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## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEASK NO. 464

### BYLAW NO. 07 – 2024

#### A Bylaw to Regulate and Control Animals



The Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “The Domestic Animal Bylaw”

#### 2. INTERPRETATION

- a. “Animal” includes a dog or cat.
- b. “Board” means the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Board.
- c. “Council” shall mean the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464.
- d. “CSO” shall mean Community Safety Officer/Enforcement Officer.
- e. “Leash” means a chain or other material, not longer than two (2) meters in length, capable of restraining the animal on which is being used.
- f. “Owner” shall mean a person:
  - i. Who has legal title to the animals; or
  - ii. Who has possession or custody of the animal either temporarily or permanently; or
  - iii. Who harbors or has charge or control over the animal; or
  - iv. Who allows the animal to be on or remain on his premise; or
  - v. The legal guardian or parent or person responsible for a person under 18 years of whom any of (i) to (iv) above apply.
- g. “Running at Large means
  - i. An animal which is not under the control of a person responsible by means of a leash and is actually upon property other than the property in respect of which the owner of the animal has the right of occupation, or upon any highway, street, road, trail or other public places;
  - ii. An animal which is under the control of a person responsible by means of a leash and which causes damage to persons, property or other animals.
- h. “Swimming Area/Beach” means any area designated as an outdoor swimming; including any decks surrounding such facility. No animals may proceed past the posted signs.
- i. “Dangerous and/or Vicious Animal means any animal, whatever its age, whether on public or private property, which has;
  - i. Without provocation, chased, injured or bitten any other domestic animal or human; or
  - ii. Without permission, damaged or destroyed any public or private property; or
  - iii. Which, in the opinion of the Municipality/CSO/Bylaw Enforcement Officer, presents a threat of serious harm to other domestic animals or humans.

#### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS

- a. The owner of an animal shall ensure that such animal is not running at large.
  - b. The owner of an animal shall ensure that such animal shall not:
    - i. Bite a person whether on the property of the owner or not;
    - ii. Do any other act that injures a person whether on the property of the owner or not;
    - iii. Chase or otherwise threaten a person whether on the property of the owner or not, unless the person chased or threatened is a trespasser on the property of the owner;
    - iv. Bite, bark at, or chase bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles;
    - v. Bark, howl or otherwise disturb any person;
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- vi. Cause damage to property or other domestic animals;
- vii. Upset any waste receptacles or scatter the contents thereof either in or about a street, or other public property or in or about premises not belonging to or in the possession of the owner of the animal; or
- viii. Be left unattended in any motor vehicle unless the animal is restricted so as to prevent access to persons as long as such restraint provides suitable ventilation.
- ix. If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall remove such defecation immediately.

#### 4. DANGEROUS AND/OR VICIOUS ANIMALS

- a. The owner of a dangerous and or vicious animal shall, in addition to all other responsibilities of an owner as specified in Article 3 hereof, ensure that:
  - i. Such animal does not, without provocation, chase, injure, or bite other domestic animals,
  - ii. Such animal does not damage or destroy public or private property.
- b. The owner of a dangerous and/or vicious animal shall, at all time when such animal is on the property of the owner, ensure that:
  - i. Under the control of a person over the age of eighteen (18) years; or
  - ii. Such animal is in a locked pen or other structure, preventing the escape of the dangerous/or vicious animal and capable of preventing any person not in control of the animal
- c. The owner of a dangerous and/or vicious animal shall, at all times when such animal is off the property of the owner, ensure that such animal is securely:
  - i. Muzzled;
  - ii. Harnessed or leashed in a manner that prevents it from chasing, injuring or biting other domestic animals or humans as well as preventing damage to public or private property; and
  - iii. Under the control of a person over the age of eighteen (18) years

#### 5. ENFORCEMENT

- a. A CSO/Enforcement Officer may enter on to the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any animal which has been observed to be running at large.
- b. If an Enforcement Officer knows the name of the owner of the animal, he shall attempt to notify the owner of said animal.
- c. No liability shall attach to the CSO/Enforcement Officer/Council or any employee of the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove, for failure to notify the owner or for damage to the animal.

#### 6. COMPLAINT TO RM OFFICE

- a. Any person may make a complaint regarding an animal to the Municipal Office. Upon receipt of a complaint, the RM Administrator shall:
  - i. Contact a CSO/Enforcement Officer upon receiving a phone call followed by an email statement of the complaint. The CSO/Enforcement Officer shall be contacted; he will investigate and provide enforcement measures.

#### 7. PENALTIES

- a. Where a CSO/Enforcement Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, he may commence proceeding by issuing a summons by means of a violation Ticket in accordance with *The Summary Conviction Offences Procedure Act, 1990*.
- b. The penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Bylaw is \$50.00 for a first offence, \$100.00 for a second offence and \$300.00 for the third and subsequent offences.
- c. A person to whom a ticket is being issued shall furnish any CSO/Enforcement Officer, upon request, with his name and contact information. Any person who fails to provide this information is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction.



**8. PAYMENT**

- a. Payment shall be made to the RM of Leask Municipal Office within fourteen (14) days; payment shall be in the terms of accepted tender.

**Coming into Force**

This Bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.



  
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 Administrator

Read a third time and adopted this 9 day of Oct, 2024.