BYLAW NO. 2009-2

# A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW 2009-1 OF THE TOWN OF CRAIK TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENCING, REGULATING AND CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS AND THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS AND CATS.

The Council of the Town of Craik in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the "Dog & Cat Control Bylaw".

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**:

In this Bylaw the following definitions apply:

- a) "BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" means the person or persons appointed or contracted by the Council of the Town of Craik for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Bylaw.
- b) "CAT" means any cat, male or female, *altered* or *unaltered* of the feline family over the age of three (3) months.
- c) "CLERK" means the administrator for the municipality.
- d) "COUNCIL" means the Council of the Town of Craik.
- e) "DOG" means any dog, male or female, altered or unaltered of the canine family over the age of three (3) months.
- f) "DANGEROUS DOG" means
  - Any dog, that without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
  - ii. Any dog whatever its age with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals;
  - iii. Any dog that, without provocation, has bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal;
  - iv. Any dog which is owned primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is trained for fighting.

#### g) "OWNER" - includes

- i. a person, persons, partnership, association or corporation who keeps, possesses, harbours, or has care of or control of a dog or cat;
- ii. the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of a dog or cat.
- h) "RUNNING AT LARGE" means when the dog or cat is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer or keeper of the said dog or cat, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land and is not under control by being;
  - i. in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or

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- ii. securely confined within an enclosure; or
- iii. securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.

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#### 3. LICENCING:

- a) Every owner of a dog or cat within the Town of Craik shall cause each such dog or cat to be registered with and obtain a licence for it from the Town Office. When applying for a licence, the applicant shall provide the Town Office with a physical description of the dog or cat, provide a picture or allow a picture to be taken at the Town Office, the breed in the case of a dog and any other relevant information required with respect to the dog or cat for which the licence is sought and shall provide the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the dog or cat.
- b) The licence year for dogs and cats shall be from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December of the same calendar year.
- c) Every owner of a dog or cat three months old or older shall no later than February 1 in each calendar year obtain a licence for the said dog or cat from the Town Office and failure to do so shall constitute an offence under this bylaw.
- d) When issuing a licence for a dog or cat, the Town shall supply the applicant with a tag, the form of which and lettering or numbers inscribed or imprinted thereon as may be determined by the Town and a receipt for payment of the licence.
- e) The annual licence fee for a dog or cat licence shall be \$5.00 per dog or cat and which may be amended from time to time by resolution of Council.
- f) The sum payable for a licence required after the thirty-first day of July in a calendar year shall be calculated at fifty percent (50%) of the annual fee and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December in the same calendar year.
- g) Any dog or cat licence issued pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw by the Town of Craik shall NOT be transferable to any other dog or cat.
- h) If a dog or cat licence number plate or tag is lost, destroyed or so defaced as to be illegible, the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog or cat to which the licence was issued shall forthwith apply to the Town Office for a replacement which shall be a replacement cost of \$3.00 and which may be amended from time to time by resolution of Council.
- i) The owner of a dog or cat shall ensure that the dog or cat wears a collar to which is attached a current licence tag whenever the dog or cat is off the premises of the owner.
- j) The owner or possessor of a kennel whose kennel is registered in the Register of The Canadian Kennel Club may in lieu of procuring a licence for each dog as hereinbefore required, pay the Town the sum of \$100.00 as the licence fee for all dogs in such kennel.
- k) A person residing in the Town of Craik who owns, possesses, keeps or harbours a dog or cat and neglects or refuses to register and apply for a licence for the current year, or neglects to cause the dog or cat to wear the licence, shall be subject to the penalties as outlined in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

#### 4. **RUNNING AT LARGE**:

- a) The owner of a dog or cat shall not at any time allow the dog or cat to run at large within the Town of Craik.
- b) When a dog or cat is found to be running at large, its owner is deemed to have failed or refused to comply with the provisions of this section.
- c) Where a dog or cat is found to be running at large, the owner or occupant of that property on which the dog or cat is running at large may make a written complaint to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

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#### LITTER – DOGS AND CATS:

a) If a dog or cat defecates on any public or private property other than the property of the owner, possessor or harbourer of the said dog or cat; the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog or cat shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately and disposed of in a sanitary fashion. Failure to cause such removal shall be an infraction of this Bylaw.

#### 6. NUISANCE:

- a) Nuisance Dogs
  - i. The owner, possessor or harbourer of a dog shall not allow the animal to create a nuisance to any person by barking, howling, attempting to bite or biting anyone or any domestic animal, chasing vehicles or bicycles and any owner, possessor or harbourer who contravenes this section commits an offence under this Bylaw.
- b) Nuisance Cats
  - i. The owner, possessor or harbourer of a cat shall not allow the animal to create a nuisance to any person by howling, hissing or otherwise making disruptive noises or by urinating, defecating or spraying on or otherwise damaging or interfering with any property other than the property of the owner, possessor or harbourer. Any owner, possessor or harbourer who contravenes this section commits an offence under this Bylaw.

#### 7. DANGEROUS DOGS:

a) Where a complaint is received by the Town Office that a dog within the Town of Craik is dangerous, Section 375 of The Municipalities Act shall apply.

#### 8. GENERAL PENALTIES:

a) A person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw or neglects or refuses to comply therewith shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$2000.00.

#### 9. **PENALTIES**:

- a) Tickets or Fines shall be issued by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Town of Craik for offences against this Bylaw the penalty amounts set forth in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw as amended from time to time by resolution of Council.
- 10. Bylaw No. 2/89 is hereby repealed.
- 11. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on March 5, 2009 INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 READ a second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 READ a third time and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009

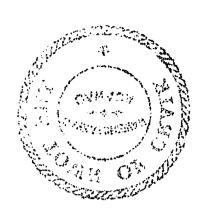


Mayor

Administrator

(SEAL)

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 2009-2 of the Town of Craik adopted by resolution of Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.



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## SCHEDULE "A" OF BYLAW NO. 2009-2

**Penalties** 

1<sup>st</sup> Offence

2<sup>nd</sup> & Subsequent Offences

Reference	Offence			
Sec. 4	Running at Large	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Sec. 3c	Unlicenced Animal	\$20.00	\$40.00	
Sec. 3k	Animal not wearing licence	\$15.00	\$30.00	
Sec. 6a	Barking, Howling (dogs)	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Sec. 6b	Hissing, Fighting, Howling (cats)	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Sec. 5	Failure to remove defecation	\$25.00	\$50.00	