



THE TOWN OF STE. ANNE

BY-LAW NO. 2-2025

BEING a by-law of the Town of Ste. Anne to provide for the regulation and control of dogs, cat and domestic pets within the limits of the Town of Ste. Anne.

WHEREAS Subsection 232(1) of *The Municipal Act*, provides, in relevant part, as follows:

“A Council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters:

- (a) The safety, health, protection and well-being of people and the safety and protection of property;
- (k) Wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them, including by-laws differentiating on the basis of sex, breed, size or weight;
- (o) The enforcement of by-laws.”

AND WHEREAS Subsection 232(2) of the Act, in relevant part, provides:

“Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a Council may in a by-law passed under this Division

- (a) Regulate or prohibit;
- (b) Except where a right of appeal is already provided in this or any other Act, provide for an appeal and the body that is to decide the appeal, and related matters.”
- (c) Subject to the regulations, provide for a system of licences, permits or approvals, including any or all of the following:
- (d) Establishing fees, and terms for payment of fees, for inspections, licences, permits and approvals, including fees related to
- (e) Recovering the costs of regulation.”

AND WHEREAS Subsection 236(1) of the Act provides, in relevant part, as follows:

“Without limiting the generality of clause 232(1)(o) (enforcement of by-laws), a by-law passed under that clause may include provisions

- (a) Providing for procedures, including inspections, for determining whether by-laws are being complied with; and
- (b) Remedying contravention of by-laws, including
- (1)

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Ste. Anne, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

PART 1: INTERPRETATION

1. This By-Law shall be referred to as the “Town of Ste. Anne Animal Control By-Law”.

2. Definitions:

In this By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.1 “Aggressive dog” means a dog with a demonstrated propensity, tendency, history, or disposition to attack without provocation other domestic animals or human beings, or a dog which has bitten another domestic animal or human being without provocation.
- 2.2 “Animal Control Officer” means the Animal Control Officer of the Town of Ste Anne or such other person appointed or hired under contract by the Town of Ste Anne to enforce and carry out its provisions, and includes any assistant to the Animal Control Officer.
- 2.3 “Cat” means an animal of the feline species regardless of age or sex
- 2.4 “Town” refers to the Town of Ste. Anne.
- 2.5 “Dog” means an animal of the canine species regardless of age or sex.

- 2.6 “Household pet”means a domesticated animal normally kept in a dwelling and kept for pleasure rather than utility.
- 2.7 “Impound” means to take into custody, confine, and hold.
- 2.8 “Keep” means to own, possess, or harbour a dog, cat, or other animal.
- 2.9 “Multi-Unit Residential Structure”.....means a structure that contains three or more separate dwelling units as defined under the Town Zoning By-Law.
- 2.10 “Off-leash area”means an area that has been designated by the Town as an area in which dogs are not required to be restrained by leashes.
- 2.11 “Other animal”means any animal except a domestic dog or domestic cat.
- 2.12 “Owner”,in respect of an animal, means a person, including a corporation that:
- has been identified on the animal’s license as the owner of the animal;
 - has legal title to the animal;
 - has possession or custody of the animal, whether temporarily or permanently; or
 - allows the animal to remain on their premises.
- 2.13 “Peace Officer” means a Police Officer, Community Safety Officer, or By-Law Enforcement employed by the Town of Ste Anne or an agency hired under contract by the Town of Ste Anne to provide law enforcement services.
- 2.14. “Pound”means any premises where dogs and cats are confined in accordance with the provisions of the Act or this by-law.
- 2.15. “Run At-Large”, with reference to a dog, cat or any other animal, means being elsewhere than on the property of the person who keeps the dog, cat or other animal, or of a person who has care, custody or control of the dog, cat or other animal, and not being under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person.
- 2.16. “Wildlife”means any wild animal including rodents, rabbits, racoons, skunks, birds or squirrels and other wildlife as defined in The Wildlife Act.

3. Schedules

The schedules attached to this by-law form part of this by-law.

4. Severability

A decision by a court that any part of this by-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this by-law and is not to affect the balance of this by-law.

5. Interpretation:

In all parts of this By-Law, any word importing the male gender shall include the female gender and vice versa, and any word importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, as applicable and unless the context requires a different interpretation.

PART 2: GENERAL PROVISIONS

6. Maximum number of dogs or cats

Respecting the number of dogs or cats permitted per household, a person may keep:

- 6.1 a maximum of three dogs or cats is permitted in a one-unit or two-unit residential structure zoned RS-S, RS-L or RT properties zoned
- 6.2 a maximum of two Dogs or cats in a multi-unit residential structure zoned RM-M or RM-H

- 6.3 the maximums prescribed in subsections (a) and (b) above do not include litters of dogs or cats under the age of six months.

7. Clean-up of Excrement (dogs and cats)

- 7.1 If a dog or cat defecates on any property within the Town of Ste Anne other than on property owned or occupied by the person who owns or is in possession or control of the dog, or cat, the person who owns or is in possession or control of the dog, or cat, shall remove such feces immediately and in a sanitary manner.
- 7.2 Any person who owns or is in possession or control of a dog, or cat, and occupies property in the Town of Ste Anne shall;
- remove all dog, or cat feces from said property on a regular basis and shall dispose of the feces in a sanitary manner;

8. Control of a dog, cat or other animal/ No running at large

No dog, cat or other animal is permitted to run at large in the Town of Ste Anne. A person who keeps a dog, cat or other animal, may not permit or allow the dog, cat or other animal to be elsewhere than on their property unless it is under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person.

9. Seizing dogs, cats, or household pets under this by-law

- 9.1 The Animal Control Officer, or a peace officer may seize and impound an animal that is or is found to be kept in a manner that contravenes the provisions contained in this by-law and:
- where no action to remedy any contravention(s) is taken within 14 days of an owner or keeper of an animal being notified of by-law contravention(s); or,
 - where three or more penalty fines have been issued for the same contravention regarding that animal.
- 9.1.1 Penalty fines or any other written communications issued by the Town of Ste Anne to an owner or keeper of an animal that outline a contravention of this by-law that has occurred are acceptable forms of notification of a by-law contravention.
- 9.2 Where an animal is determined by an Animal Control Officer to be an aggressive dog, a prohibited dog, or a prohibited animal that is a threat to public safety and where the animal cannot be securely confined on private property by its keeper or owner, an Animal Control Officer, a peace officer, or a peace officer may immediately seize and impound the animal.
- 9.3 Where a dog, cat or household pet is found to be running at large, an Animal Control Officer, a peace officer, or a peace officer may immediately seize and impound the dog, cat or household pet.
- 9.4 Removal of wildlife from private property is the sole responsibility of the property owner. The Town of Ste Anne or its agents shall not trap, seize or impound wildlife unless it is causing a nuisance on municipally owned property.

10. Impounding dogs, cats or other animals

Promptly upon receiving a dog, cat or household pet under section 8, the Animal Control Officer must impound the dog, cat or household pet at the pound, except that, if the Animal Control Officer believes the dog, cat or household pet is in need of medical care, the Animal Control Officer may take the dog, cat or household pet to, or leave the dog, cat or household pet with, a veterinarian.

- 10.1 Detaining impounded dogs, cats, or other animals: The Animal Control Officer may detain for:
- 72 hours, a dog, cat or other animal impounded under section 10; and
 - 21 days, a dog, cat or other animal that has bitten or that is alleged to have bitten a human being.
- 10.2 Destruction of impounded dogs, cats, or other animals for humane reasons: Despite section 10.1, if the Animal Control Officer believes that an impounded dog, cat or other animal is suffering from injury, disease, sickness, or other cause from which it is unlikely to survive or recover, and that destroying the dog, cat or other animal would be humane, the Animal Control Officer may destroy the dog, cat or other animal immediately without delay.
- 10.3 Caring for impounded dogs, cats, or other animals: The Animal Control Officer may provide maintenance and care for impounded dogs, cats or other animals including the

provision of food, water, shelter, veterinary care and medication that they consider necessary.

- 10.4 Disposing of impounded dogs, cats, or other animals: After 72 hours of impoundment, the Animal Control Officer may rehome, sell by auction or private sale, or destroy an impounded dog, cat or other animal if no owner or keeper of the impounded animal makes a legitimate claim for the animal and that animal is not prohibited by this by-law.
- 10.5 Reclaiming impounded dogs, cats, or household pets: At any time before disposal of a dog, cat or household pet under section 10.4, the owner of the dog, cat or household pet may apply to the Animal Control Officer to reclaim the dog, cat or household pet, and, when applying, must:
- give the Animal Control Officer proof of ownership by such person of the dog, cat or household pet;
 - pay all outstanding charges and fees under this by-law that apply to such dog, cat or household pet; and
 - pay all outstanding fines or penalties imposed on such person for contraventions of this by-law.
- 10.6 Fees and Charges for impoundment: A person who owns or keeps a dog, cat or other animal which the Animal Control Officer has impounded under this by-law must pay on demand and before release of the dog, cat or other animal, with respect to that dog, cat or other animal:
- the impound fee set out by the animal control officer or animal services contracted by the Town of Ste Anne
 - the costs for veterinary care and medication that may have been incurred by the Animal Control Officer.
- 10.7 No removing impounded animals: A person must not remove, or attempt to remove, from the pound an impounded dog, cat or other animal except as allowed under this by-law.

11. Giving basic care to animals

A person who keeps or owns a dog, cat or household pet, must provide the animal with food, water, shelter, exercise and an environment that sufficiently maintains the animal in good health.

PART 3: DOGS

12. Dog Licenses

A person may not keep a dog within the Town of Ste Anne that is older than six months unless such person has acquired a license for the dog from the Town.

- 12.1 Paying for license: A person who applies for a license to keep a dog must, when applying, pay the Town the fee specified in the Town fee schedule which is posted on the Town website. If paying the reduced fee for an altered dog, a person must produce a certificate from a veterinarian to verify such alteration.
- 12.2 Waiving license fee: If the Animal Control Officer is satisfied that a dog has been specially trained to guide or assist a person who is disabled, and if such a person applies for a license to keep the dog, no dog license fee is payable.
- 12.3 Wearing dog tag: A person who keeps a dog must ensure that the dog wears a collar to which is attached a tag furnished by the Town of Ste Anne when the dog is not on the owner's property.
- 12.4 No removing of dog tag: Except with the authority of the person who keeps the dog, a person must not remove the tag required by section 12.3 from a dog's collar or from elsewhere on the dog's body.

13. Leashing dogs, Keeping dogs outdoors

- 13.1 A person who keeps a dog must not permit or allow the dog to be on a street or other public place unless the dog is under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person by means of a leash that is not more than 2.5 m long or within a fenced area designated as an off-leash area by the Town of Ste Anne
- 13.2 A person who keeps a dog must not permit or allow a dog to be leashed or tethered in such a manner that the dog can be within 3 meters (10 feet) of a sidewalk or street.
- 13.3 A person who keeps a dog must not permit or allow a dog to be leashed or tethered in the front yard of any residential property.
- 13.4 A person who keeps a dog must ensure that it is being actively supervised at all times by a responsible person who is capable of controlling the dog when it is outdoors on the

owner's property or on the property of another person who has consented to the presence of the dog.

14. Aggressive dogs

- 14.1 The Town, or an Animal Control Officer may designate a dog as an Aggressive Dog at their discretion.
- 14.2 Muzzling aggressive dogs: In addition to complying with section 13, a person who keeps an aggressive dog must not permit or allow the dog to be on a street or other public place or on any other property that such person does not own or control unless such person has muzzled the dog to prevent it from biting another animal or a person, except when the dog is participating in an event sanctioned by the Canadian Kennel Club.
- 14.3 Securing aggressive dogs on private property: A person who keeps an aggressive dog must, at all times while the dog is on property owned or controlled by such person, securely confine the dog, either indoors or in an enclosed pen or other structure capable of preventing the entry of young children and adequately constructed to prevent the dog from escaping or from biting another animal or human being.

15. Confining dogs in heat

A person who keeps a female dog must confine and house the dog during the period(s) it is in heat.

16. Confining dogs with communicable diseases

A person who keeps a dog, and who knows or suspects that the dog has a communicable disease, must:

- 16.1 isolate the dog, during the period such person knows or suspects that the dog has a communicable disease, in a manner that will prevent further spread of the disease and in a manner prescribed at law;
- 16.2 seek the assistance of a veterinarian; and
- 16.3 follow the orders of such veterinarian, the Animal Control Officer, and any government officials who have authority to issue such orders.

17. Barking or howling

A person who owns or occupies premises must not permit or allow the sound of a barking or howling dog that a person, not on the same premises, can easily hear and that disturbs or tends to disturb unreasonably the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of such person.

18. Damage caused by dog(s)

- 18.1 A person who keeps a dog, or a person who has care, custody or control of a dog, may not permit or allow the dog to upset or break into a refuse container on a street or other public place.
- 18.2 A person who keeps a dog must ensure that the dog does not damage public or private property belonging to someone other than the owner.

19. Dog parks designated as off-leash areas

When a dog is in an off-leash area, the owner of a dog must:

- a. be present and have the dog within view at all times;
- b. ensure that the dog is not in heat and that it does not act in a dangerous or aggressive manner towards humans or other dogs;
- c. ensure that the dog has current rabies vaccinations prior to entry of the area;
- d. remove the dog from the off-leash area immediately if the dog is in heat or acts in a dangerous or aggressive manner towards humans or other dogs;
- e. ensure that the dog comes when called;
- f. have a leash available to restrain the dog if needed;
- g. remedy any harm caused by the dog, including filling in holes dug by the dog; and
- h. immediately remove and properly dispose of any excrement left by the dog.

PART 4: CATS

20. Spay or Neuter of a Cat

The owner or keeper of a cat over six months of age shall ensure that such cat has been spayed or neutered, as applicable.

a. the owner of a cat shall not permit the cat to be outside of the owner's premises unless the said cat is under the immediate charge and effective control of a person competent to control it.

b. A female cat in heat shall be confined to the premises of the owner or a person having control of the cat, or shall be housed in the owner's premises, for the period of time that the cat is in heat. The said cat's confinement shall be in such a manner as to prevent any contact between the cat in heat and any other cat except other cats owned by the same owner.

21. Cat Identification

The owner of a cat must ensure that any cat(s) that they keep bear sufficient identification to enable any person finding the cat to contact the owner

PART 5: REGULATION OF OTHER ANIMALS

22. Prohibition against keeping certain animals

22.1 Prohibited Domestic Animals: A person must not keep in the Town of Ste Anne, temporarily or permanently, any horses, donkeys, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, ducks, geese, turkeys, chickens, roosters, pheasants, quail, or other fowl except as permitted by the Town Zoning By-Law on lands where Agricultural Uses are permitted.

22.2 Prohibited exotic or wild animals: A person may not keep in the Town temporarily or permanently, any animal listed in Schedule B to this by-law.

22.3 Exceptions to prohibitions:

The prohibitions set out in sections 23.1 and 23.2 do not apply to:

- a veterinary hospital under the control of a veterinarian registered as a member of the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association;
- premises operated by an institution of education for research, study, or teaching purposes;
- premises operated by the Ste Anne Police; and
- the pound.

PART 6: DISPOSITION SERVICES

23. Removing carcasses

If the Animal Control Officer learns that the carcass of an animal is lying on a street or other public place, the Animal Control Officer may remove the carcass

PART 7: PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

24. No interfering with Animal Control Officer

A person must not interfere with, resist, withhold information regarding animals that are or have been in contravention of the by-law or otherwise obstruct the Animal Control Officer, or other person authorized under this by-law, in the performance of his or her duties.

25. Penalties

25.1 Subject to the Administrative Penalty By-Law, or a by-law implemented under the authority of the Provincial Offences Act, any person who contravenes or disobeys, or refuses or neglects to obey any provision(s) of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to the fines listed in Schedule "A".

25.2 Where a corporation commits an offense against this by-law, each person who is authorized, or consented to, connived at, or knowingly permitted or acquiesced in, the doing of the act that constitutes offence, is likewise guilty of the offense and liable to the penalty for which provision is made in section 26.1.

25.3 Where the contravention, refusal, neglect, omission, or failure, continues for more than one day, the guilty person is liable to a separate offense for each day it continues.

25.4 The costs (including legal fees related to the enforcement) of an action or measure taken by the Town of Ste Anne under this by-law are an amount owing to the Town of Ste Anne by the person who contravened the by-law, The Municipal Act, The Planning Act, or any other Act the Town is authorized to enforce.

25.5 In addition to all other rights of collection which the Town of Ste Anne may have at law, such amounts may be collected by the Town of Ste Anne in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under The Municipal Act.

25.6 Any person who continually is in contravention of the provisions of this by-law within 12-month period as issued in accordance with Section 25 of this by-law, fines for repeat

offenders will remain payable in full with no administrative reductions, and shall be added to the tax roll of the property if the amount remains outstanding.

26. Inspection

- 26.1 An Animal Control Officer may enter land/property, buildings or structures at any reasonable time to carry out an inspection, enforcement or action, or request that anything be produced to assist in the inspection, remedy, enforcement or action taken.
- 26.2 An Animal Control Officer must display or produce upon request identification showing that they are authorized to make the entry.
- 26.3 An Animal Control Officer may take written notes of any violations that may exist, and may take photographic evidence, which will be kept on file.
- 26.4 An Animal Control Officer or Municipality may conduct any further inspections necessary to determine whether the actions or measures set out in a Notice of Contravention or an Order to Remedy a Contravention have been taken to remedy the contravention or situation, or to prevent a reoccurrence of the contravention.
- 26.5 It shall be an Animal Control Officer opinion and discretion whether a Notice of Contravention or Order to Remedy a Contravention have been complied with.

PART 8: RESTRICTED ANIMALS

Under no circumstances are restricted animals, as listed in Section 22 of this By-Law, ever allowed to be kept on any property, public or private, in the Town of Ste. Anne.

Any person found in to be in contravention of this by-law shall be found guilty of an offence and subject to the fines and charges as prescribed in this by-law.

The Town of Ste. Anne will not accept any requests for exemptions on restricted animals.

REPEAL

By-Law 5-2008 of the Town of Ste. Anne is hereby repealed in its entirety;

All conditional uses and approved requests or exemptions under By-Law 5-2008 are still in effect as approved, and any provisions under this by-law are applicable to those approvals.

DONE AND PASSED in Council duly assembled at the Town of Ste. Anne, in Manitoba, this 19th day of November, 2025.



Mayor, Yvan St. Vincent



CAO, Marc Darker

Read a first time this 22nd day of October, 2025.

Read a second time this 5th day of November, 2025.

Read a third and final time this 19th day of November, 2025.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Application Fees:

For a kennel permit	Not allowed
For a permit to keep restricted animals	Not allowed

License Fees and related charges

For each dog	Per Fees & Charges By-Law
For each cat	Per Fees & Charges By-Law
Replacement tag	Per Fees & Charges By-Law
Transfer of license	Not applicable
Conditional Use Application	Per Fees & Charges By-Law

Penalties and Impoundment Fees:

For any dog, cat or any other domestic pet that was apprehended running at large or that was for any other reason, impounded by the Animal Control Officer

Rates are set by the Animal Control Officer's fees schedules. Where one is not established by the appointed Animal Control Officer of the Town, the following will be applicable:

For First impoundment of licensed dog or cat, flat fee	\$30.00
For first impoundment of unlicensed dog or cat, flat fee	\$50.00
i. For each day of impoundment	\$15.00 per day
ii. For second impoundment, flat fee	\$100.00
For voluntary impoundment	
For each day of impoundment	Recovery of costs
Impoundment fees for dangerous animals, quarantined animals and restricted animals	Recovery of Costs
Impoundment and fine (Section xx)	As defined in by-law

SCHEDULE “B” PROHIBITED ANIMALS:

1. All dogs, other than domesticated dogs (*Canis Familiaris*), including, but not limited to, wolf, fox, coyote, hyaena, dingo, jackal, raccoon dog, bush dog, and any hybrid offspring of a wild dog and domesticated dog.
2. All cats other than domesticated cats (*Felus catus*), including, but not limited to, lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, puma, panther, mountain lion, cheetah, wild cat, cougar, bobcat, lynx, serval, and any hybrid offspring of a wild cat and domesticated cat.
3. All bears, including polar, grizzly, brown and black bear.
4. Crocodilians including alligators and crocodiles
5. Reptiles and snakes classified as venomous, whether or not they have venom glands.
6. All snakes of the families Pythonidae and Boidae.
7. Green anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*), yellow anaconda (*Eunectes notaeus*), reticulated python (python *reticulatus*), African rock python (python *sebae*), Burmese python (python *molurus bivittatus*), Indian python (python *molurus molurus*), or amethyst python (*morelia amethystina*)
8. Any snake or species or subspecies of a snake that can reach an adult length greater than three meters, whether the particular snake exceeds that length or not.
9. Any lizard of a species or subspecies of a lizard that can reach an adult length greater than two meters, whether the particular lizard exceeds that length or not.
10. All venomous or poisonous animals.
11. Any animal defined as wildlife in The Wildlife Act

