

BYLAW NUMBER 987
OF THE TOWN OF CASTOR
(hereinafter referred to as “The Municipality”
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CASTOR IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO CONTROL CATS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF CASTOR.

WHEREAS The Council deems it necessary to control the running at large of cats within the Town of Castor where they become a nuisance.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26.1, Statutes of Alberta, 1994 and amendments thereto, the Council has the authority to pass such a bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTOR, DULY ASSEMBLED ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Part I

Definitions:

1. This bylaw will be known as the Town of Castor Cat Control Bylaw.
2. In this bylaw unless the context otherwise requires, the word, term, or expression will be used.
 - a) “Animal Control Officer(s)” shall mean any person, firm, or Corporation appointed by Council to carry out the provisions of this bylaw.
 - b) “Cat” shall mean either a female or male cat.
 - c) “Council” shall mean the Council of the Town of Castor.
 - d) “Nuisance” shall mean a noxious, offensive, or bothersome act which impairs the use and enjoyment by another of their property or prejudicially affects their health, comfort, or convenience.
 - e) “Owner” shall mean the person who owns a cat and shall include any person who has possession or custody of the cat or harbours the cat or suffers it to remain on the persons premises.
 - f) “Pound” shall mean a place as may be designated from time to time by Council where cats may be confined pursuant to the provisions of the by-law.
 - g) “Running at Large” shall mean that a cat is found on any other private property without the permission of the occupant or owner thereof.
 - h) “Veterinarian” shall mean a person duly authorized to practice in Alberta, that branch of medicine which deals with the investigation, treatment, and prevention of diseases to animals.

Part II

- 3.1 Every Owner of a cat within the Town of Castor shall annually before the 31st Day of January in each year voluntarily cause the cat to be registered at the Town Office for identification purposes.
- 3.2 The said registration shall be in accordance with Schedule “A” of this bylaw and attached hereto.

Part III

1. No Cat Owner shall allow their cat to run at large on a persons property other than their own without the permission of that person.
2. No Cat Owner shall allow their cat to be a nuisance to another person.
3. No person shall at any time have more than three adult cats under their control or within their premises.
4. Notwithstanding Section 3, a person whose cat gives birth to kittens may for a period of eight (8) weeks after the birth of the kittens keep them within their residence.

Part IV

Enforcement:

1. Where it is alleged that a person has contravened a provision of the bylaw, the Town Of Castor may cause to be served upon the alleged offender a fine as set out in Schedule "B" and attached hereto and that the alleged offender may make payment of such penalty to the Town of Castor.
2. Where a cat has bitten any person or other animal, an Animal Control Officer(s) shall cause such cat to be examined by a veterinarian for the purpose of ascertaining the possible existence of rabies or any other communicable disease.
3. Where a cat is suspected of being rabid, the Animal Control Officer(s) shall cause the said animal to be held in isolation under the supervision of a veterinarian.
4. The Animal Control Officer(s) may, when unable to capture a cat, obtain the use or make use of a tranquilizer gun or the use of a humane live trap to effect the capture of a cat.
5. Where the Animal Control Officer(s) suspects that a person or owner of having cats in excess of three (3) he may instruct the owner to find new homes for the cats or surrender the cats to the Animal Control Officer(s).
6. If in the opinion of an Animal Control Officer(s) a person who harbours more cats than are allowed under Part III Section 3 may request a warrant from the appropriate Court to allow for the inspection and if necessary removal of cats from a residence or property where the cats are being kept.

Part V

- 1.1 The Animal Control Officer(s) may impound any cat found running a large on a persons property other than their owners.
- 1.2 The Owner of the impounded cat if known, shall be immediately notified of impounding.
2. The Owner of a cat may redeem the impounded cat upon compliance with the following conditions:
 - 1) Providing satisfactory proof that the cat is theirs.
 - 2) Paying the required fines as outlined in Schedule "B".
 - 3) The owner shall be responsible for the transporting of the cat from the pound.

Part VI

Disposal:

1. Where the Town of Castor has impounded a cat and is unable to ascertain the identity of the owner, the Town will impound the cat for a period of seventy-two (72) hours.
2. If an owner does not make claim to redeem the said unknown cat within the seventy-two (72) hour period, the Animal Control Officer(s) may take the said cat impounded to a veterinarian to be euthanized in a humane manner.

Part VII

1. This bylaw shall take full force and effect upon final passage.
2. Bylaw Number 866 is hereby repealed.

Introduced and Read a First Time this 23rd Day of November, 2009.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Read a Second Time this ____ Day of _____, 2009

Read a Third Time this ____ Day of _____, 2009

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SCHEDULE "A"
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Cat Registration Form

Owners Name:

Registration No. _____

Name of Cat: _____

Breed of Cat: _____

Colour of Cat: _____

Identifiable Markings: _____

Other Identification (ie. Collar, etc.): _____

Picture Attached: Yes _____ No _____

Date of Registration

Owners Signature

SCHEDULE "B"
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Fines

First Offense

Running at Large	\$25.00
Nuisance	\$25.00

Subsequent Offense

Running at Large	\$50.00
Nuisance	\$50.00