



**City of Dawson Creek
Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 4122, 2011**

CONSOLIDATED VERSION FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY

Amendment Bylaw 4241, 2014 incorporated

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK

BYLAW NO. 4122

A bylaw to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to animals in the City of Dawson Creek

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter*, the Council of the City of Dawson Creek has the authority to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to animals;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek enacts as follows:

SECTION 1 - TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “City of Dawson Creek Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 4122, 2011”.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Bylaw:

Animal means any domestic animal;

Animal Control Officer means a municipal employee, officer or agent designated by Council to administer the provisions of this Bylaw;

Apiary means a place where bees are kept.

Apiculture means the keeping and management of honeybee, *Apis mellifera*.

At large means in or upon a highway or public place or in or upon the lands or premises of any person other than the owner of the animal without the express or implied consent of that person;

Bee means honey producing bee (from the genus *Apis* of the family *Apidae*).

Beekeeping means the keeping of bees, as permitted in this bylaw, except in the case of an Agricultural, Commercial, or Industrial use, and as regulated by the City of Dawson Creek Animal Control Bylaw, as amended from time to time.

Chicken means domesticated fowl of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*, raised for eggs and/or meat.

City means the City of Dawson Creek;

Colony means one (1) structure which houses a hive and its equipment and appurtenances, including comb, honey, pollen and brood.

Council means the Council of the City of Dawson Creek;

Guide Dog means a dog used by a person with a disability to avoid hazards or to otherwise compensate for a disability and includes a guide animal as defined in the *Guide Animal Act* (B.C.);

Hen means female chicken.

Keep includes own, possess, harbour, or have care and control;

Kennel means a place, building, or structure where dogs are kept, bred, reared, trained or boarded;

Large animals means horses, cows or similar sized animals;

Notice of Bylaw Violation a notice, in a form prescribed by the City, delivered by an Animal Control Officer or authorized representative to any person alleged to have contravened a provision of this bylaw;

Nucleus colony means a small colony of not more than five (5) removable frames primarily used for rearing and storing queen bees.

Owner means any person:

- (a) to whom a licence has been issued pursuant to this Bylaw; or
- (b) who keeps an animal;

Park means any real property acquired by the City of Dawson Creek by means of purchase, lease or otherwise, and held for the pleasure, recreation, or community uses of the public, and includes a public library, art gallery, museum, arena and exhibition buildings;

Persistent barking includes, but is not limited to, the sound made by a dog barking or howling or creating any kind of noise that (a) is frequent and persistent, and (b) is disturbing to the neighborhood;

Pound means the facilities established by Council from time to time as the facilities to constitute the pound under this Bylaw;

Poundkeeper means any person or organization appointed by Council to operate the pound and includes the deputy, assistants and employees of the poundkeeper;

Running at Large means an animal that is not on the property of the owner and not on a leash and/or under the control of a person responsible;

SPCA means the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;

Small animals means birds, reptiles, rabbits, ferrets or similar sized animals;

Vicious Dog means:

- (a) a dog which has killed or seriously injured a person or animal;
- (b) a dog which has a known tendency or disposition to attack animals or humans without provocation;
- (c) a dog which has bitten, attacked or aggressively pursued a person or animal without provocation;
- (d) a dog which has been trained for, or is owned for, the purpose of dog fighting; or
- (e) an Animal Control Officer has reasonable grounds to believe the dog is likely to kill or seriously injure a person; or
- (f) all Pit Bulls or various Pit Bull crosses, Pit Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Stafford-shire Terriers, or any other dog of mixed breeding which includes any of the aforementioned breeds.

SECTION 3 - APPLICATION

3.1 This bylaw does not apply to Guide Dogs.

SECTION 4 - DOG AND CAT LICENCES

- 4.1 No person shall keep any dog or cat in the City unless a valid license or registration for the current year has been obtained from the Poundkeeper under this Bylaw on or before February 1st in the calendar year.
- 4.2 If a person becomes the owner of a dog or cat after February 1st in any year, that person shall apply for a license and pay the designated fee within 7 days of becoming the owner of the animal.
- 4.3 A person shall apply for a dog licence or cat registration in the form prescribed by the City and accompanied by a licence or registration fee in the amount set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw. Upon receipt of the application and payment of the prescribed fee, the Poundkeeper shall issue a numbered dog licence and corresponding licence tag to the applicant or register the cat tattoo, microchip number, or corresponding licence tag number.
- 4.4 Every dog licence and corresponding licence tag or cat registration issued under this Bylaw shall expire on the 31st day of December in the calendar year in which the licence is issued.
- 4.5 The owner of a dog or cat without a tattoo or microchip for which a licence and corresponding licence tag have been issued under this Bylaw is responsible to affix, and keep affixed, the licence tag on the dog or cat by a collar, harness, or other suitable device except where the owner has a certificate from a qualified veterinarian that the dog cannot, due to sickness, injury or disease, comfortably wear a collar, harness or other suitable device.
- 4.6 The owner of a cat is responsible to ensure that the cat has permanent identification in the form of veterinary administered tattoo, microchip, or corresponding licence tag number.

- 4.7 Every licence and corresponding licence tag or registration issued under this Bylaw is valid only in respect of the dog or cat for which it was issued, as described on the licence application, and is not transferable to another animal.
- 4.8 No person except the owner of the animal shall remove from the animal the licence or registration tag issued for that animal under this Bylaw unless authorized to do so from the owner.
- 4.9 The owner of a dog or cat for which a licence and corresponding licence tag have been issued under this Bylaw may obtain a replacement licence tag upon satisfying the Poundkeeper that the original licence tag has been lost or stolen and upon payment of the replacement fee set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.
- 4.10 In the event of a change in ownership of a dog or cat for which a licence and corresponding licence tag or registration have been issued under this Bylaw, the new owner of the dog or cat shall notify the Poundkeeper of the change of ownership of the dog or cat within seven days following the change in ownership.
- 4.11 The owner of a licensed dog or registered cat shall, within thirty days of the owner’s change of address, notify the Poundkeeper of the change.
- 4.12 Where this Bylaw provides for a reduced licence fee for a dog or cat that is neutered or spayed, the licence application for the dog or cat shall be accompanied by a certificate from a qualified veterinarian indicating that the dog or cat is in fact neutered or spayed.
- 4.13 All dog licence or cat registration fees payable under this Bylaw are non-refundable.
- 4.14 No person shall keep more than two (2) dogs or four (4) cats on any parcel of land in the City at any one time except in the lawful operation of a kennel or veterinary clinic.

SECTION 5 - CONTROL OF DOGS

- 5.1 No owner shall permit a dog to be running at large in the City.
- 5.2 The owner of a female dog in heat shall, at all times when the dog is in heat, keep the dog securely confined within a building, enclosure or carriage bag capable of preventing the dog’s escape and the entry of other dogs.
- 5.3 The owner of a dog shall, at all times when the dog is on the owner’s property, keep the dog securely confined on the property by keeping the dog indoors, within a fenced area sufficient to prevent the escape of the dog or by securely tethering the dog in such a manner as to prevent the dog from leaving the property.
- 5.4 No owner shall permit a dog to howl or bark in the City if persistent barking or howling disturbs or is liable to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals or the public.

- 5.5 Complaints concerning an alleged disturbance, contrary to Sec. 5.4 of this bylaw, shall be made in writing to the SPCA. Upon receipt of a complaint, if the owner can be determined, the SPCA Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner in person of the complaint.
- 5.6 The owner of a dog must immediately remove and dispose, in a waste container or by other sanitary means, any fecal matter deposited by such dog on any public place, park or private property other than the property of the owner.
- 5.7 The owner of a dog shall, at all times when the dog is in the rear of an open vehicle on any highway or public place, keep the dog on a leash or other suitable device so as to prevent the dog from reaching beyond the sides of the vehicle.

SECTION 6 - CONTROL OF VICIOUS DOGS

- 6.1 No owner of a vicious dog shall permit the dog to be running at large in the City unless the dog is kept on a leash, tether or other suitable device not exceeding two metres in length, is securely muzzled so as to prevent the dog from biting a person or animal, and is under the immediate care and control of a competent person so as to prevent it from endangering the safety of any person or animal.
- 6.2 The owner of a vicious dog shall, at all times when the dog is on the owner's property, keep the dog securely confined within a building or enclosure capable of preventing the dog's escape.

SECTION 7 - ANIMALS GENERALLY

- 7.1 No person shall keep an animal suffering from an infectious or contagious disease on any parcel of land in the City unless the animal is kept securely confined within a building or enclosure capable of preventing the animal's escape and the entry of other animals and is under veterinary care for that disease.
- 7.2 No person shall keep any animal in the City unless the animal is provided with:
- (a) clean, potable drinking water and food in sufficient quantity and of a recognized nutritional quality to allow for the animal's normal growth and the maintenance of the animal's normal body weight;
 - (b) sanitary food and water receptacles;
 - (c) the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain the animal's good health;
 - (d) clean bedding material and an area maintained at a temperature warm and dry enough to prevent the animal from suffering discomfort; and
 - (e) the necessary veterinarian care when the animal exhibits signs of pain, suffering, or disease.
- 7.3 No person shall keep any animal outside for extended periods of time unless the animal is provided with shelter, of sufficient size to allow the animal to turn about freely, stand, sit, and lie in a normal position, so as to:

- (a) ensure protection of the animal from heat, cold, and wetness appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat; and
 - (b) provide sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun.
- 7.4 No person shall keep any animal confined in an enclosed space, including a motor vehicle, without sufficient ventilation to prevent the animal from suffering discomfort or a heat injury.
- 7.5 No person shall keep any animal hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object where a choke collar or choke chain forms part of the securing apparatus, or where a rope or cord is tied directly around the animal's neck.
- 7.6 No person shall keep any animal hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object as the primary means of confinement for an extended period of time.

SECTION 8 - SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT

- 8.1 An Animal Control Officer may seize and impound:
- (a) any dog that has not been licenced in accordance with this Bylaw;
 - (b) any dog unlawfully at large on a highway or in a public place;
 - (c) any dog straying or trespassing on private property; and
 - (d) any dog on unfenced land and not securely tethered or contained.
- 8.2 An Animal Control Officer shall as soon as possible convey any animal seized and liable to impoundment under this Bylaw to the pound.
- 8.3 Where the owner of an animal which has been seized and impounded under this Bylaw is known to, or can be identified by the Animal Control Officer, the Animal Control Officer shall notify the owner, by telephone or by mail addressed to the last known address of the owner, of the fact that the animal has been seized and impounded under this Bylaw and that the animal will be adopted, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Poundkeeper after three days from the date the notice was received by the owner unless, in the meantime, the animal is reclaimed. For the purpose of this Bylaw, notice by mail shall be deemed to be received by the owner after expiration of seven days from the date the notice was mailed.
- 8.4 Where the owner of an animal which has been seized and impounded under this Bylaw is not known to, and cannot be identified by, the Animal Control Officer, the Animal Control Officer shall cause notice of the seizure and impoundment to be posted on the public notice board at the pound. Such notice shall set out particulars of the impounded animal, the date of seizure and impoundment of the animal, and that the animal will be adopted, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the City after 5 days from the date of the notice unless, in the meantime, the animal is reclaimed.
- 8.5 An owner of an animal seized and impounded under this Bylaw, or any person authorized in writing on the owner's behalf, may redeem the impounded animal at any time prior to its adoption, destruction, or disposal under this Bylaw upon:

- (a) delivery to the Poundkeeper of evidence satisfactory to the Poundkeeper of ownership of the impounded animal;
 - (b) payment of the penalty and fees, costs, and charges incurred in respect of the seizure and impoundment of the animal as set out in Schedule “B” to this Bylaw; and,
 - (c) payment of the current licence fee where the impounded animal is required to be licenced pursuant to this Bylaw and is not licenced.
- 8.6 Where an animal that has been seized and impounded under this Bylaw has not been redeemed, the Poundkeeper may, after the expiration of the notice periods established under this Bylaw, offer the impounded animal for adoption.
- 8.7 Where the Poundkeeper is unable, or considers it undesirable, to effect the adoption of an animal that has been seized and impounded under this Bylaw, or where an impounded animal has been offered for adoption but has not been adopted, the Poundkeeper shall destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal.
- 8.8 An Animal Control Officer may seize any animal suffering from an incurable disease or life threatening injury and destroy that animal upon certification of the animal’s condition by a licenced veterinarian.

SECTION 9 - DUTIES OF POUNDKEEPER

- 9.1 The Poundkeeper shall maintain records which include:
- (a) a description of every animal seized and impounded under this Bylaw and the date and time each animal was received by the pound;
 - (b) the name of the person or persons taking or sending any animal to be impounded;
 - (c) the date and time each animal impounded was redeemed, sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the Poundkeeper;
 - (d) the name of every person redeeming any animal and the amount paid by such person;
 - (e) the name of every person purchasing any impounded animal and the amount paid by such person; and
 - (f) the amount of impoundment and maintenance fees, costs, and charges connected with each impounded animal.

SECTION 10 - DOG KENNEL LICENCES

- 10.1 No person shall operate a kennel in the City unless a kennel licence and a City of Dawson Creek business licence have been obtained.
- 10.2 A person shall apply for a kennel licence under this Bylaw in the form prescribed for that purpose by the City and accompanied by a licence fee in the amount set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw. Upon receipt of the application and payment of the prescribed fee, the City shall issue a kennel licence to the applicant.
- 10.3 Every kennel licence issued under this Bylaw shall expire on the 31st day of December in the calendar year in which the licence is issued.

- 10.4 Every kennel licence is valid only in respect of the kennel for which it was issued and only on appropriately Industrial Zoned land.
- 10.5 No owner or operator of a kennel shall keep, or permit to be kept, more dogs than the number of dogs in respect of which a kennel licence fee has been paid.
- 10.6 At any time the Animal Control Officer or the authorized representative of the City may cancel or suspend a kennel licence issued pursuant to this Bylaw if the kennel licence holder fails to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 10.7 All kennel licence fees payable under this Bylaw are non-refundable.

SECTION 11 - DOG KENNEL OPERATIONS

- 11.1 Every kennel shall consist of a fully enclosed building and facilities constructed, installed and maintained in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (a) every cage or pen must provide at least 24 square feet of floor space for each dog and be of sufficient height to permit each animal kept therein to allow each dog to turn about freely, stand, sit, and lie in a normal position;
 - (b) there shall be an outdoor exercise area large enough to allow each dog being kept to break into a trot;
 - (c) the building shall be constructed and maintained so as to allow natural light and ventilation to be introduced into the interior of the building by windows, skylights or a combination thereof; and
 - (d) the building and facilities shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent the escape of any dog being kept.
- 11.2 No owner or operator of a kennel shall cause or permit;
 - (a) more than one dog to be kept in a cage or pen unless the cage or pen is of sufficient size and height to permit each dog kept therein to move freely and easily;
 - (b) female dogs in heat to be kept in cages or pens with male dogs;
 - (c) dogs exhibiting vicious behaviour or dominance aggression to be kept with other dogs;
 - (d) dogs under the age of 4 months of age to be kept with adult dogs other than their dams; and
 - (e) dogs under treatment for a communicable disease or suspected of harbouring a communicable disease to be kept with other dogs.
- 11.3 Every owner or operator of a kennel shall at least once daily clean and sanitize the kennel of animal excrement.
- 11.4 Every owner or operator of a kennel shall ensure all animals are fully vaccinated and must obtain a certificate or proof of vaccination from the owner upon receipt of the animal at the kennel.

SECTION 12 – BACKYARD HEN KEEPING LICENSES

- 12.1 No person shall keep backyard hens in the City unless a valid and subsisting license has first been obtained for the hens under this Bylaw.
- 12.2 A person shall apply for a backyard hen license under this Bylaw in the form prescribed for that purpose by the City accompanied by a license fee in the amount set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw. Upon receipt of the application and payment of the prescribed fee, the City shall issue a numbered backyard hen permit to the applicant.
- 12.3 If any person becomes the owner of backyard hens, that person shall apply for a license and pay the applicable license fee within 7 days of becoming the owner of backyard hens.
- 12.4 Every backyard hen license is valid only for the owner of the backyard hens to whom it was issued.
- 12.5 At any time the City may cancel or suspend a backyard hen license issued pursuant to this Bylaw if the backyard hen license holder fails to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 12.6 All backyard hen license fees payable under this Bylaw are non-refundable.

SECTION 13 – BACKYARD HEN KEEPING

- 13.1 A person who engages in backyard hen keeping must:
 - a) Possess a valid backyard hen keeping license, through the processes prescribed in the Animal Control Bylaw, as amended from time to time;
 - b) Be the registered owner or obtain permission from the registered property owner at a property where hens are kept, and reside at a property where the hens are kept;
 - c) Keep no more than six (6) hens per parcel of land. Roosters or other fowl or farm animals will not be permitted unless in accordance with the City of Dawson Creek Animal Control Bylaw and City of Dawson Creek Zoning Bylaw, as amended from time to time;
 - d) Keep hens in a run that:
 - i. Is fenced on all sides in a manner that will keep predators from entering and hens from escaping;
 - ii. Provides at least 1 m² of covered outdoor space per hen;
 - iii. Is less than 2.4 m in height;
 - iv. Is sited at least 2.0m from any parcel line and located to the rear of the front face of the principal building;
 - v. Has a ground surface comprised of material that is clean, non-toxic, biodegradable, readily available, and easily replaceable, and which is well maintained.
 - e) Provide at least one (1) coop that:
 - i. Is kept clean and monitored for suitable cleanliness daily;
 - ii. Is sited at least 2.0 m from the rear or side parcel line where there is no lane. For clarity, no setback is required from the rear parcel line for coops less than 10 feet² in size where there is a lane;
 - iii. Provides at least 0.5 m² of coop floor area per hen;

- iv. Provides and maintains at least one perch that is at least fifteen (15) cm long-per hen and at least one nest box per four hens that is large enough for the hen to turn around and sit.
- f) Provides each hen with food, water, shelter light, ventilation, veterinary care, and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the hen in good health with consideration of the temperature fluctuations from winter through summer;
- g) Not keep the hen in a cage;
- h) Follow biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency;
- i) Remove all leftover feed, trash and manure in a timely manner;
- j) Store manure in a fully enclosed structure, and store no more than 3.0 m³ of manure at any time;
- k) Remove all manure not used for composting or fertilizing; and
- l) Keep hens for personal use, and not sell eggs, manure, meat or other products derived from hens.
- m) Not slaughter, or attempt to euthanize, or bury a hen within City limits, unless at an authorized facility.

SECTION 14 – BEEKEEPING LICENSES

- 14.1 No person shall keep bees in the City unless a valid and subsisting license has first been obtained for the beekeeping under this Bylaw.
- 14.2 A person shall apply for a beekeeping license under this Bylaw in the form prescribed for that purpose by the City accompanied by a license fee in the amount set out in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw. Upon receipt of the application and payment of the prescribed fee, the City shall issue a numbered beekeeping permit to the applicant.
- 14.3 Every beekeeping license is valid only for the beekeeper to whom it was issued.
- 14.4 At any time the City may cancel or suspend a beekeeping license issued pursuant to this Bylaw if the beekeeping license holder fails to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 14.5 A beekeeping license fee payable under this Bylaw is non-refundable.

SECTION 15 – BEEKEEPING REGULATIONS

- 15.1 A person who engages in beekeeping must:
 - a) Have a beekeeper identification number, issued to them by the BC Ministry of Agriculture Apiculture Program;
 - b) Be the registered owner of the property where bees are kept or have permission from the registered owner of the property where the bees are kept;
 - c) Register as an Apiary under the *Bee Act* RSBC 1996, Chapter 29 and amendments thereto;
 - d) Adhere to good management practices and maintain bees in a condition that will reasonably prevent swarming and aggressive behavior;

- e) Provide adequate water for the bees to prevent bees from seeking water in neighbouring swimming pools, birdbaths, ponds or other community bodies of water;
- f) Keep a maximum of four (4) colonies per parcel, subject to the regulations outlined in this bylaw. This is typically two (2) colonies and two (2) nucleus colonies;
- g) Locate all colonies at the rear of the front face of the principal dwelling;
- h) Local all colonies in such a way as to avoid concentrated bee flight on neighbouring properties; and
- i) Comply with one of the following requirements in order to ensure the appropriate honeybee flight path:
 - i. The entrance to any colony will be facing away from neighbouring properties and be located in a backyard which has a continuous fence or hedge that is 1.8m or more in height, or
 - ii. If installed on an elevated platform (deck, rooftop, etc.), any colony entrance will be situated 2.5m or more above ground level.”

SECTION 16 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 16.1 An Animal Control Officer may enter on any property at any reasonable time for the purpose of ascertaining whether the regulations and requirements of this Bylaw are being observed.
- 16.2 No person shall obstruct or interfere with an Animal Control Officer in the performance of his or her duties under this Bylaw.

SECTION 17 – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 17.1 The Animal Control Officer or authorized representative is authorized to deliver a Notice of Bylaw Violation to any person alleged to have contravened a provision of this bylaw. Such notice is deemed to be sufficiently served:
- (a) If served personally to the owner or harbourer of the animal concerned;
 - (b) If mailed by registered mail to the address of the owner or harbourer of the animal concerned;
 - (c) If served to a person appearing to be over the age of sixteen years who is a resident at the address of the owner or harbourer of the animal concerned.
- 17.2 Any person who contravenes this Bylaw is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and the cost of prosecution. Every day during which there is an infraction of this Bylaw shall constitute a separate offence.
- 17.3 This Bylaw is designated pursuant to s. 264(1)(a) of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26 as a bylaw enforceable by means of a ticket in the form prescribed in the *Community Charter Bylaw Enforcement Ticket Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 425/2003.
- 17.4 Animal Control Officers are designated pursuant to s. 264(1)(b) of the *Community Charter*, as bylaw enforcement officers for the purpose of enforcing this Bylaw.

- 17.5 The words or expressions set forth in Column 1 of Schedule “C” of this Bylaw are authorized pursuant to s. 264(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* to designate the offence committed under the Bylaw.
- 17.5 The amounts appearing in Column 2 of Schedule “C” of this Bylaw are the fines established by Council pursuant to s. 265(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* for the corresponding offence designated in Column 1.
- 17.6 Where an offence is a continuing offence, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate and distinct offence.”

SECTION 18 - SEVERABILITY

- 18.1 If any section or lesser portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a Court, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of the bylaw.

SECTION 19 - REPEAL

- 19.1 The following Bylaws and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed:

- (a) Bylaw No. 611, 1961 cited as the *Pound Bylaw*.
- (b) Bylaw No. 2711, 1989, cited as the *Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw*.
- (c) Bylaw No. 3407, 1999, cited as the *Feces Removal Bylaw*.

READ a first time this 3rd day of October, 2011.

READ a second time this 3rd day of October, 2011.

READ a third time this 3rd day of October, 2011.

ADOPTED this 24th day of October, 2011.

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY of Bylaw No. 4122 cited as "CITY OF DAWSON CREEK ANIMAL RESPONSIBILITY BYLAW NO. 4122, 2011".

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
 Brenda Ginter
 Director of Corporate Administration

The Corporate Seal of **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK** was affixed in the presence of:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
 Mike Bernier – Mayor

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
 Brenda Ginter – Director of Corporate Administration

SCHEDULE A**LICENCE FEES**

Annual licence fee for spayed or neutered dog	\$20.00
Annual licence fee for unneutered or unspayed dog	\$50.00
Kennel License	\$115.00
Replacement dog licence tag	\$5.00
Hen Keeping License Fee - One Time	\$20.00
Bee Keeping License Fee - One Time	\$20.00
Annual registration for a spayed or neutered cat without tattoo or microchip	\$50.00
Annual registration for a spayed or neutered cat with tattoo or microchip	\$5.00
Annual registration fee of an unneutered cat	\$200.00
Annual registration fee of an unspayed cat	\$200.00
Notes regarding cats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The registration receipt for a spayed or neutered cat without tattoo or microchip may be presented to a partner Veterinarian Clinic as payment to microchip the cat in respect for which it was issued, as described on the registration application, and not transferable to another cat. - The registration receipt for an unneutered or unspayed cat may be presented to a partner Veterinarian Clinic as payment to neuter or spay and tattoo the cat in respect for which it was issued, as described on the registration application, and not transferable to another cat. 	

SCHEDULE B**IMPOUNDMENT FEES AND PENALTIES**

Impoundment fees payable, in addition to the cost of food:	
Seizure and impoundment of any licensed dog or cat	\$35.00 + \$15.00/day
Seizure and impoundment of any unlicensed dog or cat	\$75.00 + \$15.00/day
Seizure and impoundment of a vicious dog	\$250.00 + \$20.00/day
Seizure and impoundment of small animals	\$10.00 + \$15.00/day
Seizure and impoundment of large animals	\$50.00 + boarding costs
In addition to the impoundment fee, a penalty is payable for dogs seized and impounded each subsequent time after the first time within a three month period from the last date of impoundment.	\$125.00 per occurrence
For veterinary attention for an impounded animal	Actual costs

SCHEDULE C
MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION DESIGNATIONS

Section	Offence	Fine
4/12/13/14	No licence	\$125.00
4.5	Failure to affix dog licence tag	\$100.00
4.7	Removal of dog licence tag	\$100.00
5.1	Dog or Cat at large	\$125.00
5.2	Dog in heat at large	\$175.00
5.3	Failure to contain dog	\$100.00
5.4	Possessing or harboring a dog or cat disturbing the peace, quiet, rest, enjoyment of the neighborhood by its persistent barking or howling	\$150.00
5.6	Failure to remove dog excrement	\$50.00
5.7	Failure to contain dog in vehicle	\$100.00
6.1	Vicious dog at large	\$575.00
6.2	Failure to confine vicious dog unmuzzled when not confined on the owner's property	\$575.00
7.1	Diseased animal not securely confined	\$100.00
7.2	Failure to provide water or food	\$50.00
7.2	Failure to provide sanitary receptacles	\$50.00
7.2	Failure to provide sufficient exercise	\$50.00
7.2	Failure to provide comfortable area	\$50.00
7.2	Failure to provide veterinarian care	\$50.00
7.3	Animal kept outside for extended period of time	\$50.00
7.4	Animal kept in confined space without ventilation	\$50.00
7.5	Animal tied to fixed object by neck	\$50.00
7.6	Animal tied to fixed object for extended period of time	\$50.00
4.14/13.1c	Excess dogs, hens, bee colonies or cats kept on property	\$150.00

SCHEDULE C (CONTINUED)
MUNICIPAL TICKET INFORMATION DESIGNATIONS

Section	Offence	Fine
10.2	No kennel licence	\$150.00
10.6	Excess dogs kept at kennel	\$50.00
11.1	Failure to provide dog cage or pen of sufficient size	\$50.00
11.1	Failure to provide dog sufficient outdoor exercise	\$50.00
11.1	Failure to provide dog sufficient light and ventilation	\$50.00
11.1	Failure to secure kennel building	\$50.00
11.2	Excess dogs kept in cage	\$50.00
11.2	Female dogs in heat kept with males	\$50.00
11.2	Vicious dogs kept with other dogs	\$50.00
11.2	Young dogs kept with adult dogs	\$50.00
11.2	Diseased dogs kept with other dogs	\$50.00
11.3	Failure to clean kennel	\$50.00
13.1d	Failure to provide secure run/coop or of sufficient size or failure to locate in the rear of the property	\$50.00
13.1e	Failure to provide sufficient light, ventilation, food, water, veterinary care and opportunities for essential behaviours.	\$50.00
13.1f	Keeping a hen in a cage	\$50.00
13.1i	Failure to remove hen excrement and manure	\$50.00
13.1k	Selling of eggs, manure, meat or other products derived from hens	\$100.00
15.1e	Failure to provide adequate water	\$50.00
15.1f	Excess colonies	\$50.00
15.1g	Failure to locate colony in rear yard	\$50.00
15.1i	Failure to ensure appropriate height of flight path	\$50.00
16.2	Interference with animal control officer	\$250.00