

BYLAW 06-10

CONTROL OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS BYLAW

A BYLAW of the Village of Landis, in the Province of Saskatchewan, to provide for the control of dangerous animals.

**THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF LANDIS IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Purpose**

1. For the purpose of this bylaw the expressions:

a) “**dangerous animal**” shall mean:

- i) any animal which without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
- ii) any animal having an inclination, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, to cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of persons or domestic animals;
- iii) any animal which without provocation has bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal;
- iv) any animal which is owned primarily or in part for the purpose of animal Fighting;

But shall not include:

- i) any animal acting in the performance of police work; or
- ii) any animal working as a guard animal on commercial property:
  - 1) securely enclosed on the property by a fence or other barrier sufficient to prevent the escape of the animal and the entry of children of tender years; and
  - 2) defending that property against a person who was committing an offence.
- b) “**judge**” means a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, a justice of the peace or a person designated pursuant to Section 3 of this bylaw;
- c) “**owner**” includes:
  - i) a person who keeps, possesses or harbours an animal;
  - ii) the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of an animal;

but does not include:

- iii) a veterinarian registered pursuant to *The Veterinarians Act, 1987* who is keeping or harbouring a animal for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of a disease of or an injury to the animal;
- iv) a municipality, the Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or Humane Society operating pursuant to *The Animal Protection Act*, with respect to

an animal shelter or impoundment facility operated by any of them.

- d) “**provocation**” means an act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking an animal. An animal is presumed not to have been provoked, in the absence of evidence to the contrary.
- 2(a) An owner who keeps, possesses or harbours a dangerous animal as specified in Section 1(a) shall:
- i) keep the animal in an enclosure which shall be constructed of wood or any other material of sufficient strength and in a manner adequate to:
    - a) confine the animal; and
    - b) prevent the entry of children of tender years.
  - ii) if the animal is removed from the enclosure, it shall be muzzled and leashed as follows:
    - a) fitted with a collar or a harness for that body that is properly placed and fitted on the animal;
    - b) the movement of the animal shall be controlled by a person by means of a leash attached to the collar or harness on the animal;
    - c) the leash shall not exceed 1.2 metres in length and shall be constructed of a material having a tensile strength of at least 140 kilograms;
    - d) the muzzle shall be properly fitted on the animal to prevent it from biting any animal or person;
  - iii) within 10 days of an animal being declared dangerous, provide proof to the clerk/ administrator of the municipality that liability insurance of not less than \$300, 000 has been obtained for any bodily injury to or death of any person or domestic animal, or for damage to property caused by the animal
  - iv) display a sign in the prescribed form and manner at each entrance to the premises where the animal is kept and on the enclosure in which the animal is confined. The sign shall be clearly visible and capable of being read from any adjacent public road and shall read “WARNING DANGEROUS ANIMAL ON PREMISES”.
3. The following municipal official(s) is (are) hereby designated as judge in accordance with this bylaw and are authorized to carry out the “Dangerous Animal” provisions of *The Municipalities Act* Sandra Beckett, Administrator and BJ Ochs, Mayor.
4. Any complaint that an animal is dangerous shall/may be made to and be heard by a judge.
5. Any person found guilty of an infraction of this bylaw shall be liable on summary conviction to:
- a) a fine of not more than \$10,000;
  - b) imprisonment for not more than six months;
  - c) a penalty consisting of any combination of clauses (a) or (b).

Read a third time and adopted this  
day of

Certified a true copy of the Bylaw

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR

