if in the opinion of the Contractor the circumstances warrant the expense or they have reasonable grounds to believe that the Animal is a continued danger to persons, animals or property.
57. Any healthy Animal may be returned to the Owner during the seventy-two (72) hour period of impoundment upon payment to the Contractor the costs of impoundment and boarding (as specified in the contract between the Town and the Contractor). The Contractor may also collect the appropriate Animal License fee on behalf of the Town if the Animal is not licensed at the time of impound.
58. Any person claiming an impounded Animal shall present government issued identification to the Contractor or its staff.
59. Where an impounded Animal or Aggressive Dog has not been claimed by an Owner within 72 hours of impoundment, the Contractor is authorized to sell, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of any impounded Animal or Aggressive Dog.
60. Notwithstanding Section 52, where an Animal or Aggressive Dog that has been impounded bears obvious identification tattoos, brands, marks, tags or Licenses, the Animal or Aggressive Dog shall be kept at the Contractor's impound facility for a minimum of 30 days from the date the Animal or Aggressive Dog was impounded, in accordance with section 610 of the *Municipal Government Act*.