

**Town of Fort Nelson  
Animal Control, Pound and License Bylaw  
Bylaw No. 711, 2007**

A bylaw of the Town of Fort Nelson to regulate and provide for the control and protection of animals, the licensing of dogs, identification requirements for cats, and the provision of pound facilities.

WHEREAS the Regional Council has the authority to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to animals, including bylaw enforcement and related matters;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Council of the Town of Fort Nelson enacts as follows:

**1. CITATION**

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Animal Control, Pound and License Bylaw No. 711, 2007”

**2. SEVERABILITY AND OTHER REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 If a portion of this bylaw is found invalid by a Court, it is intended that the invalid portion shall be severable, and the remainder of the bylaw will remain in effect.
- 2.2 Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or license.

**3. REPEALS**

- 3.1 “The Animal Control, Dog Pound and License Bylaw No. 611, 2002 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 3.2 “The Pit Bull Regulation & Prohibition Bylaw No. 394, 1990.”

**4. APPLICATION**

- 4.1 This bylaw shall apply to the geographic area of the Town of Fort Nelson. Those residents residing in areas zoned Rural Residential (R4) as designated by the Town of Fort Nelson Zoning Bylaw are not limited to the number of animals specified in this bylaw.

## 5. DEFINITIONS

### 5.1 In this bylaw:

“Animal” means a domestic family pet but does not include fish, birds, reptiles, or rodents;

“Animal Control Officer” means the person appointed to that position by resolution of the Regional Council from time to time, or his/her designate, for the purpose of enforcing and carrying out the provisions of this bylaw, and includes a person designated as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer by the Regional Council or a Peace Officer;

“At Large” means being elsewhere than on the lands or premises of the Owner of the Animal, and is not under the immediate control of a responsible person, and with respect to a Dog, not on a Leash;

“Attack” means an assault resulting in bleeding, bone breakage, sprains, serious bruising, or multiple injuries;

“Bite” means wound to the skin causing it to bruise, puncture, or break;

“Bylaw Enforcement Officer” means any person appointed to that position by resolution of the Regional Council from time to time, or his/her designate;

“Cat” means any animal of the feline species;

“Cattle” means any livestock including horse, mule, llama, swine, sheep, goat, cow or other animal of the bovine species;

“Council” means the elected Regional Council of the Town of Fort Nelson;

“Dangerous Dog” is as defined in the *Community Charter*, as amended from time to time and includes a dog that:

- a) has killed or seriously injured a person,
- b) has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal, while in a public place or while on private property, other than property owned or occupied by the person responsible for the dog,
- c) an animal control officer has reasonable grounds to believe it is likely to kill or seriously injure a person,
- d) has a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation other domestic animals or humans,
- e) has bitten another domestic animal or human without provocation,

## 5. DEFINITIONS (CONTINUED)

f) is a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, or a crossbreed of any of the aforementioned breeds.

### 5.1 In this bylaw:

“Dog” means any animal of the canine species;

“Enclosure” means a fence or structure of at least 2.4 meters (six feet) in height forming or causing confined area suitable to prevent the entry of young children and suitable to confine the Dog enclosed;

“Keep” means lodge, possess, harbor, board, bring upon or feed on a regular basis, on a parcel of land;

“Leash” means a chain or other material of sufficient strength that does not exceed 2.4 meters (six feet) in length and that is suitable for control of the Dog it is used for;

“License” means a license paid and issued for the current licensing year;

“Licensing Year” means that time period between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive, in each and every year;

“Muzzle” means fitted with a device placed over the mouth of a dog that is of sufficient strength and design to prevent the dog from biting any person or other animal;

“Owner” means any natural person or a body corporate:

- (a) who is the licensed Owner of the Animal;
- (b) who has legal title to the Animal;
- (c) who has possession or custody of the Animal, either temporarily or permanently; or
- (d) who harbors the Animal, or allows the Animal to remain on his premises; “Owner” means any person who keeps an animal;

“Peace Officer” includes all members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any person designated as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer by the Council of the Town;

“Police Dog” means a dog used by a Peace Officer in police operations;

“Pound” means the premises used to keep and maintain animals pursuant to this bylaw and includes any vehicle used by the Pound Keeper;

## **5. DEFINITIONS (CONTINUED)**

### **5.1 In this bylaw:**

"Pound keeper" means the person or persons appointed by the Regional Council of the Town of Fort Nelson from time to time to keep a Pound, and includes animal control officers, bylaw enforcement officers, or the authorized agent of any corporation or society with whom the Town has an agreement to keep a Pound;

"Running at large" means:

- a) not leashed and under the control of a competent person while on a highway or in a park or other public place; or,
- b) not confined within a building or securely tethered or prevented from leaving the property by an adequate fence while on the property of the owner of the cat or dog, or on other private property with the consent of the owner; or under the control of a Peace Officer or security guard acting in the course of his or her duties.

"Seriously Injured" means any physical injury that results in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery;

"Town" means the Town of Fort Nelson;

"Treasurer/Collector" means the person appointed to that position by resolution of the Regional Council of the Town of Fort Nelson from time to time, or his/her designate.

"Unlicensed Dog" means any dog for which a license for the current year, as provided in this bylaw, has not been obtained, or any dog to which the tag corresponding to a valid license for the current year is not attached as prescribed by this bylaw;

## **6. DOG LICENSING**

6.1 No person shall keep or have in his or her possession within the Town any dog over the age of eight (8) weeks unless a license under this bylaw has been first obtained and the applicable fee paid.

6.2 Dog license fees shall be payable as specified in "Schedule A" and become due on the 2nd day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as the dog in respect of which the license is obtained attains the age of eight (8) weeks.

## **6. DOG LICENSING (CONTINUED)**

- 6.3 The Owner of a dog shall ensure that his dog wears the current license purchased for that dog, when the dog is off the property of the Owner.
- 6.4 The Owner of a dog shall be at least 18 years of age.
- 6.5 Before issuing a licence for a spayed female dog or a neutered male dog, the Town may require the owner to furnish written certification from a licensed veterinarian that the dog has been neutered or spayed.
- 6.6 A replacement license or license tag may be issued upon payment of the fee specified in "Schedule A" when the original license or tag has been lost, destroyed or stolen.
- 6.7 Fees paid for a dog license are not refundable and the license is not transferable.
- 6.8 No license shall be issued to or in the name of any person under the age of 18 years.
- 6.9 The Treasurer/Collector for the Town, and such other person, corporation or societies as Council may by resolution authorize, may receive dog license fees and issue dog licenses on behalf of the Town and may receive cat breeding permit applications and issue cat breeding permits.
- 6.10 There shall be issued with each dog license a suitable license tag which shall be impressed or stamped with a number corresponding to the number of the license and with figures denoting the calendar year in which the license is valid.
- 6.11 No person shall remove from any dog any collar to which is attached the license tag provided for herein, or remove such license tag from any collar except where the owner, veterinarian, or animal groomer must remove the collar to provide grooming or veterinary care to the animal or to replace an expired license tag.
- 6.12 Every dog license issued under this bylaw shall expire on the 31st day of December next following the date on which the license is issued and shall be valid only in respect of the dog for which it was issued.
- 6.13 The Treasurer/Collector of the Town will keep a record of the name and address of the owner of every dog licensed under the provisions of this bylaw, the date the license was issued, a description of the dog, the license number and the amount of fees paid.

## **7. DANGEROUS DOGS**

- 7.1 No owner of a dangerous dog shall permit, suffer or allow the dog to run at large, chase, attack or bite another person or animal.
- 7.2 An owner of a dangerous dog may cause or allow a dangerous dog to be in a public place or on privately owned property with consent of the owner only if:
  - a) the dog is firmly held on a leash or secured in an enclosure;
  - b) firmly held by a person competent to restrain the dangerous dog
  - c) muzzled by a properly fitted humane device.
- 7.3 An owner of a dangerous dog must keep the dangerous dog in a secured enclosure or structure.
- 7.4 An owner of a dangerous dog must:
  - a) display a sign at each entrance to the parcel of land on which the dog is kept; and,
  - b) display a sign on the building or structure in which the dog is kept
- 7.5 The sign warning of a dangerous dog must display the following:
  - a) Contain the word "WARNING" with words measuring at least six centimetres high and twenty centimetres wide
  - b) Contain the phrase "Dangerous Dog on Premises" with words measuring at least two centimetres high and twenty five centimetres wide
  - c) Contain a realistic picture or illustration measuring at least fourteen centimetres high and fourteen centimetres wide showing the head of a dog with bared teeth
- 7.6 The dangerous dog sign must be posted so it is not easily removed.
- 7.7 Within two working days of selling or giving away the dangerous dog, the owner of a dangerous dog must provide the Town with the name, address and telephone number of the dangerous dog's new owner.
- 7.8 Within two working days of the death of the dangerous dog, advise the Town of the death of the dangerous dog.

## **7. DANGEROUS DOGS (CONTINUED)**

- 7.9 An owner must advise the Town or the RCMP if the Dangerous Dog is running at large, or has bitten or has attacked a person or animal.
- 7.10 No person may deface or remove a sign posted under Section 7.4 of this bylaw.
- 7.11 The owner of any dangerous dog impounded under this Bylaw may reclaim it on application to the Pound keeper within Seventy-Two (72) hours from the time of its seizure by providing proof of ownership, paying any impoundment and related fees as set out in Schedule "B" and any applicable fine, and delivering to the Pound keeper an executed statement in the Application For Release of Dangerous Dog Form available from the Animal Control Officer.
- 7.12 If a dangerous dog has been impounded and is not reclaimed within the Seventy-Two (72) hour impounding period, the Pound keeper may cause such dangerous dog to be destroyed, provided that where the owner of such dangerous dog requests a further period of time in which to construct an enclosure for the dog, the Pound keeper may extend the time limit to reclaim the dog for a period of not more than Ten (10) days upon receipt of additional fees specified in "Schedule B".
- 7.13 As per Section 49 of the Community Charter, if the animal control officer believes that a dog is a dangerous dog, the animal control officer may apply to the Provincial Court for an order that the dog be destroyed in the manner specified in the order.

## **8. CAT IDENTIFICATION AND BREEDING PERMITS**

- 8.1 No person may be or become an Owner of any cat that is actually or apparently over the age of six months unless:
- a) the cat has been spayed or neutered, as the case may be, by a veterinarian; or
  - b) the person holds a valid cat breeding permit for an unspayed or unneutered cat as provided for in this Bylaw; or
  - c) the person is not normally a resident in the Municipality and, while in the Municipality for any temporary period or periods, ensures that his or her cat is not permitted to be running at large within the Municipality.
- 8.2 The Owner of a cat shall be at least 18 years of age.

## **8. CAT IDENTIFICATION AND BREEDING PERMITS (CONTINUED)**

- 8.3 Every Owner of a cat is responsible for ensuring that his or her cat bears sufficient identification to allow any person finding the cat running at large to identify and contact the Owner. For clarity, but without limiting the identification options open to an Owner, cat identification may take the form of a collar and tag worn by the cat.
- 8.4 Any person finding a cat running at large that he or she believes to be unspayed or unneutered and takes into his or her possession, must immediately notify the Animal Control Officer or the Poundkeeper and either deliver the cat to the Animal Control Officer or the Poundkeeper or, upon request, release the cat to the Animal Control Officer or the Poundkeeper.
- 8.5 The Animal Control Officer may enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and seize any cat found at large and not on the property of the owner of the cat or other private property with the consent of the owner or occupier of the property and impound such cat, which shall be detained for Seventy-Two (72) hours unless it be sooner reclaimed as provided in Section 12(3).
- 8.6 No person shall remove from any cat any collar to which an identification tag has been provided or remove such identification tag from any collar except where the owner, veterinarian, or animal groomer must remove the collar to provide grooming or veterinary care to the animal or to replace an identification tag.
- 8.7 Any person who wishes to obtain a cat breeding permit that will exempt that person from the provisions of 8.1 during the life of the permit shall apply to the Town of Fort Nelson in the prescribed form of application.
- 8.8 The Town or Animal Control Officer may, upon receiving an appropriate application form and the fees for a cat breeding permit specified in "Schedule A," issue a cat breeding permit, which permit shall be valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance.
- 8.9 An owner who holds a cat breeding permit is responsible for ensuring that his or her cat, to which the permit relates, is not permitted to be running at large in the Municipality.

## **9. CONTROL OF ANIMALS**

- 9.1 No dog or cat owner shall permit, suffer or allow any dog or cat to be running at large.



## **9. CONTROL OF ANIMALS (CONTINUED)**

- 9.2 No dog or cat owner shall permit or allow any dog or cat to howl or bark when such howling or barking disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any other person.
- 9.3 No animal owner shall be permitted to possess or harbour more than a total of three (3) dogs, or three (3) cats, or three (3) animals within the Town.
- 9.4 Animals may be kept on any parcel of land within the Municipality, subject to the conditions and restrictions as set out in this bylaw.
- 9.5 No person shall keep, harbour or have in their possession an animal suffering from any infectious or contagious disease unless the animal is in isolation and under veterinary care for that disease.
- 9.6 No cattle shall be permitted to be kept within the municipal boundaries of the town of Fort Nelson unless a resident resides in areas zoned Rural Residential (R4) as designated by the Town of Fort Nelson Zoning Bylaw.
- 9.7 Every owner of cattle shall keep such cattle from running at large.
- 9.8 The Animal Control Officer may seize any cattle found at large and impound such cattle, which shall be detained for 120 hours unless sooner reclaimed as provided hereinafter, following which they may be sold or humanely destroyed.
- 9.9 Notwithstanding Section 12, the owner of any cattle impounded under this bylaw may reclaim them on application to the Pound keeper within One Hundred and Twenty (120) hours from the time of their seizure by providing proof of ownership and paying any impoundment fees specified in "Schedule B".
- 9.10 Every owner of a female dog or cat in heat or oestrus shall confine it or cause it to be confined in a building or enclosure so that it cannot come in contact with dogs or cats other than dogs or cats belonging to that owner, except that such a dog or cat may be conveyed under the control of a competent person to a veterinary clinic or a boarding kennel.
- 9.11 Notwithstanding Section 12(3) of this bylaw, where a female dog or cat in heat or oestrus has been impounded under the provisions of this bylaw, the dog or cat shall remain in the control of the Animal Control Officer until the expiration of the dog's or cat's ovulatory period. The owner shall be responsible for all maintenance fees for the duration of the impoundment.

## **10. PROVISION OF NEEDS**

- 10.1 Every person who keeps an animal within the municipality shall provide the animal or cause it to be provided with:
- a) clean, fresh drinking water available and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal, healthy growth and the maintenance of normal, healthy body weight;
  - b) food and water receptacles kept clean and disinfected and located so as to avoid contamination by excreta;
  - c) the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health - including the opportunity to be unfettered within a fixed area and exercised regularly under appropriate control; and
  - d) necessary veterinary medical care when the animal exhibits signs of pain, illness or suffering.
- 10.2 Every person who keeps an animal which normally resides outside, or which is kept outside unsupervised for extended periods of time, shall ensure the animal is provided with an enclosure that meets the following criteria:
- a) a total area that is at least twice the length of the animal in all directions;
  - b) contains a house or shelter that will provide protection from heat, cold and wet that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat. Such shelter must provide sufficient space to allow the animal the ability to turn around freely and lie in a normal position;
  - c) should provide sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times; and
  - d) pens and runs must be regularly cleaned and sanitized and excreta removed and properly disposed of.
- 10.3 No person may cause an animal to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object where a choke collar or choke chain forms part of the securing apparatus, or where a rope or cord is tied directly around the animal's neck.
- 10.4 No person may cause an animal to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object as the primary means of confinement.

## **10. PROVISION OF NEEDS (CONTINUED)**

- 10.5 No person shall suffer an animal to be confined to a hot or cold enclosed space, including a motor vehicle, without adequate ventilation.
- 10.6 No person shall transport an animal in a vehicle outside the passenger compartment unless it is adequately confined or unless it is secured in a body harness or other manner of fastening which is adequate to prevent it from falling off/out of the vehicle and injuring itself and to prevent it from escaping and harming any other person or animal.

## **11. UNSANITARY CONDITIONS PROHIBITED**

- 11.1 No person shall keep an animal in an unsanitary condition within the municipality. Conditions shall be considered unsanitary where the keeping of an animal results in an accumulation of faecal matter, an odour, insect infestation or rodent attractants which endanger the health of the animal or any person, or which disturb or are likely to disturb the enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any person in or about any dwelling, office, public or commercial establishment.
- 11.2 If a dog or cat defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such faeces to be removed immediately, except in the case of an assistance dog and that at the relevant time, is in the control of care of a person whose disability renders that person incapable of removing and disposing of the faecal matter.

## **12. POUND OPERATION**

- 12.1 The Regional Council may establish, maintain and operate facilities for the impounding of animals at any place and upon any premises as the Regional Council may by resolution determine.
- 12.2 The Regional Council may appoint a person or persons as Pound keeper to operate such pound, or may enter in an agreement with any person, corporation or society to operate a Pound, and to act as Pound keeper.
- 12.3 A person must not break open a pound, release an impounded animal or hinder, delay, or obstruct a pound keeper or animal control officer lawfully engaged in impounding an animal or taking an animal to the pound for impounding.

## **13. ENFORCEMENT**

- 13.1 The Council may appoint a person as Animal Control Officer for the purpose of enforcing and carrying out the provisions of this Bylaw.

### **13. ENFORCEMENT (CONTINUED)**

13.2 The Animal Control Officer may enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and seize any:

- (a) unlicensed dog;
- (b) cat found running at large;
- (c) dog or dangerous dog found at large; and
- (d) dangerous dog found on private property, with or without the owner's permission.

and impound such dog or cat, which shall be detained for Seventy-Two (72) hours unless it be sooner reclaimed as provided hereinafter.

13.3 When an Animal Control Officer has reason to believe that an unlicensed dog is present on any premises, the Animal Control Officer may require the occupant of the premises:

- a) to give evidence that a license has been obtained and a license tag has been issued for that dog; or
- b) to deliver the dog to the Animal Control Officer;

13.4 No person shall:

- a) fail or refuse to produce any license, license tag or breeding permit information issued for a dog or cat;
- b) fail or refuse to deliver any dog or cat to the Animal Control Officer; or
- c) resist or interfere with the Animal Control Officer or Poundkeeper in impounding any dog or cat.

### **14. IMPOUNDED ANIMALS**

14.1 During any period of impoundment, every animal shall be supplied with a sufficient quantity of food and water. If an impounded animal is not reclaimed within Seventy-Two (72) hours of detention, such animal may be disposed of by humane destruction, adopted by eligible persons, or, sale or surrender by an animal welfare agency capable of arranging for adoption of the animal to eligible persons.

14.2 Where an impounded dog or cat can be identified by a license, tag or otherwise, the Poundkeeper shall attempt to notify the owner by telephone.

#### **14. IMPOUNDED ANIMALS (CONTINUED)**

- 14.3 The owner of any animal impounded under this bylaw may reclaim it on application to the Pound keeper within Seventy-Two (72) hours from the time of its seizure by providing proof of ownership and paying any impoundment and related fees specified in "Schedule B" and any applicable fine.
- 14.4 The owner of an impounded animal shall be liable for the maintenance fee specified in "Schedule B" of this bylaw, even though the owner fails or neglects to reclaim such animal.
- 14.5 The Animal Control Officer or Pound keeper shall keep a record book in which shall be entered, with reference to each animal impounded, the date and hour of impoundment, a description of the animal and the disposition of the animal.

#### **15. POWER OF ENTRY**

- 15.1 The Animal Control Officer is hereby authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon any property within the Town which is subject to any of the regulations of this Bylaw, in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this bylaw are being observed, and it is an offence to obstruct the Animal Control Officer from acting in accordance with this Section.

#### **16. OFFENCE AND PENALTIES**

- 16.1 Any person who violates or who causes to be violated any of the provisions of this bylaw, shall be guilty of an offence against the bylaw, and each day that such violation is caused or allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offence.
- 16.2 Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable to a fine of not more than Two Thousand Dollars and not less than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six (6) months, or to both a fine and imprisonment.
- 16.3 This bylaw may be enforced by means of a ticket in the form prescribed for the purpose of Section 264 of the Community Charter.
- 16.4 Pursuant to Section 264(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*, the words or expression in Column 1 of Schedule "C" to this bylaw designate the offence committed under the bylaw section number appearing in Column 2 opposite the respective words or expression.

## **16. OFFENCE AND PENALTIES (CONTINUED)**

- 16.5 Pursuant to Section 265(1)(a) of the *Community Charter*, the fine amount in Column 3 of Schedule "C" to this bylaw is the fine amount that corresponds to the section number and words or expression set out in Columns 1 and 2 opposite the fine amount.
- 16.6 Council hereby delegates to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer the authority to refer any disputed tickets to the Provincial Court.

## **17. DESIGNATED BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

- 17.1 Pursuant to Section 264(1)(b) of the Community Charter, the designated bylaw enforcement officers for the Town of Fort Nelson Bylaw 711, 2007 include: Bylaw Enforcement Officers, Poundkeeper, Peace Officers, RCMP, and the Animal Control Officer.

## **18. SCHEDULES**

- 18.1 "Schedule A" attached to and forming part of this bylaw sets out and imposes fees for dog licenses and cat breeding fees;
- 18.2 "Schedule B" attached to and forming part of this bylaw sets out and imposes fees for the impoundment of animals;
- 18.3 "Schedule C" attached to and forming part of this bylaw ticket offences and fines.
- 18.4 "Schedule D" attached to and forming part of this bylaw as the Application for Dangerous Dog Release Form
- 18.5 "Schedule E" attached to and forming part of this bylaw as the Application for Cat Breeding Permit

READ a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

READ a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

READ a third time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

Adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

**SCHEDULE A**  
**Bylaw 711, 2007**

**DOG LICENSE AND CAT BREEDING FEES**

Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw, the following dog license fees are for a one (1) year period, from January 1 to December 31 in each year.

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|----|---|--------------------------------|
| a. | Dogs under the age of 8 weeks (2) months  | \$0                            |
| b. | Spayed female or neutered male dog  | \$15.00<br>\$5.00 for Seniors  |
| c. | Unspayed female or un-neutered male dog   | \$50.00<br>\$25.00 for Seniors |
| d. | The owner of a dog licensed in the current license year as unspayed or un-neutered, who provides a Certificate of neutering or spaying of the dog from a licensed veterinary surgeon, is entitled to a rebate as follows: |                                |

**Month of Certificate Rebate**

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|----|--|--------------------------------|
|    | January, February, March, April, May, June           | \$25.00<br>\$12.50 for Seniors |
|    | July, August, September, October, November, December | \$15.00<br>\$ 7.00 for Seniors |
| e. | Replacement of License or License Tag                | \$3.00                         |
| f. | Fee for a cat breeding permit                        | \$35.00                        |

**SCHEDULE B**  
**Bylaw 711, 2007**

**IMPOUNDMENT FEES**

1. The prescribed fee to reclaim an impounded animal shall be:
  - (1) First time dog or cat is impounded:

|    |               |          |
|----|---------------|----------|
| a. | Dog or Cat    | \$50.00  |
| b. | Dangerous dog | \$200.00 |
  - (2) Second time dog or cat is impounded:

|    |               |          |
|----|---------------|----------|
| a. | Dog or Cat    | \$100.00 |
| b. | Dangerous dog | \$500.00 |
  - (3) Third time dog or cat is impounded:

|    |               |            |
|----|---------------|------------|
| a. | Dog or Cat    | \$150.00   |
| b. | Dangerous dog | \$1,000.00 |
  - (4) Fourth and Subsequent times where a dog or cat is impounded, for each additional impoundment:

|    |               |            |
|----|---------------|------------|
| a. | Dog or Cat    | \$175.00   |
| b. | Dangerous dog | \$1,100.00 |
2. In addition to the impoundment fee(s), the following penalties, fees and charges shall be paid:
  - (1) An added penalty of \$20.00 for unlicensed dogs plus the applicable license fee. No unlicensed dog may be reclaimed until the dog has been licensed pursuant to this bylaw.
  - (2) A maintenance fee of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) per day of impoundment, however, no maintenance charge shall be levied for the first calendar day or part day of impoundment.
  - (3) Actual veterinary expenses, if any to treat an injured or sick impounded animal.
3. In addition to the Dangerous Dog Impoundment fee above, when another person is engaged by the Animal Control Officer to assist in impounding a dangerous dog, Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per hour shall be paid for every hour or part thereof for each such additional person(s) engaged.
4. The prescribed fee to recover impounded cattle found unlawfully at large shall be as follows:
  - (1) An impoundment fee of \$50.00 for each animal;
  - (2) Actual transportation costs from point of impound to Pound; and,
  - (3) A maintenance fee of \$15.00 per day per animal.



**SCHEDULE C**  
**Bylaw 711, 2007**  
**Ticket Offenses and Fines**

| <b>Column 1 Offence</b>   | <b>Column 2 Bylaw Section</b> | <b>Column 3 Fine</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Unlicensed Dog  | 6.1                           | \$50                 |
| Failure to Secure License Tag to Dog Collar   | 6.3                           | \$50                 |
| Unauthorized Removal of Dog Collar with License Tag                                   | 6.11                          | \$50                 |
| Dangerous Dog Running at Large, Chasing, Attacking or Biting another person or animal | 7.1                           | \$200                |
| Dangerous Dog Improperly in a Public Place  | 7.2 (a)(b)(c)                 | \$100                |
| Dangerous Dog on Private Property without Occupier Consent                            | 7.2                           | \$100                |
| Dangerous Dog not in a secured enclosure or structure                                 | 7.3                           | \$100                |
| Failure to Erect Dangerous Dog Signage  | 7.4(a)(b)                     | \$100                |
| Failure to Advise the Town of Dangerous Dog's new owner                               | 7.7                           | \$50                 |
| Failure to Advise the Town of Death of Dangerous Dog                                  | 7.8                           | \$50                 |
| Failure to Advise the Town of Dangerous Dog Attack                                    | 7.9                           | \$200                |
| Defacing or Removing Dangerous Dog Sign   | 7.10                          | \$100                |
| Possession of unspayed or unneutered cat  | 8.1 (a)                       | \$100                |
| Failure to Secure Cat Identification Collar or ID Tag                                 | 8.3                           |                      |
| Unauthorized Removal of Cat ID Collar or ID Tag                                       | 8.6                           |                      |
| Dog or Cat Running at Large   | 9.1                           | \$50                 |
| Howling/Barking that Disturbs   | 9.2                           | \$100                |
| Possession of more than 3 animals   | 9.3                           | \$100                |
| Possession of a diseased or infectious animal   | 9.5                           | \$100                |
| Keeping of cattle other than in R4 Zoned areas  | 9.6                           | \$100                |
| Cattle running at large   | 9.7                           | \$100                |
| Failure to Confine Female Dog or Cat in Heat  | 9.10                          | \$50                 |
| Failure to Comply with Provision of Needs   | 10.1<br>(a)(b)(c)(d)          | \$50                 |
| Failure to Provide Adequate Shelter   | 10.2<br>(a)(b)(c)(d)          | \$50                 |
| Hitching an animal using rope around neck or choke collar                             | 10.3                          | \$50                 |
| Hitching as primary means of confinement  | 10.4                          | \$50                 |
| Suffering an animal to a confined space without adequate ventilation                  | 10.5                          | \$50                 |
| Failure to keep animal in a sanitary environment                                      | 11.1                          | \$50                 |
| Failure to remove dog/cat feces on public/private property                            | 11.2                          | \$50                 |
| Unlawful Release of Animal(s) in custody  | 12.3                          | \$150                |
| Refusal to produce license/tag or breeding permit                                     | 13.4 (a)                      | \$100                |
| Refusal to deliver dog or cat to the Animal Control Officer                           | 13.4 (b)                      | \$100                |
| Obstruction of Animal Control Officer or Poundkeeper                                  | 13.4 (c)                      | \$200                |
| Obstruction/Refusal of Animal Control Officer Entering Property                       | 15.1                          | \$200                |

**SCHEDULE D**  
**APPLICATION FOR THE RELEASE OF A DANGEROUS DOG**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
( Name and Address of Owner)

\_\_\_\_\_

in the Town of Fort Nelson, British Columbia, hereby apply for the release of a:

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Breed: _____  | Dog's Name: _____ |
| Color: _____  | Sex: _____        |
| Weight: _____ | Age: _____        |

which has been impounded pursuant to Bylaw No. 711, 2007 and any amendments thereto.

2. I am the owner of the above dog.

3. I am aware and have been informed that the dog is a "dangerous dog" within the meaning prescribed by Bylaw No. 711, 2007 and any amendments thereto, and I am aware of the responsibility and potential liability which rests with me in keeping or harboring such a dog, and state that the dog will be kept at: \_\_\_\_\_

4. In consideration of the release of such dog to me, I hereby acknowledge, covenant and agree with the Town of Fort Nelson:

(a) that I will at all times when the said dog is not effectively muzzled, on a leash and under the control of a person who is competent to control the dog, keep such dog in a dwelling or accessory building or within a securely locked enclosure complying with the requirements of Bylaw No, 711, 2007 and any amendments thereto; and,

(b) that I herewith save harmless and indemnify the Town of Fort Nelson, its Pound keeper and any of its officers, employees, agents or elected or appointed officials from any proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs or expenses whatsoever and by whomsoever brought in any way arising from or caused by the release of such dog to me or the keeping or harboring of such dog by me and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for any personal injury or death inflicted on any other animal or any person by such dog or any damage to property caused by such dog.

5. I herewith submit the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of all license and impoundment fees payable by me pursuant to Bylaw No 711, 2007 and any amendments thereto.

Signed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of Dangerous Dog Described Above

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

**SCHEDULE E**  
**APPLICATION FOR CAT BREEDING PERMIT**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, of  
(NAME of Owner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS of Owner )

in the Town of Fort Nelson, British Columbia, hereby apply for cat breeding permit for the purpose of breeding.

Cat's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I am the owner of the above cat.

3. In consideration of the terms of this permit, I hereby acknowledge, covenant and agree with the Town of Fort Nelson, that I will at all times be responsible for ensuring that the said cat, to which the permit relates, is not permitted to be running at large within the municipality.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner