

Rural Municipality of Good Lake No. 274

BYLAW No. 2 - 2015

Animal Control Bylaw

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Good Lake No. 274 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

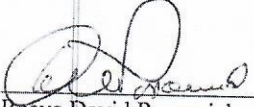
1. This bylaw may be referenced as the "Animal Control Bylaw".
2. For the purpose of this bylaw, the expression:
 - (a) "animals" means dogs, which shall mean members of the canis genus species and cats shall mean a member of the felis catus species .
 - (b) "administrator" shall mean the administrator of the municipality;
 - (c) "council" shall mean the council of the municipality;
 - (d) "designated officer" shall mean the RM's Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any other person designated by the council of the municipality;
 - (e) "municipality" shall mean the The Rural Municipality of Good Lake No. 274
 - (f) "poundkeeper" shall mean the RM's Bylaw Enforcement Officer or other person appointed as poundkeeper by the council of the municipality;
 - (g) "pound" shall mean such premises and facilities as may be designated by council or the poundkeeper, from time to time, as the pound
 - (h) "running at large" shall mean off the premises and boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer or beyond the boundaries of any lands where the dog may be with the permission of the owner or occupier of the lands and is not under control by being tied or secured to a leash or chain or other similar restraining device not exceeding two meters in length.
3. No dog or cat shall run at large within the municipality.

A person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog or cat running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
4. Any person may take any dog found running at large contrary to the provisions of this bylaw to the municipal poundkeeper, who will keep the dog in the pound for five (5) days which shall not include statutory holidays and weekends unless the owner, possessor or harbourer redeems the animal by paying at the Administration office the sum of \$50.00 per day or partial day for the care and keep of each animal, in addition to the fines outlined in Section 8 of this bylaw.
5. The Administrator or poundkeeper may sell any animal which is not redeemed within the period of time noted in section 4 for a sum of not less than the amount required to redeem the dog under section 4.
6. The poundkeeper or person designated by the administrator or pound keeper may destroy any dog which has not been redeemed within the period of time noted in section 4.
7. No person shall own, possess or harbor any dog which by loud or frequent barking or howling or chasing motor or other vehicles or in any other manner or way, creates a disturbance to the annoyance or discomfort of other persons residing in the municipality or to the public at large, and any person owning, possessing or harbouring such a dog shall be in violation of this Bylaw.

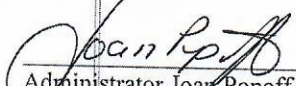
8. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of sections 3 or 8 of this bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and upon summary conviction, shall be liable to a maximum penalty of:

- (a) Section 3 \$500.00 for the first offence
\$1,000.00 for the second offence
- (b) Section 7 \$200.00

9. That Bylaw No. ³⁻¹¹2 - 2011 be repealed.


Reeve David Popowich




Administrator Joan Popoff

Certified a true copy and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2-2015 passed by resolution of Council of the Rural Municipality of Good Lake No. 274 on the 9th day of March, 2015.


Joan Popoff - Administrator



Good Spirit Acres <goodspiritacreshamlet@gmail.com>

Fwd: Animal control bylaw

2 messages

Deb Schmidt <debschmidt.realty@gmail.com>

16 May 2024 at 11:32

To: Caley secretary Hamlet computer <goodspiritacreshamlet@gmail.com>, Denise Morton <Jdmorton@sasktel.net>, GlenBolt Gs Condo Assoc <Glenbolt@xplornet.com>

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From: **Gayle Daum** <gayledaum@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 16, 2024 at 10:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: Animal control bylaw
To: Deb Schmidt <debschmidt.realty@gmail.com>

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From: **Gayle Daum** <gayledaum@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 16, 2024, 9:32 a.m.
Subject: Animal control bylaw
To: Perry Wishlow <pwishlow2501@gmail.com>, Gayle Daum <gayledaum@gmail.com>

Please forward this email on to the RM of Goodlake, the administration and Reeve.

Please add our letter to the Spring meeting agenda in its entirety for the purpose of discussion.

Good Day,

This letter is a form of complaint and a request.
This is being sent with sadness, a sense of loss of neighbors and community.
I have attempted conversations and have had no resolution.
For us, this is about a lack of leash, little control of an animal and three little granddaughters.

In the Hamlet of Good Spirit it is increasingly noticeable that dog owners are allowing dogs to walk off leash on community and private property.
One of these dogs is seen two to four properties ahead of the owner and same dog is on private property, lawns, decks and stairs.

My concern is for our granddaughters, 2 different families. The two, almost three and five year olds are frightened of dogs. Should this large dog bound up onto my property as this dog has before, I would have terrorized children, likely for life.

In the Hamlet of GSA, the minutes of May 8, 2024, Deb Schmidt is quoted to say under Item 9(b) Bylaw Pets- Deb Schmidt has done much research into the leash bylaws and based on information found we have no reason not to include electronic leashes as part of the acceptable gear for pets in the community.

We have spoken with Deb to express our opinion that an electronic leash is not acceptable.
An electronic leash does not allow residents and including walkers, bikers, drivers, any traffic, visitors and any people afraid of dogs to have "pre knowledge" from a distance if the dog is under the owners control.
The physical leash law that is current at present should remain and be enforced.

The current pet bylaw also states that the dog must be within two meters of the owner.
Meters and meters ahead on community and personal property is not acceptable.
Animal Control Bylaw 2. (h).

We request that pet bylaws be enforced and that the electronic leash not be considered as a form of restraint for a dog.

6/6/24, 6:02 PM

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Thanking you,
Gayle Daum
Perry Wishlow

Deb Schmidt <debschmidt.realty@gmail.com>
To: Gayle Daum <Gayledaum@gmail.com>
Bcc: goodspiritacreshamlet@gmail.com

16 May 2024 at 11:40

Gayle I have received your email and have cc'd you on the delivery. Deb Schmidt
[Quoted text hidden]

This letter is in response to a complaint from Gayle Daum and Perry Wishlow dated May 16th, 2024.

I feel this is more of a personal vendetta than anything else. Gayle Daum used to call our dogs into her yard and give them treats, now she throws a fit and states that her grandchildren are afraid of big dogs. Our dog is better trained than most people are, and we spend a great amount of time training him. If Bandit has one fault, it is he is too friendly and wants to visit everyone. We also have three grandchildren and Bandit will walk right beside them as they ride their bikes or scooter.

We have put up with this nonsense for over a year and we have not said anything. There have been all kinds of rumours and stories going on from the gossip mill and not once has anyone ever asked us what happened.

It is funny how Gayle Daum wants to pick one bylaw to be enforced when she and everyone else in the community break several every day. If we are going to enforce Bylaws, then the Hamlet better hire a Bylaw Officer (which they do not have one at this time). They will enforce all Bylaws such as no golf carts on the roads, no quads on the roads, littering, and then there are the traffic offences and the Criminal Code offences such as impaired driving laws which are significant in this community.

Part of being a community member means that sometimes you must give a little to get a little and not sweat the small stuff.

If Bandit was a vicious dog I would certainly have him on a leash like all those little yappy dogs that are on a leash and lunge at people barking and snapping.

We have always respected people who have told us that they are afraid of big dogs, and we will take different routes, or have Bandit heel and sit beside us and let them go by. We walk Bandit twice a day every day and we meet a great number of people and dogs, and Bandit is greeted by all as very friendly and all comment on how well behaved he is and how good he listens.

If Gayle Daum wishes to lay a complaint formally then she needs to put it in writing and have specific dates, times and name the offender as well as sign the complaint. This complaint will go to the RM and it will be dealt with.

If this matter leads to charges, Gayle Daum will have to attend court and testify.

We have no problem in having this taken to court, so we can get clarification on electronic collars which we use on Bandit and is also used by professional dog trainers.

It is too bad that things have come to this point as it is going to greatly affect everyone in this Hamlet, because you cannot pick and choose what Bylaws are enforced. None of the dogs on e-collars in the Hamlet of Good Spirit Acres have ever attacked anyone or showed any aggression whatsoever.

Yours regrettably,

James, Denise and Bandit Morton

this collar is on. Whether that means staying within our yard, not going out to the street unattended into traffic, roaming the neighborhood, or approaching walkers, bikers or golf carts passing by; this collar keeps him in check.

Furthermore, we walk and I run with him when we are out at the cabin. With the collar, I have run past the beach for instance without him on a leash and he stays right on my hip when there have been 300 plus people on the beach. If he were on a normal leash and some small child approached us with and ice cream, he would certainly get inquisitive, and naturally approach or jump at that type of situation. In fact, we actually came upon the conservation officers on the beach one busy day, whereby they had no issue with it and stopped to discuss the effectiveness of the collar on what was still a puppy in training. Our dog is by no means aggressive or dangerous towards others or strangers, but can be overly playful.

To my knowledge, police dogs are also trained with similar devices as are many service dogs.

We have felt very comfortable with the electric collar as opposed to a leash in the care and control of our dog as well as the overall safety of others and not having our dog wondering off and being a burden on others. I think if those concerned were able to get a little more educated on the effectiveness of these electric collars, they too might have a stronger level of comfort and understanding. We do see people's concern when they have fear of a strange dog not being on a leash, however, just because a dog is not on a leash certainly doesn't mean they are not under full control of their owner with an electric collar. For our family and the safety and comfort of those that have come to our cabin, it has simply been a game changer.

Best Regards,

JOHN KACHUR

PARTNER | SENIOR SALES ASSOCIATE



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