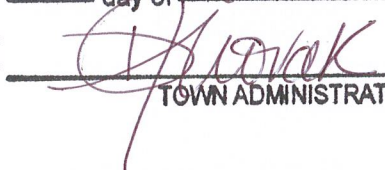


**TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE
BYLAW NO. 2025-05**


TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS

Whereas pursuant to Section 8 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Council of a Municipality may pass **Bylaws** for municipal purposes respecting; the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them; and the enforcement of **Bylaws**.

And whereas pursuant to Section 8 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Council of a municipality may, in a **Bylaw**, regulate, prohibit or provide a system of licenses, permits and approvals.

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Springside in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This **Bylaw** may be cited as the “**Animal Control Bylaw**”.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this **Bylaw** is as follows:

- a) To promote safety of the residents and animals who live in the Town of Springside.
- b) To provide for the licensing of permitted domestic animals.
- c) To control and regulate animals in the Town of Springside.
- d) To provide for standards of care for domestic animals.

**Part I
Definitions**

3. DEFINITIONS

Whenever in this **Bylaw** the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the context provides otherwise, be held to have the following meanings:

- a) “**Act**” means *The Municipalities Act*.
- b) “**Adjoining Neighbour**” means an owner or occupant of a property that is contiguous to a **Subject Property** along a common property line. If the **Subject Property** is located on a corner lot, an **Adjoining Neighbour** includes an owner or occupant of property that is adjacent to the **Subject Property** across a rear lane, but not across a street.

- c) “**Administrator**” means the **Administrator** of the Town of Springside appointed pursuant to section 110 of *The Municipalities Act*.
- d) “**Animal**” includes **dogs**, **cats** and all other domestic animals permitted within the limits of the Town of Springside but does not include **livestock**.
- e) “**Apiary**” means any place where bees are kept.
- f) “**Bee**” means honeybees, kept in an **apiary** or beehive including but not limited to those kept for honey farming or apicultural interests, but excluding wasps.
- g) “**Cat**” means any domestic feline **animal**.
- h) “**Collar**” means a device designed and solely intended to be worn around the neck of a **dog** or **cat**, and capable of having licensing tags securely fastened to it.
- i) “**Coop**” means a fully enclosed weatherproof structure designed to house **hens**.
- j) “**Coop Run**” means an enclosed outdoor space attached to a **Coop** for **hens**, designated to provide them with a safe and secure area to exercise, forage and enjoy the outdoors.
- k) “**Council**” means the Mayor and **Council** of the Town of Springside that have been duly elected by *The Local Government Elections Act*.
- l) “**Dangerous Animal**” means any **animal** declared to be dangerous by a **Judge** pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*.
- m) “**Dog**” means any domestic canine **animal**.
- n) “**Designated Officer**” means a **person** or persons designated, appointed or contracted by the Town of Springside for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this **Bylaw** and shall include the **Bylaw** Enforcement Officer, **Administrator** or designate, Public Works Employees, RCMP, Peace Officer, and any other **person** or agency appointed by the **Council** to act on their behalf.
- o) “**Hen and/or Urban Hen**” means a domesticated female chicken that is at least four (4) months old, that is deemed permissible by this **Bylaw** to keep within the Town of Springside and that are:
 - i) Not raised for profit.
 - ii) Kept by humans for their eggs, their meat, their manure or their feathers.
 But shall exclude **roosters**, quails, turkeys, geese, ducks, pigeons, guinea fowl and squabs.
- p) “**Hen Keeper**” means a **person** having any right of custody, control or possession of a **hen** and holding a **hen license**.
- q) “**Hen License**” means a license issued under this **Bylaw** that authorizes the keeping of **hens** on a specific property within the Town of Springside.

- r) **“Hive”** means a structure where **bees** are kept.
- s) **“Intact”** means a **dog** or **cat** that is capable of reproducing.
- t) **“Impoundment” or “Impounded”** means temporarily keeping an **animal** in such premises or facilities, as may be designated by the **Town**, for the purpose of safely lodging and securing **animals**.
- u) **“Judge”** means a **Judge** of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan or a Justice of the Peace.
- v) **“Leash”** means a chain, rope, strap or similar device attached to the **collar** or harness of an **animal**, especially a **dog**, and used to lead it or keep it in control.
- w) **“License Tag”** means a tag attached to a **collar**, identifying the **animal** by displaying a number that references a Pet License provided to the **pet owner** by the Town of Springside.
- x) **“Livestock”** means cattle, goats, horses, sheep, swine, and all other fur bearing **animals**, but does not include pets and hens.
- y) **“Nest Box”** means a box within a **coop** for the nesting of **hens**.
- z) **“Nuisance”** means repeated behavior by any domestic **animal** that negatively impacts another **person** or **animal**.
- aa) **“Person”** includes a natural individual, corporation, association or partnership.
- bb) **“Pet”** means any domesticated **animal**, especially a **dog** or **cat**, that is deemed permissible by the **Bylaw** to keep within the Town of Springside that are:
 - i) Not raised for profit.
 - ii) Not customarily raised for human consumption.
 - iii) Not used for the purpose of transportation.
 - iv) Six (6) months or older in age.
 But shall exclude:
 - v) Fish, small amphibians, and reptiles which are normally contained in an aquarium.
 - vi) Hamsters, gerbils, mice, guinea pigs, and other small rodents normally kept in a cage.
 - vii) Birds normally kept in a cage.
- cc) **“Pet Owner”** means
 - i) Any **person**, persons, partnership, association or corporation who keeps, possesses or harbours or has care of a **pet** for a period of more than thirty (30) days within the Town of Springside.
 - ii) The **person** responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of a **pet**.
- dd) **“Property Owner”** means a **person** who is the registered owner of a property.
- ee) **“Provocation”** means an act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking an **animal**.

- ff) **“Running at Large”** means circumstances where an **animal** is:
 - i) Beyond the boundaries of land occupied by the **pet owner**.
 - ii) Beyond the boundaries of land occupied by the **pet owner** and not under the complete control by means of a leash by a **person** competent to control the **animal**.
 - iii) On private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the property.
- gg) **“Rooster”** means a domesticated male chicken over the age at which a chick can be reliably sexed.
- hh) **“Sell”** means to exchange or deliver for money or its equivalent.
- ii) **“Service Dog”** means a **dog** that is trained and certified to be used by:
 - i) A **person** with a disability for reasons relating to their disability.
 - ii) A Peace Officer in the execution of his/her/their duties.
 But does not include:
 - iii) Emotional support **dogs** or therapy **dogs**, which provide therapeutic benefits, but do not have specialized training to provide services for a disabled **person**, which are not considered a **service dog** under this **Bylaw**.
- jj) **“Subject Property”** means a lot or parcel of land in respect of which a **hen license** is sought or issued.
- kk) **“Temporary Caregiver”** means a **person** who has been authorized by the **hen keeper** to provide care to their **hens** in the event the **hen keeper** is temporarily unable to do so.
- ll) **“Town”** means the Town of Springside, a municipal corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan, and where the context so requires, means the area of land within the corporate boundaries thereof.

Part II

Licensing, Regulation and Control of Pets

4. PET LICENSING

- a) Every **pet owner** shall no later than February 1 of each year acquire from the **Town** either an annual **license tag** or a lifetime **license tag** for each **pet** they own.
 - i) An annual **license tag** shall be in effect from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December of the same year it is acquired.
 - ii) A lifetime **license tag** shall be in effect from the date of issuance of the **license tag** for the lifetime of the **pet** or until the **pet owner** to which the **license tag** was issued is no longer in possession of the **pet**.
- b) Any **license tag** issued under this **Bylaw** is non-transferrable between **pets** or **pet owners**.
- c) Any **license tag** issued under this **Bylaw** is non-refundable.

- d) If a any **license tag** is lost or becomes illegible, it must be replaced.
- e) When applying for a **license tag** under this section, the owner shall complete an *Application for Pet License* as set out by the **Town** and shall provide:
 - i) Owner information;
 - ii) Description of the pet to be licensed;
 - iii) If registering a **service dog**, proof of certificate; and
 - iv) Any other relevant information which may be required.
- f) When an *Application for Pet License* is completed and a **license tag** issued, the **pet owner** shall be supplied with the **license tag** and a receipt for payment of the license fee.
- g) The **Town** shall keep records of the **pet's license tag** number, the **pet's** name, the **pet owner's** name, address, telephone number and email address so that the **pet** can be returned to the owner if found **running at large**.
- h) No **person** shall give false information when registering their **pet** pursuant to this **Bylaw**.
- i) The fee for acquiring a **license tag** and obtaining a replacement **license tag** shall be found in Schedule A, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**.
- j) The **pet owner** to whom a **license tag** has been issued under this **Bylaw** shall cause that **pet** to wear a **collar** to which the said **license tag** shall be attached whenever the **pet** is off the premises of the **pet owner**.
- k) No **person** shall affix a **license tag** to any **pet** other than the **pet** for which it was issued.
- l) Every **pet owner** shall, on demand by the **Designated Officer**, produce and show his/her/their license receipt or other evidence that he/she/they have a valid **license tag** for any **pet** in question.
- m) A **pet owner** shall notify the **Town** of any change with respect to any information in an application for registration, including a deceased **pet**, change of contact information or change of ownership.
- n) A **pet owner** who neglects or refuses to purchase a **license tag** or neglects to cause the **pet** to wear the license shall be subject to the penalties outlined in Schedule B, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**.

5. EXEMPTIONS FROM PET LICENSING

- a) The following are exempt from the licensing provisions of this **Bylaw**:
 - i) Temporary visitors to the **Town** if:
 - (1) Staying no longer than thirty (30) days;
 - (2) All other provisions of this **Bylaw** are complied with; and
 - (3) The **pet** has not been declared a dangerous **dog**.
 - ii) A **service dog** under the definition of this **Bylaw**.
 - iii) Foster animals who will be staying in the **Town** less than thirty (30) days.

6. REGULATIONS OF FOSTERING ANIMAL RESCUES

- a) Any **person** may foster pets:
 - i) So long as the provisions of this **Bylaw** are followed; and
 - ii) Said person is part of a Registered Rescue Group.

7. REGULATION AND CONTROL OF PETS

- a) No more than three (3) **dogs**, over the age of four (4) months, shall be kept per **pet owner** except for **pet owners** working with Registered Rescue Groups.
- b) No more than three (3) **cats**, over the age of four (4) months, shall be kept per **pet owner** except for **pet owners** working with Registered Rescue Groups.
- c) No **pet** shall, without **provocation**:
 - i) In a vicious or menacing manner, chase or approach a **person** or another **animal** in an apparent attitude of attack;
 - ii) Bite, inflict injury, assault or otherwise attack a **person** or another **animal**;
 - iii) Chase or otherwise threaten a **person** or another **animal**;
 - iv) Bark at, or chase bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles;
 - v) Cause damage to property, except with respect to the **pet owner's** yard;
- d) No **person** shall keep an **animal** that has been declared by a **Judge** to be a **dangerous animal** within the **Town**.
- e) If a **pet owner** fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this section, he/she/they shall be subject to the penalties as set out in Schedule B, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**.
- f) In all instances where a **pet** has bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a **person** or another **animal**, without **provocation**, the **Town** or **Designated Officer** will request that the instance be reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

8. PET NUISANCES

- a) The **pet owner** shall take all measures to prevent any **nuisance** behavior.
- b) Any **person** who witnesses **nuisance** behavior, and can positively identify the **animal**, can file a written complaint with the **Town** by completing an *Animal Complaint Form*, as set out by the **Town**.

GENERAL PET NUISANCES

- c) No **pet** shall:
 - i) Cause damage to property, except with respect to the **pet owner's** yard;
 - ii) Defecate, urinate, or spray on private property, except with respect to the **pet owner's** yard;
 - iii) Dig in flower beds, gardens or waste receptacles that are not on the **pet owner's** yard;
 - iv) Trespass on private property whether the **animal** is **running at large** or is kept by leash.
- d) A **pet owner** of a female **dog** or **cat** shall keep said female **dog** or **cat** indoors at times during the period the female **dog** or **cat** is in heat.
- e) No **pet owner** shall allow their pet to be **running at large** within the **Town**.

DOG ENCLOSURE OR RUN NUISANCES

- f) Where a **dog** is housed or kept in an enclosure or **dog** run, the **pet owner** shall
 - i) Ensure the enclosure or **dog** run is kept in sanitary condition.
 - ii) Ensure the enclosure or **dog** run is constructed so that the total area is at least three (3) times the length of the **dog** in all directions.

- iii) Ensure the enclosure or **dog** run is constructed with material of sufficient strength and in a manner adequate to confine the **dog** and prevent the entry of children or other **animals**.
- iv) If in the opinion of the **Designated Officer**, the condition or location of an enclosure or **dog** run is not in accordance with this **Bylaw**, or any other **Bylaw** of the **Town**, the **Designated Officer** may order the owner of the property to clean, alter, demolish or relocate the **dog** enclosure or run.

DEFECATION

- g) If a pet defecates on any public or private property other than the **pet owner's** property, the owner shall immediately remove the defecation and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- h) A **pet owner** or **property owner** shall not allow **animal** feces to accumulate on the property as to create a **nuisance** and/or health risk.

DOG BARKING OR HOWLING

- i) The following acts are deemed **nuisance** barking or howling violations under this **Bylaw**:
 - i) Barking or howling which persists for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes or longer; and
 - ii) Barking or howling which persists, intermittently, for a period of one (1) hour or longer.
- j) For the purposes of this **Bylaw**, the factors for determining whether the barking or howling of a **dog** has become a **nuisance** are as follows:
 - i) Proximity of barking or howling to sleeping facilities;
 - ii) The time of day or night the barking or howling occurs;
 - iii) The duration of the barking or howling;
 - iv) Whether the barking or howling is the result of **provocation**; and
 - v) Where the barking or howling is recurrent, intermittent or constant.
- k) If a **pet owner** fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this section, he/she/they shall be subject to the penalties as set out in Schedule B, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**.

Part III

Licensing, Regulation and Control of Urban Hens

9. URBAN HEN PILOT PROGRAM REGULATIONS

- a) The length of the **Urban Hen Pilot Program** shall be two (2) years, effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.
- b) Participants must acknowledge the Pilot Program as a trial.
- c) Should the Pilot Program not result in the implementation of a formal **Town Urban Hen Program**, participants will have ninety (90) days from the end of the Pilot Program to re-home **hens**.
- d) Should the Pilot Program not result in implementation of a formal **Town Urban Hen Program**, the annual **hen** license fee will not be prorated or refunded.

10. HEN LICENSE

- a) A **hen license** shall only be issued to a **person** who is a **property owner** in the **Town**, no **hen licenses** shall be issued to a **person** who is renting or leasing a property from a **property owner**.
- b) A **person** may apply to keep a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of five (5) **hens** by submitting a completed *Application for Hen License* as set out by the **Town** for consideration, including:
 - i) Paying the **hen license** fee as prescribed in Schedule A, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**, which is due and payable at the time of the application, prior to approval and to be paid annually thereafter.
 - ii) Any other information reasonable required by the **Town**, including but not limited to:
 - 1) The name, address and contact information of the **person** who will be the **hen keeper** and of any **person** who may act as a **temporary caregiver**.
 - 2) A site plan including a drawing that shows the location of the **coop** and **coop run** dimensions and associated setbacks from the **coop** and **coop run** to the side and rear property lines.
 - iii) At the time of application for a **hen license**, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the **Town** that all **adjoining neighbours** have been notified of the intent to apply for a **hen license** on the **subject property**.
 - 1) Although it is courteous to notify all neighbours regarding the proposed **coop**, adjoining neighbours need not be notified if an **adjoining property** to the **subject property** is undeveloped or developed but otherwise vacant.
 - 2) No part of the proposed **coop** is closer than six (6) feet to any part of an **adjoining property**.
 - 3) Neighbours shall be informed that disputes regarding **urban hens** must be in writing and a reason shall be given for the dispute.
- c) A **hen license** does not take effect until the **Town** is satisfied that all provisions in section 12 have been met.
- d) A **hen license** is not transferable from one **person** to another or from one property to another.
- e) A **hen license** is valid only for the period of January 1 to December 31 in the year for which the license is issued.
- f) **Hen license** fees shall not be reduced or prorated no matter the month of purchase or the total number of hens.
- g) A **person** to whom a **hen license** has been issued shall produce the license at the demand of the **Town** or their **Designated Officer**.
- h) The **Town** may refuse to grant, refuse to renew or revoke a **hen license** for the following reasons:
 - i) The applicant or **hen license** holder does not meet or has ceased to meet the requirements of this **Bylaw**.
 - ii) The applicant or **hen license** holder:
 - 1) Provides false information or misrepresents any circumstances to the **Town**.
 - 2) Fails to pay any fee required by the **Bylaw**.
 - 3) Fails to pay a fine imposed for contravention of this **Bylaw**.
 - 4) An applicant or **hen license** holder has been convicted to any offence involving abuse, mistreatment or negligent treatment or keeping of **animals** of any kind.
 - 5) An applicant has previously been the holder of a **hen license** that was revoked for non-compliance with this **Bylaw**.

- 6) Has not complied with all other Provincial and Federal regulations for the keeping of **livestock**; or
- 7) In the opinion of the **Town**, based on reasonable grounds, it is in the public interest to refuse to grant, refuse to renew or revoke a **hen license**.

11. RESPONSIBILITIES OF A HEN KEEPER

Hen keepers, owners of **subject property** and **temporary caregivers** must:

- a) Provide each **hen** with food, unfrozen water, shelter, adequate light, ventilation, warmth, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviors such as scratching, dustbathing, roosting, pecking and socializing with their own kind.
- b) Keep the **hens** in a secured area.
- c) Keep the **coop** secured from sunset on any given day to sunrise the following day.
- d) Provide warmth to the **hens** through heat lamps, wall insulation, poly-sheeting, seedling heat mat, or other means.
- e) Construct and maintain the **coop** to prevent a rodent from harbouring underneath or within it or within its walls, and to prevent access to the **coop** by any other **animal**.
- f) Ensure that **hens** are kept in the **coop** with all openings, such as doors and windows, secured in such a manner that will not allow predators to enter.
- g) Maintain the **coop** in good repair and sanitary conditions, free from vermin and noxious or offensive smells and substances.
- h) Store feed in a fully enclosed, non-penetrable container.
- i) Keep food and water containers in the **coop**.
- j) Remove leftover feed, trash and manure in a timely manner.
- k) Store manure within a fully enclosed container and store not more than three (3) cubic feet of manure at any time.
- l) Remove all other manure not used for composting or fertilizing and dispose of such in accordance with the **Town Bylaws**.
- m) Place all hen related waste in a secure location on the site until disposal.
- n) Ensure hens are slaughtered or euthanized humanely at an appropriate location or facility, not on the **subject property**.
- o) Dispose of the carcass of a hen deceased by natural causes, by double bagging and delivering to a veterinarian, farm, abattoir, or other operation that is lawfully permitted to dispose of hens.
- p) Deliver hens to a veterinarian, farm, abattoir, or other operation if hens are no longer wanted.
- q) Keep hens in a cage only when actively transporting them.

12. COOP REQUIREMENTS

- a) A hen keeper must:
 - i) Provide each hen with at least four (4) square feet of **coop** floor area and at least ten (10) square feet of covered outdoor **coop run**.
 - ii) Provide and maintain a floor of any combination of vegetated or bare earth in the **coop run**.
 - iii) Provide and maintain, in each **coop** at least one perch for each hen, that is at least 6 inches long and one **nest box**.

- iv) Adhere to the location and size of **coops** as follows:
 - (1) **Coops** shall be located at least six (6) feet from the rear and side lot lines.
 - (2) **Coops** shall be located at least six (6) feet from any door or window of a residential building.
 - (3) **Coops** shall be in the rear yard of the lot.
 - (4) **Coops** shall not be more than six (6) feet in height.
 - (5) **Coops** shall not occupy an area of land larger than 99 square feet.
 - (6) **Coops** shall not be in a utility right of way or an overland drainage right of way.
 - (7) Only one (1) **coop** per property shall be permitted.
 - (8) The **Town** or their **Designated Officer** has the authority to impose additional site-specific conditions.

13. REGULATION AND CONTROL OF HENS

- a) No hen keeper shall keep a **rooster**.
- b) No hen keeper shall allow a hen to run at large.
- c) Hen keeping is permitted under and in accordance with this **Bylaw**.
- d) This **Bylaw** applies to the activity of hen keeping for personal use only. The commercial sale of hens or hen products is not permitted.
- e) This **Bylaw** enables the keeping of hens within the confines of external property and does not permit hens to be sheltered within a residential dwelling unit.
- f) Should a Hen Keeping site, **coop**, **coop run** or Hen Keeper be found to be non-compliant with this **Bylaw** at any time, enforcement action may be taken including without limitation: issuing a *Notice of Violation* and/or revocation of a Hen License.
- g) In the event of the revocation of a Hen Keepers License, the Licensee will be given fourteen (14) days to rehome the **hens** and remove the **coop** and **coop run**.
- h) Should **hens** and/or **coop** and/or **coop run** be ordered to be removed, all costs and associated expenditures related to the removal shall be the responsibility of the **property owner**.
- i) This **Bylaw** does not exempt a **person** from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, other **Town Bylaw**, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or license.

Part IV

Regulation and Control of Bees

14. REGULATION AND CONTROL OF BEES

- a) No **person** shall keep any **bee** other than honeybees known as *Apis Mellifera*.
- b) Any **person** keeping **bees** shall be permitted a maximum of two (2) **hives** on any one (1) property.
- c) Any **person** keeping **bees** shall be required to clearly post on their property that **bees** are present.
- d) All **hives** shall be in the rear yard of the property.
- e) All **hives** shall be a minimum of three (3) feet from any property line.

- f) **Hive** entrances shall face away from adjacent residential properties.
- g) No **person** keeping, or permitting **bees** to be kept on their property, shall fail to adequately maintain the **bees** such that the **bees** exhibit unduly defensive behaviour toward any other **person** while that **person** is on their own private or public property.
- h) Pursuant to *The Apiaries Act*, any **person** keeping **bees** in Saskatchewan must be registered with the Province of Saskatchewan including the **apiary** locations where **bees** are kept.

Part V

Regulation and Control of Exotic and Wild Animals

15. PROHIBITED ANIMALS

- a) No **person** for any purpose shall own or harbour any **animal** or hybrid of any **animal**, of the kind listed in Schedule C, attached to and forming part of this **Bylaw**.
- b) No **person** or corporation shall operate a business that buys, **sells**, trades, exhibits or keeps an **animal** or hybrid of any **animal** of the kinds listed in Schedule C, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**.
- c) Sections 15(a) and 15(b) do not apply when such **animal** is used in an event organized or approved by the **Town**, such as horse-drawn wagon rides, petting zoos or street fairs.

Part VI

General Regulations & Violations

19. ANIMAL TRAPS

- a) No **person** shall use their own trap to trap an **animal** on private or public property.

20. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, GRAVE INJURIES AND EUTHANASIA

- a) Any **animal** suspected of having a communicable disease, including but not limited to rabies, shall be secured and isolated for a period of ten (10) days and the matter shall be immediately reported to a veterinarian for further instructions. If the **animal** has bitten a **person** or another **animal**, the Public Health Officer shall also be notified immediately.
- b) The **Designated Officer** or veterinarian may take immediate action to euthanize any sick or gravely injured **animal** found within the **Town** where, in their opinion, immediate euthanizing of the **animal** is required to avoid unnecessary suffering of the **animal**.
- c) Reasonable efforts shall be made to contact the **pet owner** before it is euthanized. No liability lies against the **Town**, the **Administrator**, the Designated Officer or the veterinarian if the **pet owner** cannot be contacted.

21. GENERAL VIOLATIONS

- a) No **person** shall:
 - i) Untie, loosen or otherwise free an **animal** which has been tied or restrained.
 - ii) Negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which an **animal** has been confined and thereby allowing an **animal** to **run at large** within the **Town**;
 - iii) Tease, entice, bait or throw objects at an **animal** confined within its owner's property.
- b) *The Animal Protection Act, 2018*, and amendments thereto, apply to all species of **animals** in the legislation. If any **animal** is kept in unsanitary conditions, with lack of proper quality or quantity of food, and/or shows extreme neglect, this would be reported to Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan.
- c) No **person** shall keep an **animal** in an unsanitary condition within the **Town**. Conditions shall be considered unsanitary where the keeping of the **animal** results in an accumulation of fecal matter, an odour, insect infestation or rodent attraction 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**.
- d) Any **person** who witnesses a contravention of the Regulation and Control of Animals, and can positively identify the **animal**, can file a written complaint with the **Town** by completing an *Animal Complaint Form*, as set out by the **Town**.
- e) Any **person** who fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of this section, he/she/they shall be subject to the penalties as set out in Schedule B, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw**.
- f) Sections 374 – 380 of **Act** apply in all circumstances.

Part VII Enforcement and Penalties

22. ENFORCEMENT

- a) The administration and enforcement of this **Bylaw** is hereby designated to the **Administrator**.
- b) The **Administrator** is hereby authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this **Bylaw** to another employee of the **Town** or a **Designated Officer**.

23. ANIMAL IMPOUND PILOT PROJECT

- a) To enforce this **Bylaw**, the **Town** will create an **Animal Impound Pilot Program**.
- b) The length of said **Animal Impound Pilot Program** shall be two (2) years, effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.

24. SEIZURE, IMPOUND AND DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS

- a) If any **animal** is found **running at large** or has acted in contravention of any other provision of this **Bylaw**, then that animal may be seized and **impounded**. The **Town** or **Designated Officer** may enter on to any land surrounding any building in pursuit of any **animal** observed behaving contrary to the provisions of this **Bylaw**.

- b) When an **animal** that is seized when **running at large** is wearing a **license tag**, the **Town** or **Designated Officer** shall make every reasonable effort to contact the registered **pet owner** prior to **impoundment**. Fines for **running at large** may be applied whether or not the **animal** is licensed.
- c) It shall be the duty of the **Town** or **Designated Officer** to provide each **animal** kept in **impoundment** with an adequate supply of food, fresh water, and shelter from the elements.
- d) Any **animal** that has been seized and **impounded** shall be kept for a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours including the day of impoundment, weekends and statutory holidays, unless the **Pet Owner** reclaims the animal by paying to the Town:
 - i) The applicable pound fee as set out in Schedule B, attached to, and forming part of this **Bylaw** for the care and safe keeping of each **animal** including the actual amount expended for any veterinary expenses; and
 - ii) All fines assessed against the **animal** for prior **Bylaw** infractions; and
 - iii) In the case of an unlicensed **animal**, the required license fee for the **impounded animal**.
- e) Prior to the **impounded animal** being released, the **pet owner** must also provide proof of ownership for the **impounded animal**.
- f) Where an **animal** has not been reclaimed within forty-eight (48) hours, or where the **pet owner** has failed or refused to comply with subsections 23d and 23e of this **Bylaw**, the **pet owner** forfeits all ownership rights, and the **animal** shall become the property of the **Town**.
- g) The **Town** may, in its sole discretion, euthanize, find a suitable home for, or turn over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) any animal which has not been redeemed within forty-eight (48) hours. The **Town** or **Designated Officer** may turn an animal over to the SPCA before this period expires if it is determined that the Town cannot sufficiently provide for the **animal's** wellbeing or security.

25. INSPECTIONS

- a) The **Town** or their **Designated Officer** has the right to access any property to inspect for compliance with this **Bylaw**.
- b) Inspections under this **Bylaw** shall be carried out in accordance with section 362 of the **Act**.
- c) No **person** shall obstruct a **Designated Officer**, or a **person** who is assisting a **Designated Officer**, who is authorized to conduct an inspection under this **Bylaw**.
- d) A **Designated Officer** may request that the owner or occupant supply confirmation of a condition, a thing or an activity by providing a certificate, letter or any other documentation from an expert in a field related to the condition, thing or activity.

26. ORDER TO REMEDY CONTRAVENTIONS

- a) If a **Designated Officer** finds that a **person** is contravening this **Bylaw**, the **Designated Officer** may, by written Order to Remedy, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention.
- b) Orders to Remedy given under this **Bylaw** shall comply with section 364 of the **Act**.
- c) Orders to Remedy given under this **Bylaw** shall be served in accordance with section 390 of the **Act**.

27. REGISTRATION OF ORDER TO REMEDY

- a) If an Order to Remedy is issued pursuant to section 24, the **Town** may, in accordance with section 364 of the **Act**, give notice of the existence of the Order to Remedy by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the Order to Remedy.

28. APPEAL OF ORDER TO REMEDY

- a) If an Order to Remedy is issued pursuant to section 24, the **Town** may, in accordance with section 364 of the **Act**, give notice of the existence of the Order to Remedy by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the Order to Remedy.

29. TOWN REMEDYING CONTRAVENTIONS

- a) The **Town** may, in accordance with section 366 of the **Act**, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this **Bylaw**.
- b) In an emergency, the **Town** may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with the provisions of section 367 of the **Act**.

30. RECOVERY OF UNPAID EXPENSES AND COSTS

- a) Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the **Town** in remedying a contravention of this **Bylaw** may be recovered either:
 - i) by civil action for debt in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with section 368 of the **Act**; or
 - ii) by adding the amount to the taxes on the property on which the work is done in accordance with section 369 of the **Act**.
- b) In addition to any actual cost associated for remedying a contravention of this **Bylaw** or the **Act**, the **Administrator** may, in addition to that cost levy a fee of \$100 or 10 percent (10%) of the cost, whichever is greater.

31. GENERAL PENALTIES AND VOLUNTARY PAYMENT

- a) The **Town** may, in accordance with section 366 of the **Act**, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this **Bylaw**.
- b) In an emergency, the **Town** may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with the provisions of section 367 of the **Act**.
- c) No **person** shall:
 - i) Fail to comply with an Order to Remedy made pursuant to the **Bylaw**;
 - ii) Obstruct or interfere with a **Designated Officer** or any other person acting under the authority of this **Bylaw**; or
 - iii) Fail to comply with any other provision of this **Bylaw**.
- d) Where the **Administrator** or **Designated Officer** has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this **Bylaw**, that Officer may issue a *Notice of Violation*, in the form prescribed by the **Town**.
- e) A *Notice of Violation* may indicate that the **Town** will accept voluntary payment in lieu of prosecution at the Springside Town Office during regular office hours for the penalty as listed in Schedule B, to be paid to the **Town** within twenty (20) days.

- f) Where the **Town** receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under section 29(e) within twenty (20) days, the person receiving the *Notice of Violation* shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
- g) Payment of a *Notice of Violation* does not exempt the person from enforcement of an Order to Remedy pursuant to this **Bylaw**.
- h) Every **person** who contravenes any provisions of this **Bylaw** is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
 - i. \$10,000.00 in the case of an individual;
 - ii. \$25,000.00 in the case of a corporation;
 - iii. In the case of a continuing offense, to a maximum daily fine of not more than \$2,500.00 per day.
- i) A **Judge**, in addition to the penalties provided in this section, may declare an animal to be dangerous as per sections 375 of the **Act**.
- j) This **Bylaw** does not exempt a **person** from complying with any Federal or Provincial law or regulation, other **Town Bylaw**, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or license.

Part VII

Miscellaneous

SEVERABILITY

- a) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this **Bylaw** is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion will be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and the holding of the Court will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the **Bylaw**.

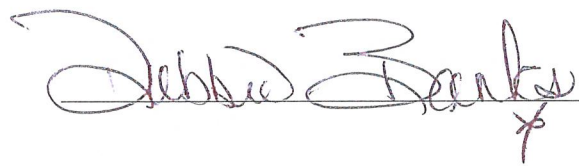
REVIEW OF BYLAW

- e) This **Bylaw** shall be reviewed prior to January 1, 2028.

COMING INTO FORCE

- f) This **Bylaw** shall come into force on the day of its final passing.





Mayor



Administrator

SCHEDULE A
TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE
BYLAW NO. 2025-05

FEES FOR THE LICENSING OF ANIMALS IN THE TOWN

DOG LICENSE	ANNUAL	LIFETIME
For each male or female dog	\$10.00	\$50.00
Lost License Tag	\$5.00	\$5.00
Service Dog	No Charge	No Charge
CAT LICENSE	ANNUAL	LIFETIME
For each male or female cat	\$10.00	\$50.00
Lost License Tag	\$5.00	\$5.00
HEN LICENSE	ANNUAL	LIFETIME
For each Hen License (maximum of five (5) hens)	\$50.00	Not applicable

SCHEDULE B **TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE** **BYLAW NO. 2025-05**

AMOUNTS WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN IN LIEU OF **PROSECUTION**

SECTION	DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE	PENALTY
4(a)	Failure to license pet	\$100.00 + License Fee
4(h)	Providing false information on an Application for Pet License	\$100.00
4(j)	Failure to attach a valid license tag when pet is off pet owner's property	\$100.00
4(k)	Attaching a license tag to any pet other than the pet for which it was issued	\$100.00
7(a) & 7(b)	Exceeding the limit of pets on any one property	\$100.00 per pet exceeding the limit
7(c)(i-iv)	Failure to prevent pet from aggressive behavior including chasing, threatening, attacking, biting, inflicting injury or assaulting another animal or person.	\$500.00
7(d)	Keeping a dangerous animal	\$500.00
8(c)(i-iv)	Failure to prevent pet from causing damage, defecate, urinate, spray, dig in flower beds, gardens or waste receptacles or trespass on private property.	\$200.00
8(d)	Failure to keep a pet in heat indoors	\$100.00
8(e)	Pet running at large	\$200.00
8(f)	Failure to keep dog run in property condition	\$200.00
8(g)	Failure to immediately remove defecation from public or private property	\$100.00
8(h)	Allowing animal feces to accumulate on property	\$200.00
8(i) & 8(j)	Pet creating a nuisance by barking or howling	\$200.00
10(a)	Failure to obtain a hen license	\$100.00 + License Fee
10(b)	Exceeding the limit of hens on one property	\$100 per hen exceeding the limit
11	Failure to uphold the Responsibilities of a Hen Keeper as outlined in Section 11	\$200.00
12	Failure to uphold the Coop Requirements outlined in Section 12	\$200.00
13(a)	Keeping a rooster or poultry other than an urban hen.	\$200.00 + plus immediate removal of the rooster or poultry

13(b)	Hen running at large	\$200.00
14	Failure to uphold the Regulations for Control of Bees outlined in Section 14	\$200.00
15	Owning or Harboring any prohibited animal	\$500.00
19	Use of animal trap	\$200.00
20(a)	Failure to allow pet to be isolated for illness	\$200.00
21(a)	Untie, loosen or free an animal, open a gate or enclosure, tease, entice, bait or throw objects at an enclosed animal.	\$200.00
21(c)	Keeping an animal in unsanitary conditions	\$500.00 and pet owner will be reported to Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan
24	Pound Fees	\$250.00/per day or portion of day that the animal is impounded
24	Veterinary Expenses	Actual Amount Expended

***Subsequent Offence committed within twelve (12) months of the first offence
DOUBLE THE ABOVE PENALTY***

SCHEDULE C
TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE
BYLAW NO. 2025-05

LIST OF PROHIBITED ANIMALS

- All Livestock as defined in this **Bylaw**
- All Arachnids dangerous to humans (such as scorpions and tarantulas, except tarantulas of the genera *Aphonopelma*, *Avicularia* and *Grammostola*)
- All Artiodactyls Ungulates, including domestic goats, sheep and cattle
- All Bats
- All Canids, except the domestic dog
- All Crocodilians (such as alligators, crocodiles and caimans)
- All Edentates (such as anteaters, sloths and armadillos)
- All Elephants
- All Felids, except the domestic cat
- All Hyenas
- All Marsupials (such as kangaroos and opossums)
- All Mustelids (such as skunks, weasels, otters and badgers) except the domestic ferret
- All non-human Primates (such as gorillas and monkeys)
- All Perissodactylus Ungulates, except the domestic horse, mule and ass
- All Pinnipeds (such as seals, fur seals and walruses)
- All Procyonids (such as raccoons, coatis and cacomistle)
- All Raptors, diurnal and nocturnal (such as eagles, hawks and owls)
- All Ratite Birds (such as rheas, cassowaries, ostriches and emus)
- All Galliformes (such as roosters, turkeys, grouse, quails and pheasants) except urban hens as allowed in this **Bylaw**
- All Anseriformes (such as ducks and geese)
- All snakes of the families Pythonidae and Boidae
- All Ursids (bears)
- All venomous Reptiles and Amphibians
- All Viverrids (such as mongooses, civets and genets)

Examples of animals of a particular prohibited group are given in parentheses. They are examples only and shall not be construed as limiting the generality of the group.