

PART 2 - DEFINITIONS

1. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires the word, term or expressions:
 - a. "Active Service" means the work of a police Dog while it is aiding a law enforcement officer in carrying out that officer's duties;
 - b. "Altered" means neutered or spayed;
 - c. "Animal" shall mean any Dog or Cat;
 - d. "Animal Control Officer" means a person employed under the contract between the Town and its Contractor to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw;
 - e. "Aggressive Dog" means any Dog that:
 - i. has been designated as such by the Chief Administrative Officer in accordance with this Bylaw; or
 - ii. has been made the subject of an Order under the Dangerous Dogs Act, RSA 2000, c.D-3;
 - f. "Bite" means a single application of force by an Animal's mouth and teeth or beak upon a person or other Animal which results in pain or injury of any nature.
 - g. "Cat" means either male or female of the feline family;
 - h. "Contractor" means a person employed or under contract by the Town to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and maintain and administer an impound facility for Animals;
 - i. "Dog" means either male or female of the canine family;
 - j. "Exotic Pet" means an Animal that is of foreign origin or character; not native; introduced from abroad but not fully naturalized. Exotic Pets are restricted by federal legislation, including the *Wild Life Act, Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act*.
 - k. "Former Owner" means the person at the time of impoundment who was the Owner of an Animal which has been subsequently sold or destroyed;
 - l. "Grandfathering License" provides for the lawful keeping of any Animal in excess of the maximum limit of five (5) Animals per residence. A Grandfathering License only applies to a specific animal which is registered prior to July 1, 2021 and is not transferrable to another Animal. This License shall be for the duration of ownership of said Animal and is subject to an annual renewal fee as outlined in Schedule A attached to this Bylaw.
 - m. "Kennel" includes a house, shelter, room or place located in a properly zoned area (according to the Town's Land Use Bylaw) where more than five (5) Animals of whatever age or sex are kept or boarded, but does not include commercial premises, used for the care and treatment of animals, operated by a duly qualified veterinarian;
 - n. "Leash" means a restraint that is less than two metres in length and made of material capable of restraining the Animal or Aggressive Dog on which it is being used;
 - o. "License": means a License issued by the Town to an Owner upon payment of the required fee for each Animal or Aggressive Dog they own, indicating the year for which the fee has been paid, and which is assigned a number recorded by the Town;
 - p. "Livestock" includes but is not limited to:
 - i. A horse, mule, donkey, swine, emu, ostrich, camel, llama, alpaca, sheep or goat;
 - ii. Domestically reared or kept deer, reindeer, moose, elk or bison;
 - iii. Fur bearing animals including fox, coyote, wolf, weasels or mink;
 - iv. Animals of the bovine species;
 - v. Rabbits raised for meat;
 - vi. Animals of the avian species including chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese or pheasants;
 - vii. Bees;
 - viii. All other animals and insects normally kept for agriculture purposes; but does not include Dogs and Cats.
 - q. "Minor Injury" means any physical injury to a domestic animal or a person, caused by an

Animal or Aggressive Dog, that results in minor bruising, small puncture, scratch or tearing of the skin, bleeding, or any other injury that is not life threatening, disfiguring or debilitating;

- r. "Municipal Ticket" means a tag or similar document issued by the Town under the Municipal Government Act that alleges a bylaw offence and provides a person with the opportunity to pay an amount to the Town in lieu of prosecution for the offence.
- s. "Muzzle" means a device of sufficient strength placed over an Animal's or Aggressive Dog's mouth to prevent it from biting.
- t. "Officer" includes an Animal Control Officer, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, a Community Peace Officer and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- u. "Off Leash Area" shall mean an area designated by the Town where a Dog is not required to be controlled by a Leash;
- v. "Owner" includes any person, partnership, association or corporation:
 - i. owning or possessing or having charge of, or control over any Animal;
 - ii. harbouring any Animal;
 - iii. suffering or permitting any Animal to remain about his or her house or premises; and
 - iv. any person to whom a License has been issued under this Bylaw.
For the purposes of this Bylaw, an Animal can have more than one Owner at the same time, any, or all, who may be charged with offences under this Bylaw.
- w. "Park" or "Parkland" means all recreational land owned or controlled by the Town, lying within the Town limits, and includes all lands used for picnic grounds, campgrounds, playing fields, natural areas, neighborhood beautification areas, or any other public open space, or publicly maintained areas administered by the Town, and school grounds and playgrounds whether or not the management or control of such areas of facilities has been delegated to another body and includes all buildings or other improvements situated on these areas;
- x. "Running at Large" shall mean any Animal or Aggressive Dog off the premises of the Owner and not on a Leash held by a person able to control the Animal;
- y. "Service Dog" has the same meaning as in the *Service Dogs Act Statutes of Alberta, 2007 Chapter S-7.5*;
- z. "Severe Injury" means any physical injury to a domestic animal or a person caused by an Animal or Aggressive Dog that results in severe bruising, multiple punctures or lacerations, any laceration requiring sutures or cosmetic surgery, broken bones or other injury severe in nature;
- aa. "Tag" means a current metal, or other tag, issued by the Town to an Owner for each Animal or Aggressive Dog they own, indicating the year for which the fee has been paid and a number recorded to the Owner's name;
- bb. "Threatening Behaviour" means behaviour that creates a reasonable apprehension of a threat of harm and may include growling, lunging, snarling, charging or chasing;
- cc. "Town" refers to the Town of Ponoka;
- dd. "Unaltered" means not neutered or spayed;
- ee. "Violation Ticket" has the same meaning as in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act, RSA 2000, c. P-34*;
- ff. "Wildlife" has the same meaning as in the *Wildlife Act, RSA 2000, c. W-10*.