



Central Saanich

BYLAW

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BYLAW NO. 2097

A Bylaw to Regulate the Keeping of Animals

The Municipal Council of the District of Central Saanich, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires,

“Aggressive Behaviour” means behaviour by a Dog that unduly intimidates or threatens to harm a Person or Domestic Animal and includes, but is not limited to, snarling, growling, lunging at, or pursuing a Person or Domestic Animal;

“Aggressive Dog” means a Dog that has been designated as an Aggressive Dog by an Animal Control Officer in accordance with this bylaw;

“Animal” means any farm animal, dog, cat, rodent, poultry, game, fur-bearing animal or wild animal.

"Animal Control Officer" means a municipal employee, officer or agent being employed or assigned to enforce this Bylaw; and includes any Peace Officer or Park Attendant employed by the Municipality.

"At Large" means in a public place unless the animal is under the immediate control of the owner, or on private property without the consent and knowledge of the owner or occupier of the private property.

"Bantam" means any domestic fowl which is a miniature of a standard breed.

"Bee" means Apis Mellifica or Apis Mellifera kept in an apiary which is registered under the provisions of the Bee Act.

"Bird" includes a bantam, ornamental bird, pigeons, dove, showbird, any type of poultry, and feathered vertebrate.

“Bite” means contact between the teeth of a Dog and a Person or Domestic Animal which causes bruising, breaking or puncturing of the skin

“Cat” means an animal of the feline species.

"Collector" means the collector of the Municipality or any person authorized to act on his behalf.

"Council" means the Municipal Council of the Municipality.

"Dangerous Dog" means a dog that:

- a. has killed or seriously injured a person, or has aggressively pursued or harassed a person without provocation; or
- b. an animal control officer has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to kill or seriously injure a person; or
- c. while in a public place or while on private property, other than property owned or occupied by the person responsible for the dog, has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal; or
- d. has been found, previously, to be a dangerous dog and whose owner has received notice of that fact, and that again bites, attacks or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

"Deer" means any member of the family *Cervidae*. "Dog" means an animal of the canine species.

"Deliver" means, in relation to a notice:

- a. to send by regular or registered mail,
- b. leave with a Person,
- c. post upon some part of a Person's property, or
- d. deposit in a mailbox or mail slot at the Person's last known residence or place of business

"Domestic Animal" means an animal that is tame or kept, or has been or is being sufficiently tamed or kept, to serve some purpose for the use of people.

"Farm Animal" means a domestic animal normally raised for food, milk, or as a beast of burden and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes: horse, mule, ass, swine, sheep, goat, llama, alpaca, game, cattle or oxen.

"Fur-bearing Animal" means any animal kept or raised for the purpose of commercial fur production and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes: fox, mink, marten, nutria, skunk, fisher and chinchilla.

"Game" means game as defined in the *Game Farm Act*.

"Guide Dog" means a dog used by a visually impaired or otherwise disabled person to avoid hazards and includes a guide animal as defined in the *Guide Animal Act*, and a dog being trained to become a guide dog under the auspices of the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind

B.C. Branch or a successor organization.

"Highway" includes a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct and any other way open to public use, other than a private right of way on private property.

"Identification" means:

- a. a valid Dog Licence tag issued in accordance with this bylaw,
- b. permanent identification, such as a traceable tattoo or microchip, or
- c. a collar or tag worn by an Animal which includes the name, current address and contact information of the Owner, and
- d. in the case of a Dog, provides a means of determining if the Dog is Spayed or Neutered

“Kennel” means any building or structure in which more than four dogs are kept or harboured, but does not include the Pound, veterinary medical clinics, pet care establishments and pet stores.

"Killing Snare" means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the neck.

"Killing Trap" means any trap or trap set that is designed to kill an animal.

“Leash” means a device, or use of a device, of sufficient strength and design to restrain the size and strength of the Dog for which it is being used, that does not exceed 6 feet (1.8 meters) in length, where one end must remain securely affixed to a collar or harness securely attached to the Dog with the other end held by the Owner of the Dog;

"Licence Year" means from January 1st of one year to December 31st of the same year.

“Minor Injury” means a physical injury to a Person or Domestic Animal that includes, but is not limited to, pinches, minor localized bruising, shallow punctures, or lacerations;

“Mitigating Factor” means a circumstance, provoking event, or deliberate action reason that substantively impacts a Dog’s level of response, resulting in either Aggressive Behaviour or a Dog Bite, and includes:

- a. responding to an attack by a Person or Aggressive Animal;
- b. responding to an attack by a Person or Aggressive Animal on the Dog’s Owner or other animal;
- c. responding to teasing, torment or other provocation; and
- d. defending the real or personal property of its Owner from trespass, damage or theft

"Municipality" means in accordance with the context, either the area incorporated as the District of Central Saanich or the Corporation of the District of Central Saanich.

“Muzzle” means a humane basket-style fastening or covering device that encloses the nose and mouth of a Dog and that is strong enough and well-fitted enough to prevent the Dog from biting, without interfering with the breathing, panting or vision of the Dog or with the Dog's ability to drink;

"Ornamental Bird" means any bird which is normally kept in a cage or aviary, primarily as a show or decorative bird and not for food or egg production and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes: canaries, budgies, mynah birds, parrots, cockatoos and ornamental pheasants.

“Owner” includes every person who owns, possesses, or harbours an animal or bird or who has control, care, or custody of it, and includes a person who provides care or sustenance to a cat for a period of sixty (60) days or longer.

“Permanent Identification” means identification for an Animal in the form of a traceable tattoo or a microchip that contains the current contact information of the Owner

"Person" includes firm or corporation.

"Pigeon" means all birds of the species *Columbidae*, including doves.

"Poultry" means all birds or fowl normally raised for food or egg production, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes: chickens, bantams, artificially reared grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, turkeys, guinea fowl, pigeons, ducks, ptarmigan, ostrich, emus and geese.

"Pound" means the premises for the time being used by the Municipality for the detention and impounding of animals and birds.

"Poundkeeper" means the person or persons appointed or contracted with from time to time by the Council to carry out the duties of Pound Operator and includes an Animal Control Officer.

"Pound Boarding Fee" means the standard pound boarding fee for animals or birds at the time of seizure.

"Public Beach" shall mean public land except land included in a highway, within 75 metres (250 feet) of any lake or within 75 metres (250 feet) above the high water mark or any body of salt water.

"Pygmy Marmoset" means a primate of the species *Callithrix pygmaea*. "Rabbit" means any member of the family *Leporidae*.

"Raccoon" means any member of the family *Procyonidae*.

"Recognized Registering Organization" means Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA), American Cat Fanciers' Association (ACFA), The International Cat Association (TICA), or Canadian Cat Association (CCA).

"Rodent" means all forms of rodent (except those defined as fur-bearing animals in this Bylaw) kept as pets and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, include: rabbits, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, ferrets and rats.

"Seize" includes impound and detain

"Serious Injury" means a physical injury to a Person or Domestic Animal that includes, but not limited to deep punctures, lacerations in more than one direction, broken bones, or requires sutures or cosmetic surgery;

"Squirrel" means any member of the family *Sciuridae*.

"Sterilized" in relation to an animal means spayed or neutered by a veterinarian, as evidenced by a certificate signed by that veterinarian or by an animal adoption agency.

"Under Control" means, in relation to handling a Dog in a Public Place:

- a. when the dog is attached to a Leash by its Owner, or
- b. when not on a Leash:
 - i. the Dog does not approach other users of a Public Place without explicit permission
 - ii. the Dog returns immediately to the Owner when called and remains with the Owner until released, or stops immediately when told to and remains in place until released by the Owner
 - iii. the Dog is always within the Owner's sight; and
 - iv. the Dog does not chase wildlife or Farm Animals, except under the direction of a handler competent to direct the Dog while engaged in animal husbandry or lawful hunting or training activities

"Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the Province of British Columbia.

"Wild Animal" means any animal or reptile *ferae naturae*, kept for any purpose other than commercial fur production and includes such animals or reptiles born in captivity.

"Zone" means Zone as provided by the Land Use Bylaw.

2. General Control of Animals

2.1 General

Every Owner of an Animal must not cause, permit or allow that Animal to:

- a. display Aggressive Behaviour;
- b. cause a Minor Injury or Major Injury to a Person or Domestic Animal; or
- c. damage private or public property.

2.2 Nuisance

- a. Except in an Agriculture Zone, no person shall keep, harbour or permit, allow or suffer to be kept or harbored on any property owned, occupied or controlled in any way by such person any animal, bee or bird which disturbs or tends to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighborhood in which the animal, bee or bird is kept or harbored or of persons in the vicinity of such animal, bee or bird.
- b. No person shall allow or suffer conditions on any property owned, occupied or controlled in any way by such person which may provide conditions or habitat for animals or birds that creates activity which disturbs or tends to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighborhood

2.3 Care of Animals

2.3.1 No person shall keep any animal unless the animal is provided with:

- a. clean potable drinking water at all times and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth and the maintenance of normal body weight;
- b. food and water receptacles kept clean and disinfected and located so as to avoid contamination by excrement; and
- c. the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health; and
- d. necessary veterinary medical care when the animal exhibits signs of pain or suffering.

2.3.2 No person shall keep any animal which normally resides outdoors, or which is kept outdoors for extended periods of time, unless the animal is provided with shelter:

- a. that affords protection from heat, cold and wet that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat;
- b. that is at least 1½ times the length of the animal and at least the animal's length in width, and at least as high as the animal's height measured from the floor or ground to the highest point of the animal when standing in a normal position, plus 10 percent; and
- c. that is in an area that provides sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times.

2.3.3 Any animal pen and run area must be regularly cleaned and sanitized and all excrement removed at least once a day.

- 2.3.4 No person may cause an animal to be hitched, tied or fastened by any rope, chain or cord that is directly tied around the animal’s neck or to a choke collar.
- 2.3.5 No person shall permit or cause an animal to be left in an enclosed space, including a motor vehicle, without adequate ventilation.
- 2.3.6 No person shall keep, harbour or permit, allow or suffer to be kept or harbored on any property owned, occupied or controlled in any way by such person, or have in his possession any animal suffering from any infections, or contagious disease, unless such animal is in isolation and under treatment for the cure of such disease.
- 2.3.7 No person shall use a leg-hold trap, killing trap or killing snare on any land within the boundaries of the District of Central Saanich.

2.4 Animal Trespass

- 2.4.1 No person shall allow, suffer, or permit any animal or bird owned, possessed or harbored by him/her or in his/her charge to be at large or upon a highway or public place or a public beach or a public building or its grounds unless the animal is confined on a leash or chain or otherwise accompanied by and under control of a competent person.
- 2.4.2 No person shall allow, suffer or permit any animal or bird possessed or harbored by him/her or in his/her charge to trespass on any private property.
- 2.4.3 No person shall allow, suffer, or permit any farm animal, or dog, to be present on or within any public park area utilized as a picnic area, playing field, sports field or children's playground area, whether or not the area is then in use.
- 2.4.4 The provisions of 2.4.3 do not apply to a person with a disability accompanied by a guide dog.

2.5 Canine Feces

- 2.5.1 No person having control of a dog shall allow or suffer the dog to defecate:
 - a. on a highway, public beach, park or other public property, or
 - b. on any private property other than the property of the dog owner or the person having control of the dogunless the person shall immediately remove the excrement.
- 2.5.2 The provisions of 2.5.1 do not apply to a person with a disability accompanied by a guide dog.

2.6 Municipal Pound

- 2.6.1 The Council does hereby authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation of or contracting for facilities for the impounding of animals at such place or places and upon such premises as the Council may, from time to time, determine by resolution.
- 2.6.2 The Council may from time to time appoint a Poundkeeper to keep the Pound and administer and enforce this Bylaw.
- 2.6.3 The Poundkeeper may impound any animal or bird pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 2.6.4 The Poundkeeper shall furnish to all impounded animals and birds sufficient food, water, shelter and veterinary medical care.
- 2.6.5 Any person claiming ownership of an impounded animal or bird may present to the Poundkeeper evidence sufficient to satisfy the Poundkeeper as to such ownership, and the Poundkeeper shall release such animal or bird to the owner upon payment of the applicable fees set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.
- 2.6.6 If the Poundkeeper has knowledge of the ownership of an impounded animal or bird the Poundkeeper shall give notice of the impoundment to the owner by telephone or regular mail, and such notice shall be deemed to have been received on the date of the telephone call or the third day following the date of mailing of the notice, as the case may be. In the case of a telephone call, a call shall be deemed to have been made if and when the Poundkeeper records a message on a telephone answering machine.
- 2.6.7 The Poundkeeper shall keep a written or digital record of all animals and birds impounded, the date of impoundment, the particulars of any veterinary medical care rendered, the date of giving notice under the preceding provision of this Bylaw, the name and address of any person to whom the animal or bird was released or sold, and the amount of fees collected in respect of the impoundment. The record shall be available to the Collector for inspection at all reasonable times.
- 2.6.8 If any animal or bird has not been claimed by its owner within 96 hours of receiving notice of its impoundment, the Poundkeeper may offer the animal or bird for sale and in the event that the animal or bird is not sold after reasonable efforts to do so have been made, the Poundkeeper may cause it to be destroyed in a humane manner. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to the fees payable in respect of the impoundment under the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* and any excess shall be retained by the Poundkeeper for 30 days during which the owner of the animal or bird may claim the excess upon presenting to the Poundkeeper evidence sufficient to satisfy the Poundkeeper as to ownership. The excess shall be paid to the Collector if no such claim is made.
- 2.6.9 No person shall release or attempt to release any animal or bird from the Pound without the consent of the Poundkeeper.

2.6.10 The Poundkeeper shall at the end of each calendar month make a financial report to the Collector setting out the amount of fees collected pursuant to the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* in that month and shall pay over to the Collector such fees as have been collected.

2.6.11 No person shall obstruct or attempt to obstruct the Poundkeeper in the performance of their duties under this Bylaw.

2.7 Animal Control Officers

2.7.1 The Council may from time to time appoint Animal Control Officers to administer and enforce this Bylaw.

2.7.2 An Animal Control Officer may enter, at all reasonable times, on any property in order to ascertain whether the regulations or directions contained in this Bylaw are being complied with.

2.7.3 No person shall obstruct or attempt to prevent an Animal Control Officer in the performance of their duties under this Bylaw.

2.7.4 Every person occupying premises on or about which an animal or bird is kept and every person having the custody of an animal or bird shall upon being requested to do so by an Animal Control Officer provide the following information:

- a. The ownership of the animal or bird;
- b. The number of such animals or birds that the owner owns or harbours;
- c. The age, sex and breed or general description of each such animal or bird;
- d. If the animal is a dog, the current licence number issued in respect of the dog.

2.7.5 An animal control officer may seize and impound:

- a. any animal or bird that is unlawfully at large;
- b. any animal that is in a place at which its presence is prohibited by this Bylaw;
- c. any unlicensed dog; and,
- d. any Dangerous Dog or Aggressive Dog not in compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw;

2.7.6 Subject to the *Community Charter* and in addition to the seizure powers set out in the *Charter*, an animal control officer may seize and impound any dangerous dog found to be in a place or in circumstances prohibited by this Bylaw, and any person other than the animal control officer and the Poundkeeper may deliver any such dangerous dog to the animal control officer or Poundkeeper for impoundment.

3. Dogs

- 3.1 No person shall keep more than four dogs over the age of four months on any parcel of land within the Municipality.
- 3.2 No person shall suffer or permit a female dog to run or be at large in the Municipality while in heat (estrus), but shall confine the dog in a secure building, fenced-in area or other place until the period of heat is completed.
- 3.3 No person shall permit any dog by its calls, cries, barks or other noises to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of two or more persons in the vicinity.
- 3.4 The Owner of a Dog must not cause, fail to prevent, permit, or allow their dog to harass, harm, Bite, or attack a Person or Animal.
- 3.5 No person being the owner or occupier of any premises within the Municipality shall cause, suffer or permit such premises to be used as or for a kennel.

4. Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs

- 4.1 Where a Dog meets the definition of an Aggressive Dog or Dangerous Dog, or an Animal Control Officer designates a Dog as an Aggressive Dog or Dangerous Dog, the Animal Control Officer shall deliver written notice of the designation to the Owner of that Dog.
- 4.2 Any designation of a Dog as an Aggressive Dog or a Dangerous Dog in municipality outside of the Municipality shall apply to such Dog within Municipality.
- 4.3 Where a Dog has, in the absence of a Mitigating Factor:
 - a. displayed Aggressive Behaviour towards a Person or Domestic Animal; or
 - b. caused a Minor Injury to a Person or Domestic Animal; an Animal Control Officer may designate the Dog as an Aggressive Dog and will Deliver written notice of the designation to the Dog Owner.
- 4.4 Where:
 - a. a Dog has killed or Seriously Injured a Person;
 - b. a Dog 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; or
 - c. an Animal Control Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the Dog is likely to kill or Seriously Injure a Person; or
 - d. has been found by a court to be a Dangerous Dog.
an Animal Control Officer may designate the Dog as a Dangerous Dog and will Deliver written notice of the designation to the Dog Owner.
- 4.5 A change in ownership of an Aggressive Dog or a Dangerous Dog does not remove the Aggressive Dog or Dangerous Dog designation, and the new Owner must apply to the Municipality for a new licence or Dangerous Dog Licence within 30 days of the change of ownership.
- 4.6 If after one year of a Dog being designated an Aggressive Dog:
 - a. the Dog has not displayed any further Aggressive Behaviour or caused any further injury;
 - b. the District has not received any further complaints in regard to that Dog; and

- c. the Owner has provided proof and documentation that the Owner and Dog have successfully completed a humane training course designed to reasonably address Aggressive Behaviour;

the Owner may apply in writing to the District to have the Aggressive Dog designation removed, and, if all the requirements in this section are fulfilled to the satisfaction of an Animal Control Officer, the Aggressive Dog designation may be removed.

- 4.7 Notwithstanding subsection (d) above, an Aggressive Dog designation may not be removed by the Animal Control Officer where:
 - a. a Dog has been designated as an Aggressive Dog on more than one occasion; or
 - b. a Dog displays Aggressive Behaviour following being designated as an Aggressive Dog.

- 4.8 The Owner of an Aggressive Dog must:
 - a. not cause, permit, or allow the Aggressive Dog to be At Large within the Municipality, including in an Off-leash Area, whether or not the Owner has entrusted the care and custody of the Aggressive Dog to any other Person;
 - b. when in a Public Place, secure the Aggressive Dog by a collar or harness and a Leash, with a maximum length of 1.2 metres from Owner to Aggressive Dog, and must not include a retractable style Leash;
 - c. not cause, permit or allow the Aggressive Dog to enter an Off-leash Area;
 - d. within 14 days of receiving notice of the Dog being designated an Aggressive Dog, ensure the Aggressive Dog has Permanent Identification and provide the Identification information to an Animal Control Officer;
 - e. within seven days of the Dog being designated an Aggressive Dog, provide a photo of the Aggressive Dog to the Animal Control Officer;
 - f. obtain an Aggressive Dog Licence in accordance with this bylaw;
 - g. notify an Animal Control Officer within 48 hours of the Aggressive Dog dying or of any changes in residency or ownership of the Aggressive Dog; and
 - h. in the case of transfer of ownership of the Aggressive Dog, ensure the prospective Owner is informed that the Dog has been designated as an Aggressive Dog prior to the transfer of ownership.

- 4.9 The Owner of an Aggressive Dog must at all times ensure that the Aggressive Dog does not, in the absence of a Mitigating Factor:
 - a. threaten or create the reasonable apprehension of a threat to a person or other Animal;
 - b. display any Aggressive Behaviour;
 - c. chase a person or other Animal;
 - d. bite a person or other Animal without justifiable provocation;
 - e. otherwise injure a person or other Animal; or
 - f. damage or destroy any property.

Dangerous Dogs

- 4.10 The Owner of a Dangerous Dog must:
- a. not cause, permit or allow the Dangerous Dog to be At Large within the Municipality, including in an Off-leash Area, whether or not the Owner has entrusted care and custody of the Dangerous Dog to another person;
 - b. when in a Public Place, secure the Dangerous Dog by a collar or harness and a Leash with a maximum length of 1.2 metres from Owner to Dangerous Dog, and which must not include a retractable style Leash;
 - c. not cause, permit, or allow the Dangerous Dog to enter an Off-leash Area;
 - d. when in a Public Place, properly secure a Muzzle upon the Dangerous Dog;
 - e. post a clearly visible sign, in the form designated by the Regional District, at all points of entry onto any private property where the Dangerous Dog is being kept, either temporarily or permanently, warning that there is a Dangerous Dog on the property;
 - f. at all times while the Dangerous Dog is on the Owner’s Property, keep the Dangerous Dog securely confined indoors or confined outdoors in an Enclosure located within securely fenced property, and ensure that all fences and gates are locked as to prevent access to the fenced area and the Enclosure;
 - g. within 14 days of receiving notice of the Dog being designated a Dangerous Dog, ensure the Dangerous Dog has Permanent Identification, and provide the Identification information to an Animal Control Officer;
 - h. within seven days of the Dog being designated a Dangerous Dog, provide a photo of the Dangerous Dog to the Municipality;
 - i. obtain a Dangerous Dog Licence in accordance with this bylaw;
 - j. notify an Animal Control Officer within 48 hours of the Dangerous Dog dying or of any changes in residency or ownership of the Dangerous Dog; and
 - k. in the case of transfer of ownership of the Dangerous Dog, ensure the prospective Owner is informed that the Dog has been designated as a Dangerous Dog prior to the transfer of ownership.

Powers in Relation to Dangerous Dogs

- 4.11 In addition to the other powers set out in this bylaw, the Poundkeeper and Animal Control Officer are granted the authority to exercise all of the powers in respect of Dangerous Dogs as set out in section 49 of the *Community Charter*.

5 Dog Licences

- 5.6 Any person who owns, possesses or harbours any dog over the age of four (4) months shall obtain a licence for the dog, in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw, on or before the 28th day of February in each year provided, however, that if the person becomes the owner, possessor or harbourer of a dog after the 28th day of February in any year, the person shall obtain a licence forthwith;
- 5.7 If a written statement from a veterinary surgeon, certifying that a dog has been neutered or spayed, as the case may be, is provided to the Licence Inspector, it shall be accepted in lieu of the licence fee for the calendar year in which the dog was neutered or spayed, or in the following year if a licence has been obtained prior to the neutering or spaying.
- 5.8 If the appropriate licence fee has not been paid by the 28th day of February of the licencing year, the owner or any dog not so licenced shall pay an additional fee as set out in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* unless no licence fee was payable in respect of such dog;

- 5.9 A dog licence issued pursuant to this Bylaw is valid for the Licencing Year in which it is purchased and shall expire on the thirty first day of December in that licence year;
- 5.10 Application for a dog licence shall be made to any of the Animal Control Officers of the Municipality or to such other persons as may be appointed by Council from time-to-time to issue dog licences, who are hereby authorized to receive such applications and to issue dog licences.
- 5.11 Where the owner of a dog, in respect of which a licence has been issued, ceases to be the owner, the licence shall be cancelled.
- 5.12 The fees for dog licences in the Municipality shall be as outlined in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.
- 5.13 Every licence issued pursuant to this Bylaw shall expire at midnight on the last day of the licence year.
- 5.14 With every licence there shall be issued a metal tag impressed or stamped with a number corresponding to the number on the licence issued and with distinguishing mark to indicate it was issued by the Municipality;
- 5.15 The owner of every licensed dog shall keep on the dog a collar or harness to which shall be attached the metal tag issued with the licence for the dog.
- 5.16 Where any dog tag issued under this bylaw is lost or destroyed, the owner of the dog may apply for a replacement tag and shall pay a replacement fee as identified in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*.
- 5.17 Any person taking up residence in the Municipality and owning a dog bearing a valid current licence issued by another Municipality shall be exempted from paying a licence fee in the current year. Such owner shall notify the Municipality of the owner’s name and address and the licence tag number issued by another Municipality for the current licensing year.
- 5.18 No person, other than its owner, shall remove any collar, harness or metal licence tag from any licenced dog.
- 5.19 No person purchasing a dog from the Pound shall remove the dog from the premises until a licence and metal tag have been obtained and the metal tag has been attached to a collar or harness on the dog.

6 Cats

- 6.6 No person shall keep, shelter, or harbour more than four cats over the age of four months on any parcel of land in the Municipality unless the area of the parcel exceeds two hectares.
- 6.7 The owner of a cat is responsible for ensuring that the 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, a traceable tattoo or microchip.

6.8 It is unlawful for any person other than the owner of a cat or the poundkeeper to remove any identification worn by a cat pursuant to Section 6.2 of this Bylaw.

6.9 No owner or occupier of a parcel in the District shall own or harbour a cat that has not been sterilized by a veterinarian, unless the cat is registered with a Recognized Registering Organization.

6.10

If a cat has been impounded, it shall be released to the owner upon payment of the applicable fees prescribed in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, as amended from time to time. If the cat is not claimed or the fee not paid, the cat will become the property of the Poundkeeper.

6.11

An Animal Control Officer, after payment of the prescribed impoundment fee in the *Fees and Charges Bylaw*, as amended from time to time, shall refund the fee if the Animal Control Officer is provided, within 30 days after payment, with a certificate from a veterinarian verifying the sterilization of the cat.

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The owner of a cat is exempted from a requirement in this Bylaw to sterilize the cat if the owner obtains and produces to the Animal Control Officer a letter signed by a veterinarian stating either that the cat should not be sterilized because of advanced age or that surgical procedures, including sterilization, present a risk to the cat because of the specific health issues described in the letter.

7 Rodents

7.1 No person keeping a rodent shall permit the rodent to run at large but shall confine the rodent to the owner's property unless the rodent is on a leash or confined in a suitable cage or pet carrier.

8 Wild Animals

8.1 No person shall keep or harbour any wild animal on any parcel of land in the Municipality.

8.2. Notwithstanding Section 8.1, a person may keep a Pygmy Marmoset on any parcel of land within the Municipality if the person holds a permit authorizing the possession of that Pygmy Marmoset individual under the Wildlife Act.

- a. No person shall provide deer, raccoons, squirrels, wild rodents, feral rabbits or other wild animals with food either directly or by leaving or placing in, on or about land or premises any food, food waste, or other material that is or is likely to be attractive to deer, raccoons, squirrels, wild rodents, feral rabbits or other wild animals for the purpose of feeding those animals, other than a conservation officer acting in the performance of his or her duties, or a person acting under the direction of or with the permission of a conservation officer.

- b. No person shall provide birds, domestic animals or other animals with food either by directly or indirectly leaving or placing in, on or about land or premises any food, food waste, or other material that is likely to be attractive to birds, domestic animals or other animals in a manner which disturbs or tends to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighborhood.

8.3 For certainty, the prohibition in section 8.3 does not apply in relation to:

- a. hunting and trapping activities carried out in accordance with the *Wildlife Act*;
- b. farm operations;
- c. fruit or vegetable gardening for human consumption; or
- d. ornamental plants and flowers.

9 Poultry

9.1 No person shall keep or harbour any poultry, with the exception of chickens and ducks, on any parcel of land within the Municipality unless “agriculture” is a permitted use of the parcel under the Municipality’s zoning regulations.

9.2 No person shall keep or harbour a rooster over the age of three (3) months on any parcel of land within the Municipality unless “agriculture” is a permitted use of the parcel under the Municipality’s zoning regulations.

9.3 No person shall keep or harbour:

- a. more than 8 chickens or ducks on a parcel of land less than 1858 square metres (.46 acres) in area; or
- b. more than 10 chickens or ducks on a parcel of land greater than 1858 square metres (.46 acres) and less than 4047 square metres (1 acre) in area; or
- c. more than 12 chickens or ducks on a parcel of land greater than or equal to 4047 square metres (1 acre) in area.

9.4

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9.3, there is no limit to the maximum number of chickens or ducks that can be kept or housed where “agriculture” is a permitted use of the parcel under the Municipality’s zoning regulations.

9.5

No person shall keep or harbour any poultry on any parcel of land within the Municipality in contravention of the *Farm Practices Protection Act*.

10 Ornamental Birds

10.1 No person shall keep or harbour any ornamental bird on any parcel of land within the Municipality unless the bird is housed and enclosed at all times on the parcel on which it is kept.

11 Pigeons

11.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9.1, no person shall keep more than 50 pigeons on any parcel of land within the Municipality other than on land in an Agriculture Zone.

12 Bees

12.1 Except in designated Agriculture Zones, no person shall place any hive or other device for the housing of bees on any parcel of land unless the hive or device is located at least 7.62 metres (25 feet) from any property line, but this regulation does not apply if the hive or other device is used in conjunction with the operation of a greenhouse.

13 Offence and Penalty

13.1 A person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw, or who causes, allows, or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this bylaw, or who fails to do anything required by this bylaw, commits an offence, and each day that the offence continues constitutes a separate offence.

13.2 Every person who commits an offence against this bylaw is liable, on summary conviction,

- a. to a fine of not more than \$50,000.
- b. to a fine under the *Community Charter* imposed through the Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw; or
- c. to a penalty under the *Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* imposed under the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw.

13.3 Nothing in this bylaw limits the Municipality from pursuing any other remedy available at law, including prosecution under the *Offence Act* or civil proceedings.

14 Citation

14.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "**Central Saanich Animal Control Bylaw No. 2054, 2020**".

BYLAW NO. 1471
SCHEDULE "A"

Dangerous Dog Sign

WARNING



DANGEROUS DOG ON PREMISES

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of January, 2022

READ A SECOND TIME this 10th day of January, 2022

AMENDED the 10th day of January, 2022

READ A THIRD TIME this 10th day of January, 2022

ADOPTED this 14th day of February , 2022

Ryan Windsor
Mayor

Emilie Gorman
Director of Corporate Services/
Corporate Officer

