

BYLAW NO. 15-2026

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF LLOYDMINSTER IN THE PROVINCES OF ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Lloydminster deems it necessary to establish a Bylaw to deal with the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property.

AND WHEREAS *The Lloydminster Charter* provides authority to City Council to pass bylaws for municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS *The Lloydminster Charter* provides authority to the City to pass bylaws respecting the enforcement of bylaws.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Lloydminster deems it necessary to establish a Bylaw to control and regulate Domestic Animals within the City of Lloydminster; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Lloydminster, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 15 of *The Lloydminster Charter*, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Animal Control Bylaw.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. The definitions listed in Schedule "A" attached to this Bylaw shall apply, unless context otherwise requires.

3. APPOINTMENT, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 3.1. Except where authority is expressly reserved to Council, the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is delegated to the City Manager.
- 3.2. The City Manager may take any action necessary to administer and enforce this Bylaw, including but not limited to the authority to:
 - 3.2.1. delegate any power, duty or function under this Bylaw to a Designated Officer or other employee of the City;
 - 3.2.2. carry out, or cause to be carried out, inspections reasonably required to determine compliance with this Bylaw; and
 - 3.2.3. establish any forms, notices, or procedures required for the administration of this Bylaw.

4. DOG AND CAT IDENTIFICATION PROVISIONS

- 4.1. Every Owner of a Dog or a Cat within the City shall ensure that any Dog or Cat over the age of six (6) months is identified by a Tag.
- 4.2. The Tag must be securely affixed to the Dog's or Cat's collar or other restraining device and must display a legible and operational phone number for the Owner or another contact person.
- 4.3. A Dog or Cat is not considered properly identified unless it is wearing the Tag while off the Owner's Property.

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- 4.4. An Owner who fails to comply with this section commits an offence and is liable to the applicable fine set out in Schedule "B".
- 4.5. A Person(s) who requires the assistance of a Service Dog shall ensure it is identified as a Service Dog through a government-issued identification card or is wearing a Tag to identify it as a Service Dog.

5. CONTROL OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- 5.1. Every Owner shall Keep their Domestic Animal under Physical Control at all times.
- 5.2. No Owner shall permit their Domestic Animal to Run at Large within the City.
- 5.3. The City may designate areas under its control where a Dog, while in the presence of its Owner, may be unleashed.
- 5.4. No Kennel shall operate on residential property within the City.
- 5.5. An Owner shall ensure that their Domestic Animal does not:
 - 5.5.1. bite, scratch, attack, or injure any Person; or
 - 5.5.2. bite, scratch, attack, injure, or cause the death of another animal.
- 5.6. Subsection 5.5 does not apply where a Dog's actions are the direct result of provocation.
- 5.7. In addition to any penalty imposed under this Bylaw, where a Dog contravenes subsection 5.5, a Judge may, upon hearing of a complaint, order one or more of the following:
 - 5.7.1. that the Owner pay damages suffered by the complainant;
 - 5.7.2. that the Owner confine or muzzle the Dog for a period determined by the Judge;
 - 5.7.3. that the Owner deliver the Dog to the City for humane destruction; or
 - 5.7.4. that the Owner remove the Dog from the City.

6. CARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

- 6.1. No Person shall inadvertently or through negligence, injure, hurt, or otherwise harm an animal.
- 6.2. No Person shall deliberately injure, hurt or otherwise harm any animal.
- 6.3. Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer is required to enter a vehicle or take other reasonable action to release an animal in Distress, all costs associated with that action shall be paid by:
 - 6.3.1. the Owner of the animal; or
 - 6.3.2. the Owner of the vehicle, if the vehicle owner is not the Owner of the animal.
- 6.4. No Person may abandon an animal within the City.

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- 6.5. Any Person convicted of an offence under subsection 6.4 shall pay all costs incurred by the City for the intake, care, and handling of an Abandoned Animal.

7. NUISANCE ANIMALS

- 7.1. The Owner of a female Domestic Animal In Heat shall ensure that the animal is confined so as not to attract other animals.
- 7.2. Where a Domestic Animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its Owner, the Owner must immediately remove and properly dispose of the defecation.
- 7.3. No Owner shall permit their Domestic Animal to damage public or private property. Where damage occurs, the Owner commits an offence and must make restitution to the owner of the damaged property, in addition to any fine imposed under this Bylaw.
- 7.4. No Owner shall permit their Domestic Animal to bark, howl, or otherwise make noise excessively, as determined by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- 7.5. No Owner shall permit their Domestic Animal to disturb the peace of any Person, as determined by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- 7.6. An Owner shall ensure that their Domestic Animal does not become a nuisance and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, does not:
- 7.6.1. chase, threaten, or harass any Person or animal
 - 7.6.2. chase bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles; or
 - 7.6.3. overturn garbage receptacles or scatter their contents.
- 7.7. Nothing in this section applies to Domestic Animals used in law enforcement operations, training, or duties by an accredited police service.

8. POUND OPERATION

- 8.1. The City Manager shall establish, appoint, or otherwise authorize an authority to operate a Pound for the purpose of impounding Domestic Animals at one or more locations approved by the City Manager.
- 8.2. The City Manager may establish rules and procedures governing:
- 8.2.1. the administration of the Pound; and
 - 8.2.2. the conduct and responsibilities of the Pound Keeper.
- 8.3. The Pound Keeper shall hold all impounded Domestic Animals for a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours, excluding the day of impoundment, Sundays and statutory holidays.
- 8.4. During the holding period, a healthy Domestic Animal may be reclaimed by its Owner upon:
- 8.4.1. providing proof of identity and residency.
- 8.5. If a Domestic Animal is not redeemed within the required holding period, the Pound Keeper may arrange for the animal to be:

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- 8.5.1. donated,
 - 8.5.2. sold; or
 - 8.5.3. euthanized.
- 8.6. The Pound Keeper may, at their discretion, provide veterinary care to any Domestic Animal that, upon or during impoundment, requires such care. All costs associated with veterinary care shall be paid by the Owner and are recoverable by the City.
- 8.7. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer is authorized to capture and impound:
- 8.7.1. any Domestic Animal found in contravention of this Bylaw; and
 - 8.7.2. any Domestic Animal that is wounded, Distressed, abandoned, or diseased.
- 8.8. Any Owner who utilizes the services of the Pound Keeper shall pay the fees, such as costs associated with collection, boarding, feeding and veterinary care, as outlined in this Bylaw or the Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended from time to time.
- 8.9. With written approval from the City, the Pound Keeper may offer programs or services, including licensing initiatives or voluntary donations to offset any costs or penalties incurred through this Bylaw.
- 8.10. Any Owner who intentionally surrenders a Domestic Animal within the City for the purpose of utilizing Pound services shall pay the applicable fees contained within this Bylaw or set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, as amended from time to time.
- 8.11. Any impounded Domestic Animal that appears to be suffering from any disease shall be managed in accordance with the requirements of the province in which the animal is impounded and the authority responsible for animal health and disease control.

9. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR RESTRICTED DOGS

- 9.1. A Dog that has demonstrated vicious behaviour, as determined through an investigation following a complaint, by observation of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or following two (2) confirmed Unprovoked Attacks within a twelve (12) month period, shall be declared a Restricted Dog by a Designated Officer.
- 9.2. Upon declaring a Dog to be a Restricted Dog, the Designated Officer shall:
- 9.2.1. notify the Owner of the designation
 - 9.2.2. require the Owner to Keep the Dog in accordance with this section; and
 - 9.2.3. inform the Owner that failure to comply with these requirements may result in penalties prescribed in Schedule "B".
 - 9.2.4. Create a written notice for properties in proximity to the Restricted Dogs' primary address.

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- 9.3. While on the premises of its Owner, the Restricted Dog shall be:
- 9.3.1. kept indoors; or
 - 9.3.2. confined in a securely enclosed or locked pen or structure designed to prevent the escape and prevent entry by any person other than the Owner.
- 9.4. Any exterior enclosure used to confine a Restricted Dog shall:
- 9.4.1. have secure sides and a secure top; and
 - 9.4.2. if the enclosure has no bottom attached to the sides, be embedded into the ground to a depth of not less than 0.3 meters.
- 9.5. When a Restricted Dog is off the premises of its Owner, the Owner shall:
- 9.5.1. securely muzzle the Dog; and
 - 9.5.2. harness or leash the Dog so as to maintain immediate Physical Control and prevent the Dog from attacking any Person or animal.
- 9.6. An Owner of a Restricted Dog shall ensure that the Dog does not attack any Person anywhere in the City.
- 9.7. In addition to any penalty imposed under this Bylaw, a Judge may order one or more of the following:
- 9.7.1. that the Owner pay damages suffered by a complainant;
 - 9.7.2. that the Owner deliver the Restricted Dog to the Pound Keeper for humane destruction; and
 - 9.7.3. that the Owner remove the Restricted Dog from the City.

10. LIVESTOCK AND EXOTIC ANIMALS

- 10.1. An Owner may Keep Exotic Animals within the City only in accordance with this Bylaw, and all applicable provincial or federal legislation.
- 10.2. No Person may Keep an Exotic Animal within the City if possession of that animal is prohibited by provincial or federal legislation.
- 10.3. No Person shall Keep pigeons, guinea pigs, or rabbits in numbers greater than three (3).
- 10.4. No Person shall Keep Livestock within the City.
- 10.5. Despite subsection 10.4, Livestock may be kept or present within the City for the following purposes:
- 10.5.1. events conducted by the Lloydminster Agriculture Exhibition Association; or
 - 10.5.2. events or activities for which written permission has been granted by the City.
- 10.6. Despite subsection 10.4, a Person may ride or drive a horse within the City for the following purposes:

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- 10.6.1. parades authorized under the City of Lloydminster Traffic Bylaw;
- 10.6.2. events conducted by the Lloydminster Agriculture Exhibition Association; or
- 10.6.3. circumstances where written permission has been provided by the City.

11. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 11.1. No residential household within the City shall Keep more than:
 - 11.1.1. five (5) Dogs, or
 - 11.1.2. five (5) Cats, or
 - 11.1.3. one (1) Restricted Dog or
 - 11.1.4. a combination of Domestic Animals exceeding a total of five (5).
- 11.2. A Service Dog, when accompanied by its Owner, must be permitted to enter public premises unless otherwise prohibited by municipal, provincial, or federal legislation, including but not limited to the *Public Health Act* (Saskatchewan) or the *Public Health Act* (Alberta).
- 11.3. If a Designated Officer believes that any animal poses an immediate risk to any Person, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may immediately seize and impound the animal.
- 11.4. Any animal seized under subsection 11.3 shall remain impounded until the Designated Officer is satisfied that it no longer poses a threat to any person.
- 11.5. Any fees incurred in accordance with sections 11.3. and 11.4 shall be at the sole expense of the Owner of said animal.

12. DISEASE CONTROL

- 12.1. If Council has reason to believe that there is an outbreak or a threatened outbreak of rabies or any disease that may be transmitted to humans, Council may Order all Owners to securely confine and quarantine every Domestic Animal under their control.
- 12.2. Any Domestic Animal found Running at Large in contravention of an Order made under subsection 12.1 shall be impounded, quarantined, and examined by a veterinarian.
- 12.3. Where a Domestic Animal under quarantine is diagnosed or suspected by a licensed veterinarian as being rabid and dies while under observation, the Pound Keeper shall:
 - 12.3.1. direct the Owner to surrender the animal for pathological examination by the appropriate health authority; and
 - 12.3.2. notify the Public Health Authority of the diagnosis and any known human that was in contact with the animal.
- 12.4. During a rabies quarantine period, every Domestic Animal bitten by an animal

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confirmed to be rabid must be humanely euthanized, unless the Owner elects, at their own expense, to:

- 12.4.1. have the animal treated by a licensed veterinarian; or
- 12.4.2. Have the animal confined and quarantined by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with applicable standards.
- 12.5. Except as otherwise permitted under this Bylaw or applicable legislation, no Person shall:
 - 12.5.1. kill, or cause death of a rabid animal or suspected rabid animal; or
 - 12.5.2. remove such an animal from the City without written permission of the Pound Keeper.
- 12.6. Upon request, the carcass of any Domestic Animal exposed to rabies shall be surrendered to the Pound Keeper, who shall direct its disposition.
- 12.7. Where, in the judgment of a licensed veterinarian, an impounded Domestic Animal should be euthanized for humane reasons, the animal shall be euthanized.
- 12.8. No Person shall knowingly bring into or Keep within the City a Domestic Animal that has an infectious disease posing a serious risk to other animals or humans.
- 12.9. Where a Domestic Animal within the City shows symptoms of disease, the City Manager or his Designated Officer may require the Keeper of the animal, in writing, to:
 - 12.9.1. produce a veterinarian's statement confirming the animal is not contagious; or
 - 12.9.2. in the case of a Dog or a Cat, produce proof of vaccination against rabies, distemper, or parvovirus.
- 12.10. An Owner who fails to comply with a written requirement under subsection 12.9 within ninety-six (96) hours commits an offence and is liable to the penalties set out in Schedule "B".

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. Any person who contravenes this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 13.2. Persons having contravened certain sections of this Bylaw shall be liable for the penalties set out in such section or set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
- 13.3. A notice or form commonly called a Notice of Violation having printed wording approved by the City Manager, may be issued by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a Designated Officer to any person alleged to have breached any provision of this Bylaw, and the said notice shall require the payment of the City of Lloydminster in the amount specified in Schedule "B" hereto.
- 13.4. A Summary Offence Ticket or a Violation Ticket shall be deemed to be sufficiently served:

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13.4.1. if served personally on the accused; or

13.4.2. if mailed to the address of the person accused by regular mail.

13.5. The amounts specified in Schedule "B" hereto shall be the specified penalties for the purposes of the *Provincial Offences Procedures Act* (Alberta) or the *Summary Offences Procedure Act 1990* (Saskatchewan).

14. NUMBER AND GENDER REFERENCES

14.1. All references in this Bylaw will be read with such changes in number and gender as may be appropriate according to whether the reference is to a male or female person, or a corporation or partnership.

15. SEVERABILITY

15.1. Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and 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.

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

The following bylaws and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed:

- Domestic Animal Bylaw 38-2020.

INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this 20th day of July, 2026, A.D.

READ a second time this 17th day of August, 2026, A.D.

READ a third time this 17th day of August, 2026, A.D.

August 18, 2026

Date Signed

Gerald S. Aalbers (Signed)

MAYOR

August 18, 2026

Date Signed

Shannon Rowan (Signed)

CITY CLERK

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SCHEDULE "A"

Definitions

Abandoned Animal	An animal having been left without care and control by an owner with no intent to return.
Bylaw Enforcement Officer	Any Person who has been appointed a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, pursuant to Bylaw 02-2025, a Peace Officer appointed pursuant to the Peace Officer Act S.A. 2006, c P-3.5, or a member of the RCMP.
Cat	A Domestic Animal of the Felidae family.
Charter	Refers to <i>The Lloydminster Charter</i> .
City	The City of Lloydminster and the area contained within the corporate boundaries of the City.
City Manager	The Commissioner of the City of Lloydminster as appointed by Council or designate.
Commercially Zoned	As described within Bylaw 05-2025 Land Use Bylaw, as amended.
Council	The Municipal Council of the City of Lloydminster.
Designated Officer	A person designated through Council by the Designated Offices Bylaw, as amended from time to time.
Distress	A condition in which an animal is deprived of adequate food, water, care, or shelter, is injured, sick or in pain, or is subjected to abuse or neglect.
Dog	A Domestic animal of the Canidae family.
Domestic Animal	An animal that has been domesticated by humans and depend on humans for care or survival and does not include Livestock.
Exotic Animal	An animal that is not native to Canada and is not commonly domesticated, including animals regulated under provincial or federal legislation.
In Heat	The period of time when an animal is fertile.
Keep	To own, harbour or have control or custody of a Domestic Animal or other animal.
Kennel	A facility used for commercial breeding or keeping of Dogs or Cats.
Livestock	Cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, goats, chickens or other animals commonly kept on a farm and/or for agricultural purposes.
Order	Any written notice or letter that requires a Person to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw or <i>The Lloydminster Charter</i> .
Owner	Any Keeper of a Dog or Cat or other Domestic Animal.
Person	Any individual, a group of individuals, a corporation, firm, partnership, proprietorship, association, society or co-operative organization.

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Physical Control	In respect of a Domestic Animal, the animal is: • under the immediate and effective control of a Person and restrained by a leash not exceeding three (3) metres in length; or • confined within a container, enclosure, or motor vehicle; or • in the case of a Dog, under the immediate control of its Owner in an area designated by the City for off-leash use.
Pound	Such a place as may, from time to time, be established by the City Manager for the impounding and keeping of Domestic Animals.
Pound Keeper	A Person appointed by the City Manager for the purpose of Administrating the Pound.
Restricted Dog	Any Dog declared to be a Restricted Dog by a Designated Officer in accordance with this Bylaw.
Run at Large	Any Dog, Cat or other Domestic Animal not under the Physical Control of a responsible and competent person when off the property of the Owner.
Service Dog	A type of assistance dog specifically trained to do tasks that mitigate the disability of their person, including but not limited to: i. visual difficulties; or ii. hearing impairment; or iii. medical conditions.
Summary Offence Ticket	As defined by the <i>Summary Offences Procedures Act</i> (Saskatchewan), as amended from time to time.
Tag	A disc or other shape of metal or plastic which is securely affixed to a Dog or Cat's collar or other restraining device, and which contains, at a minimum, a legible and operational phone number of the Owner or where the Owner can be contacted.
Unprovoked Attack	i. Any Incident in which, without provocation, any Dog while not on the property of its Owner bites any Person; or ii. Any incident in which, without provocation any Dog, while on the property of its Owner bites any Person who should reasonably expect safe and lawful entry to that property.
Violation Ticket	As defined by the <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i> (Alberta), as amended from time to time.

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SECTION	OFFENCE	FINE
	SECTION 4: DOG & CAT IDENTIFICATION PROVISION	
4.1 & 4.3	Owner failing to properly Tag a Domestic Animal	\$50.00
	SECTION 5: CONTROL OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS	
5.1	Owner failing to Keep a Domestic Animal under Physical Control	\$50.00
5.2	Owner permitting a Domestic Animal to Run at Large	\$100.00
5.4	Operating a Kennel on residential property	\$500.00
5.5	Owner permitting a Domestic Animal to bite, attack, or injure a person	\$750.00
5.5	Owner permitting a Domestic Animal to bite, attack, injure, or kill another animal	\$300.00
5.6	Failure to comply with an Order issued under Section 5	\$100.00 per day
	SECTION 6: CARE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS	
6.1	Inadvertent harm to an animal	\$300.00
6.2	Neglect/Deliberate harm to an animal	\$1,500.00
6.5	Abandoning an animal within the City	\$1,500.00
	SECTION 7: NUISANCE ANIMALS	
7.1	Failing to confine a female Domestic Animal in Heat	\$100.00
7.2	Failing to remove animal defecation from public or private property	\$100.00
7.3	Permitting a Domestic Animal to damage public or private property	\$150.00
7.4	Permitting excessive noise by a Domestic Animal	\$150.00
7.5	Permitting a Domestic Animal to disturb the peace of any Person	\$150.00
7.6	Allow a Domestic Animal to become a public nuisance	\$100.00
	SECTION 8: POUND OPERATIONS	
8.8	Utilize Pound Keeper Services – Cat	\$100.00
8.8	Utilize Pound Keeper Services - Dog	\$300.00
	SECTION 9: SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR RESTRICTED DOGS	
9.3	Failing to properly confine a Restricted Dog	\$1,000.00
9.5	Failing to securely muzzle, harness, or leash a Restricted Dog while off premises	\$1,000.00
9.5.2	Allowing a Restricted Dog to Run at Large	\$1,500.00
9.6	Failing to prevent a Restricted Dog from attacking any person	\$5,000.00
9.7	Failing to comply with an Order issued under Section 9.	\$1,500.00
	SECTION 10: LIVESTOCK AND EXOTIC ANIMALS	
10.4	Keeping livestock within the City.	\$200.00
	SECTION 11: GENERAL PROVISIONS	
11.1	Keeping more than five Dogs, five Cats, or one Restricted Dog or combination thereof in any residential household	\$250.00
	SECTION 12: DISEASE CONTROL	
12.1	Failing to obey a Council Order under Section 12.1	\$1,000.00
12.2–12.9	Each contravention of Sections 12.2 to 12.9 inclusive	\$500.00
	UNSPECIFIED PENALTIES	
	Any contravention of this Bylaw not specified in Schedule "B"	\$150.00-\$2,000.00