

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF ARROWWOOD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND/OR CONTROL OF DOGS AND ANY OTHER ANIMALS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ARROWWOOD.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, RSA 2000, and amendments thereto, Council may pass bylaws to regulate and control dogs and other animals;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Village of Arrowwood, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the "**Animal Control Bylaw**" of the Village of Arrowwood.

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

- **1.1 "ANIMAL"** means any living, non-human mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish, whether domesticated, wild, exotic, or kept as livestock.
- **1.2 "ANIMAL CARE SERVICE"** means development used for the care, treatment, boarding, grooming, or training of animals and livestock within or outside buildings and includes the supplementary sale of associated products. This use includes veterinary offices or hospitals, pet grooming salons, facilities for impounding and quarantining animals, and related research facilities.
- **1.3 "ANIMAL SHELTER"** means a premise designed and designated for the impoundment and care of Animals.
- **1.4 "ANIMAL TAG"** means an identification tag bearing a distinctive number issued by the Village for a specific Animal and intended to be worn on a collar attached to the Animal's neck.
- **1.5 "ATHLETIC FIELD"** means any field and/or land of natural and/or manmade composition that is used for athletic purposes to conduct organized or unorganized sporting activities including but not limited to a baseball field, soccer pitch, player or spectator bench, and lawn bowling field, and excludes a Golf Course.
- **1.6 "ATTACK"** means an assault resulting in bleeding, bone breakage, sprains, serious bruising, or multiple injuries.
- **1.7 "BITE"** means a wound to the skin causing it to bruise, puncture, or break.
- **1.8 "BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER"** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Person appointed by the province as a Peace Officer, or a Person appointed by the Village as a Bylaw Officer.
- **1.9 "VILLAGE"** means the Municipality of the Village of Arrowwood.
- **1.10 "DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY"** means, for the purpose of this bylaw, the Village of Arrowwood's Development Officer, or the Village of Arrowwood's Municipal Planning Commission.

- **1.11 "EXOTIC ANIMAL"** means any Animal that is not a dog, cat, rabbit, permitted poultry (chickens or ducks), or livestock, and includes any animal species that is not normally indigenous or domesticated within the Province of Alberta.
- **1.12 "HIGHWAY"** has the same meaning as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*.
- **1.13 "IMPOUNDMENT"** means lodgment and care of an Animal at a designated Animal Shelter.
- **1.14 "INFECTIOUS PHYSICAL CONDITION"** means any abnormal physical condition which is liable to be passed on to other Animals or humans by invasion of an organism emanating from the Animal suffering from the abnormal physical condition.
- **1.15 "KENNEL"** means a commercial facility where dogs, cats, or other animals are maintained, boarded, bred, trained, or sold, but excludes an Animal Care Service.
- **1.16 "LEASH"** means a line not exceeding two (2) meters in length capable of leading or restraining the Animal on which it is being used.
- **1.17 "LICENSE"** means a license issued by the Village in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw and, where the context permits, includes an Exotic Animal license, Dog Kennel license, Cat Kennel license, Rescue or Animal Shelter license, Vicious Animal licence, and Nuisance Animal licence.
- **1.18 "LICENSE FEE"** means the applicable annual fee payable in respect of any License issued pursuant to this Bylaw as set out in Schedule "A".
- **1.19 "LIVESTOCK"** means any Animal kept for agricultural, commercial, or production purposes, and includes, but is not limited to, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine (including domestic and potbellied pigs), and any other animal raised for meat, milk, hide, or fur.
- **1.20 "MOTOR VEHICLE"** has the same meaning as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*.
- **1.21 "MUZZLE"** means a device of sufficient strength placed over an Animal's snout to prevent it from biting.
- **1.22 "NUISANCE ANIMAL"** means an Animal in respect of which there have been three (3) or more infractions under this Bylaw within any consecutive twelve (12) month period, as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Arrowwood.
- **1.23 "OWNER"** means a Person:
 - 1.23.1 Who has the care, custody, possession, or control of an Animal;
 - 1.23.2 Who owns or who claims any proprietary interest in an Animal;
 - 1.23.3 Who harbours or permits an Animal to be present on any property owned, occupied, or leased by him or which is otherwise under his control;
 - 1.23.4 Who claims and receives an Animal from the custody of an Animal Shelter or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
 - 1.23.5 To whom an Animal License was issued for an Animal in accordance with this Bylaw.
- **1.24 "OWNER'S PROPERTY"** means any property in which the Owner has a legal or equitable interest, or which is otherwise under the control or is in the possession of the Owner, and which property shall include land, buildings, and vehicles.
- **1.25 "PERMITTED PROPERTY"** means private property the Owner of which has given permission to the Owner of an Animal for the Animal to be there.

- **1.26 "PERSON"** means an individual or any business or other entity including a firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or society.
- **1.27 "PROPERLY RESTRAINED"** means the Animal is:
 - 1.27.1 Being carried by a Person capable of restraining the size and strength of the Animal;
 - 1.27.2 Being confined in a kennel or like container, properly latched or locked; or
 - 1.27.3 Being restrained by a Person capable of restraining the size and strength of the specific Animal by means of a leash.
- **1.28 "PUBLIC PLACE"** means any place including privately and publicly owned or leased property to which the public reasonably has or is permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise, within the Village.
- **1.29 "PUBLIC PROPERTY"** means any School Ground, highway, park, and recreation area, and includes any open space to which the public reasonably has or is permitted to have access.
- **1.30 "RESIDENCE"** means a place used by a Person as a permanent private dwelling or a temporary residence that is used for the convenience or enjoyment of the occupants of the dwelling.
- **1.31 "RETAIL PREMISES"** means the sale of goods to the public for use rather than for resale for the purpose of a commercial operation.
- **1.32 "RUNNING AT LARGE"** means an Animal which is not properly restrained upon property other than Permitted Property, or upon any Public Property, or public place which has not been designated as an "OFF leash" area.
- **1.33 "SCHOOL GROUND"** means land adjacent to a school and is owned or occupied by any school district or private school and includes property owned or occupied with another party.
- **1.34 "SERVICE DOG"** means a service dog as defined in the *Service Dogs Act*.
- **1.35 "SEVERE PHYSICAL INJURY"** includes any injury resulting from an attack or bite.
- **1.36 "SPCA"** means the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- **1.37 "SPECIFIED PENALTY"** means the penalty specified in Schedule "C" which may be paid in response to a violation ticket, for an alleged offence of any section of the Bylaw.
- **1.38 "VETERINARIAN"** means a veterinarian registered and licensed to practice.
- **1.39 "VICIOUS ANIMAL"** means any Animal whatever its age, which has been declared a Vicious Animal under Section 7.2 of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE 2 - PROVISIONS

- **2.1** Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw remain valid and enforceable.
- **2.2** Nothing in this bylaw relieves a Person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or license.
- **2.3** Any heading or sub-headings in this Bylaw are included for guidance purposes and convenience only and shall not form part of this Bylaw.
- **2.4** Where this Bylaw refers to another Act, Bylaw, regulation, or agency, it includes reference to any Act, bylaw, regulation, or agency that may be substituted therefor.

- **2.5** All the schedules attached to this bylaw shall form a part of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE 3 - LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

- **3.1** Nothing in this Bylaw is to prohibit or impede Livestock operations within the Industrial, Public, and Urban Reserve areas of the Village of Arrowwood.

ARTICLE 4 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANIMAL OWNERS

LIMITATION

- **4.1** No Person in the Village shall have on their lands or premises or be in their possession, custody, or control more Animals than as set out in Schedule "B".

BASIC ANIMAL CARE REQUIREMENTS

- **4.2** An Owner shall ensure an Animal is provided with:
 - 4.2.1 Potable water;
 - 4.2.2 Food of sufficient quantity to allow for normal growth and the maintenance of normal body weight;
 - 4.2.3 Clean and disinfected food and water receptacles that are located to avoid contamination by excrement;
 - 4.2.4 The opportunity for regular exercise sufficient to maintain good health;
 - 4.2.5 Clean and sanitary shelter or yard as the case may be; and
 - 4.2.6 Veterinary care when the Animal exhibits signs of pain, injury, illness, or suffering.
- **4.3** An Owner may keep an Animal outdoors in a shelter, provided that the shelter:
 - 4.3.1 Protects from wind, heat, cold, and the direct rays of the sun;
 - 4.3.2 Is appropriate to the Animal's weight and type of coat; and
 - 4.3.3 Allows sufficient space for the Animal to turn about freely, easily stand at full height, sit, and lie in a normal position.
- **4.4** An Owner must remain in good standing with the Village of Arrowwood's Development Authorities and other agencies deemed relevant by the Village of Arrowwood's Development Authority (i.e., Alberta Health Services, Alberta SPCA).

CONTROLLED CONFINEMENT

- **4.5** An Owner of an Animal that has inflicted an Attack, Bite, or Severe Physical Injury shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, report the incident to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. The Animal shall be confined at a location designated by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, and at the sole expense of the Owner, until such time as the matter is resolved.
- **4.6** An Owner of an Animal suspected of having an Infectious Physical Condition shall immediately report the matter to a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. The Animal may be isolated and confined at a location designated by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, at the sole expense of the Owner.

RUNNING AT LARGE

- **4.7** The Owner of an Animal shall ensure the Animal is not running at Large.
- **4.8** The Owner of an Animal shall have taken all reasonable precautions either:
 - 4.8.1 To secure the Animal so that it would not be able to leave the premises of the owner, or

- 4.8.2 To ensure the Animal is under the constant supervision of a Person competent to always control it when it was off the premises of the Owner.

DOGS IN PROHIBITED AREAS

- 4.9 The Owner of a dog shall ensure the dog does not enter or remain in or on any area where dogs are prohibited by posted signs, or within five (5) meters of a playground, Athletic Field, or School Ground.
- 4.10 Section 4.9 does not apply to an Animal which is on Permitted Property.

UNATTENDED ANIMALS

- 4.11 An Owner shall ensure the Animal shall not be left unattended while tethered or tied in a public place.
- 4.12 An Owner shall ensure the Animal is not left unsupervised while tethered or tied on the Owner's Property or Permitted Property unless the Animal is within an enclosed space, including a fenced yard.
- 4.13 An Owner of an Animal left unattended in a motor vehicle shall ensure it is properly restrained in a manner that prevents contact with a Person or Animal, and that the motor vehicle provides adequate ventilation and temperature control to prevent the animal from entering distress due to heat or cold.

REMOVING EXCREMENT

- 4.14 If an Animal defecates on any property other than its Owner's Property, the Owner shall remove the excrement immediately.
- 4.15 If an Animal is on any property other than its Owner's Property, the Owner shall have in his possession a reasonable means of facilitating the removal of the Animal's excrement.
- 4.16 The Owner of any Property where an Animal is kept shall always maintain such Property in a clean, sanitary, and inoffensive condition.

NOISE

- 4.17 An Owner shall not allow the Animal to bark or howl:
 - 4.17.1 Continuously for ten (10) minutes or more without significant periods of rest;
 - 4.17.2 Sporadically for a cumulative total of fifteen (15) or more minutes within one (1) hour; or
 - 4.17.3 Otherwise in such a manner as to cause a nuisance.

THREATENING OR NUISANCE BEHAVIOUR

- 4.18 Whether on or off the Owner's Property, an Owner shall ensure the Animal does not:
 - 4.18.1 Bite, bark at, chase, or threaten livestock, Animals, bicycles, motor vehicles, or any Person;
 - 4.18.2 Cause damage to property;
 - 4.18.3 Injure any Person or Animal;
 - 4.18.4 Attack a Person; or
 - 4.18.5 Attack a Person causing Severe Physical Injury.
- 4.19 An Owner shall immediately restrain and remove the Animal upon it engaging in any of the activities listed in Section 4.18 (Threatening or Nuisance Behaviour), by putting the Animal on a Leash and removing the Animal from the Area.

- **4.20** An Owner shall not use or direct an Animal to attack, chase, or threaten a Person or another Animal.

ARTICLE 5 - KENNEL STANDARDS

- **5.1** This section does not preclude a Person from requiring a development permit.
- **5.2** Kenneling facilities shall be operated in accordance with health regulations and, in particular, excrement and similar waste shall be disposed of in a manner acceptable to Alberta Health Services.
- **5.3** A Kennel operator must submit an annual inspection report, prepared by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the operator's sole expense, to the Village of Arrowwood.
- **5.4** A Kennel must adhere to and be compliant with the *Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations - 2nd Edition, May 2007*, and any subsequent editions or amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 6 - EXOTIC AND OTHER ANIMALS

- **6.1** A Person shall not have an Exotic Animal in any Public Place or Public Property, except as permitted by Section 6.2.
- **6.2** The prohibitions set out in Section 6.1 do not apply to:
 - 6.2.1 The SPCA or any Rescue and Shelter licensed under this bylaw;
 - 6.2.2 A veterinary clinic under the control of a veterinarian;
 - 6.2.3 Premises operated by an institution of education for research, study, or teaching purposes;
 - 6.2.4 An aquarium or zoological park operated by an organization accredited by the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums; or
 - 6.2.5 Retail premises where such animals are legally sold.
- **6.3** No Person shall keep any Animal species other than those explicitly permitted and within the maximum limits outlined in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw. This restriction does not apply to small domestic animals kept entirely indoors within a secure cage, terrarium, or aquarium. For greater certainty, this indoor exemption shall not apply to any animal defined as Livestock under this Bylaw.
- **6.4** A Person may apply for an exemption under this bylaw in writing to the Village of Arrowwood Council.
- **6.5** The prohibitions set out in Section 6.3 do not apply to:
 - 6.5.1 The SPCA or any Rescue or Shelter licensed under this bylaw;
 - 6.5.2 A veterinary clinic under the control of a veterinarian;
 - 6.5.3 Premises operated by an institution of education for research, study, or teaching purposes;
 - 6.5.4 An aquarium or zoological park operated by an organization accredited by the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums;
 - 6.5.5 Retail premises where such animals are sold; or
 - 6.5.6 A permitted Livestock operation operating legally within the designated Industrial, Public, or Urban Reserve areas of the Village as outlined in Section 3.1.

ARTICLE 7 - VICIOUS ANIMALS DECLARATION AND APPEALS

- **7.1** If a Bylaw Enforcement Officer believes on reasonable and probable grounds that an Animal has attacked or bitten a Person or other Animal, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may seize and impound the Animal.
- **7.2** Upon receipt of a formal investigation report and recommendation from a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to Section 7.1, the Chief Administrative Officer may declare the Animal to be a Vicious Animal.
- **7.3** If the Chief Administrative Officer has declared an Animal to be a Vicious Animal, written notification of the declaration shall be provided to the Animal's Owner.
- **7.4** A Person who receives a declaration pursuant to Section 7.3 may appeal the declaration by giving written notice of the appeal and the reasons therefore to the Village within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving the declaration.
- **7.5** Upon receipt of a notice of appeal pursuant to Section 7.4, an appeal will be scheduled to be heard by Council (or a designated Appeal Board) within forty-five (45) days of the appeal being filed, or at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council, whichever is greater.
- **7.6** Upon hearing the evidence, the Council or designated Appeal Board may uphold the decision of the Chief Administrative Officer or allow the appeal, with or without conditions.
- **7.7** A Vicious Animal designation pursuant to this Bylaw continues to apply if the Animal is sold, given, or transferred to a new Owner.
- **7.8** The Vicious Animal designation may be rescinded:
 - **7.8.1** Following a review no sooner than twenty-four (24) months from the date of designation and upon the Owner's request, and
 - **7.8.2** Having been approved for the removal of the Vicious Animal designation by the Chief Administrative Officer.

VICIOUS ANIMAL PROHIBITION

- **7.9** No Person shall own, keep, harbor, or maintain a Vicious Animal within the Village. No Licenses shall be issued for any Animal declared Vicious under this Bylaw. Following a final declaration (or the exhaustion of any appeals under Section 7.5), the Owner shall, within seventy-two (72) hours, permanently remove the Animal from the Village limits or surrender the Animal to a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for humane euthanasia.

ARTICLE 8 - NUISANCE ANIMALS

DECLARATION

- **8.1** The Chief Administrative Officer may declare an Animal to be a Nuisance Animal.
- **8.2** The declaration of an Animal as a Nuisance Animal shall be reviewed upon request of the owner annually by the Chief Administrative Officer and may be removed.

REGULATIONS

- **8.3** The Owner of a Nuisance Animal shall, within ten (10) calendar days after the Animal has been declared a Nuisance, apply for and obtain a Nuisance Animal License. Prior to the issuance of the License, the Owner must provide proof to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer that they have:
 - **8.3.1** Had a licensed Veterinarian tattoo the Animal or implant an electronic identification microchip;

- 8.3.2 Provide the specific identification information contained on the tattoo or microchip directly to the Village; and
 - 8.3.3 Had the Animal neutered or spayed, if the Animal is in an unaltered state, unless a licensed Veterinarian provides written documentation that the medical procedure cannot be performed due to the age or health of the Animal.
- **8.4** The Owner of a Nuisance Animal shall:
 - 8.4.1 Notify the Bylaw Enforcement Officer within five (5) calendar days when the Animal is sold, gifted, or transferred; and
 - 8.4.2 Remain liable for the actions of the Animal until formal notification of sale, gift, or transfer is provided to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

ARTICLE 9 - ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONS

IMPOUND

- **9.1** A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may capture and impound any Animal:
 - 9.1.1 Found Running at Large;
 - 9.1.2 Which has bitten, or is alleged to have Bitten or Attacked a Person or other Animal, pending the outcome of an investigation to declare the Animal to be a Vicious Animal;
 - 9.1.3 In respect of which there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an offence under this Bylaw is being committed or has been committed; or
 - 9.1.4 Which is required to be impounded pursuant to the provisions of a statute of the Province of Alberta, or any regulation made thereunder.
- **9.2** A Bylaw Enforcement Officer is further authorized to enter upon any private land (excluding any dwelling house) or Public Property and take such reasonable measures as are necessary to subdue any Animal which is Running At Large, including the use of tranquilizer equipment and materials. If the Animal is injured, it may be taken to a veterinarian for treatment and then Impounded. The costs incurred pursuant to this Section shall be for the account of the Owner.

FOUND ANIMALS

- **9.3** A Person who takes into their possession an Animal Running At Large shall notify a Bylaw Enforcement Officer within twenty-four (24) hours, provide information as may be requested, and surrender the Animal upon request.

OBSTRUCTION AND INTERFERENCE

- **9.4** A Person, whether or not that Person is the Owner of an Animal which is being or has been pursued or secured shall not:
 - 9.4.1 Interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Bylaw Enforcement Officer who is attempting to capture or who has captured an Animal which is subject to impoundment;
 - 9.4.2 Open the vehicle in which Animals have been secured for impoundment; or
 - 9.4.3 Remove or attempt to remove any Animal from the possession of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
- **9.5** A Person shall not:

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- 9.5.1 Untie, loosen, or otherwise free an Animal which has been tied or otherwise restrained;
 - 9.5.2 Negligently or willfully open a gate, door, or other opening in a fence or pen in which an Animal has been confined and thereby allow an Animal to Run at Large;
 - 9.5.3 Entice an Animal to Run at Large; or
 - 9.5.4 Tease, throw, or poke an object at an Animal in a fenced yard or pen.
- 9.6 Section 9.5.1 shall not apply to a Bylaw Enforcement Officer who is attempting to capture or who has captured an Animal which is subject to impoundment or seizure pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 9.7 No Person shall interfere with, hinder, or impede an Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the performance of any duty authorized by this Bylaw.

RECLAIMING

- 9.8 The Owner of any impounded Animal may reclaim the Animal upon provision of photo identification or proof of ownership by:
 - 9.8.1 Paying the costs of Impoundment and any related costs incurred by the Village; and
 - 9.8.2 Obtaining the License for the Animal, where a License is required under this Bylaw.

AUTHORITY OF THE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- 9.9 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may:
 - 9.9.1 Receive an Animal for temporary Impoundment pursuant to fire, flood, or other reasons;
 - 9.9.2 Charge the Owner fees for costs of Impoundment, including cost recovery for housing, boarding, care, which are incurred by the Village or other agencies as required; and/or
 - 9.9.3 Treat the Animal as an unclaimed, standard Impounded Animal subject to Section 9.10 if no arrangements are made between the Owner and the Village within five (5) calendar days of the initial emergency placement.
- 9.10 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may offer for sale, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of all unclaimed Animals which have been impounded; provided however, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall not sell, euthanize, or otherwise dispose of an Impounded Animal until the Animal is impounded for not less than ten (10) calendar days after the Owner has received notice (or is deemed to have received notice if the name and address of the Animal's Owner is not known) that the Animal is in the Animal Shelter. When the Animal Owner is unknown or cannot be contacted, notification of the impounded animal will be placed on the Village of Arrowwood website and/or official digital communication platforms for the 10-day period.
- 9.11 The prohibitions set out in Section 9.10 do not apply if an Animal is in distress.
- 9.12 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may impound an Animal for longer than ten (10) calendar days if in his opinion the circumstances warrant the expense or he has reasonable ground to believe that the Animal is a continued danger to Persons, Animals, or Property.

FEE FOR EUTHANIZING

- 9.13 The Owner may request an Animal be euthanized and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may euthanize the Animal for the fee as set out in Schedule "A".

ARTICLE 10 - BUSINESS LICENSING

- **10.1** A Person may operate the following within the Village of Arrowwood: an Animal Care Service business, Cat Kennel, Dog Kennel, Animal Rescue, or Animal Shelter when so licenced under this Bylaw. This does not preclude a Person from requiring a development permit.
- **10.2** When applying for a business Licence under this Bylaw, the business owner shall provide the following:
 - 10.2.1 A description of the business to be carried out;
 - 10.2.2 A drawn diagram of the business set up in relation to location, number, and size of Kennels, animal holding areas, and any other information so requested by the Development Officer, Bylaw Officer, or the Municipal Planning Commission;
 - 10.2.3 A contact Person responsible for the operation and management of the facility.

ARTICLE 11 - OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

OWNER

- **11.1** If an Animal is involved in an activity in contravention of this Bylaw, the Owner of that Animal is guilty of an offence.

GENERAL

- **11.2** An Owner who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence by:
 - 11.2.1 Doing any act or thing which the Person is prohibited from doing, or
 - 11.2.2 Failing to do any act or thing the Person is required to do.
- **11.3** A Person, business owner, director, manager of any corporation, or operator of a Kennel, Rescue, or Shelter who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.00, per offence, and in default of payment of any fine imposed, to imprisonment for not more than six (6) months.

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VIOLATION TICKETS AND PENALTIES

- **11.4** Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer believes that a Person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, he may commence proceedings by issuing a violation ticket or summons by means of a violation ticket in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.
- **11.5** The specified Penalty payable in respect of a Contravention of this Bylaw is the base amount shown in Schedule "C".
- **11.6** Notwithstanding Section 11.5, where a Person has been convicted of a contravention of the same provision of this Bylaw:
 - 11.6.1 Two (2) times within a twelve (12) calendar month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the second conviction is double the base amount shown in Schedule "C"; and
 - 11.6.2 Three (3) or more times within a twelve (12) calendar month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the third or subsequent conviction is triple the base amount shown in Schedule "C".

CONTINUING OFFENCES

- **11.7** In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which the offence continues and

any Person guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than the amount shown in Schedule "C" for each day.

MANDATORY COURT INFORMATION

- **11.8** This Section shall not prevent any Bylaw Enforcement Officer from issuing a violation ticket requiring the court appearance of the defendant, pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, or from laying an information in place of issuing a violation ticket.

LIABILITY FOR FEES

- **11.9** The levying and payment of any fine or imprisonment for any period provided in this Bylaw shall not relieve a Person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges, or costs for which he is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.

ORDERS BY A JUSTICE

- **11.10** A Justice may, after convicting an Owner of an offence under this Bylaw, if the Justice considers the offence sufficiently serious, direct, order, or declare that:
 - **11.10.1** The Owner prevent the Animal from doing mischief or causing the disturbance or nuisance complained of;
 - **11.10.2** The Animal is a Vicious Animal; or
 - **11.10.3** The Owner be prohibited from owning any Animal for a specified period of time or indefinitely.

PROOF OF AGE

- **11.11** The onus of proving the age of an Animal is on the Owner of the Animal.

ARTICLE 12 - TRANSITIONAL AND ENACTMENT

TRANSITION

- **12.1** Any existing Animal Shelter, Animal Rescue, Kennel, or Breeding operation has 180 calendar days from the date of final enactment of this Bylaw to come into full compliance. Any pre-existing operator keeping an animal species restricted or prohibited under Schedule "B" or Section 6.3 must, within 180 calendar days, either successfully apply to Council for an exemption under Section 6.4 or permanently remove the restricted animal from the Village limits.
- **12.2** Village of Arrowwood Bylaw No. 473 and all subsequent amendments thereto are hereby completely repealed upon this Bylaw receiving third and final reading, being signed, and becoming effective.

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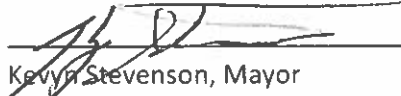
This By-Law shall take effect on the date of the THIRD and FINAL reading

READ, a FIRST TIME in Council this 20th DAY OF July, 2026.

READ, a SECOND TIME in Council this 20th DAY OF July, 2026.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT given for a THIRD READING this 20th DAY OF July, 2026.

READ, a THIRD TIME and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY this 20th DAY OF July, 2026.



Kevin Stevenson, Mayor
Village of Arrowwood



Nicole Holloway, Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Arrowwood

SCHEDULE "A" — LICENSE FEES

License / Service Type	Annual Fee
Kennel License	\$250.00
Animal Rescue License	No Fee
Animal Shelter License	No Fee
Nuisance Animal License	\$75.00
Impoundment Fees (Per Day Rate)	\$25.00*
Request for Disposal of an Animal	\$150.00

Note: The Impoundment Fee covers basic daily boarding and care. The Owner shall remain solely responsible for the full cost-recovery of any additional third-party costs incurred by the Village, including veterinary emergency treatment, medications, or specialized transport fees, prior to the animal being reclaimed under Section 9.8.

SCHEDULE "B" — ANIMAL LIMITATIONS

Type of Animals	Metric Location	Maximum Allowed
Dogs	Per parcel with registered land title	3
Cats	Per parcel with registered land title	3
Horses	Per 0.501 hectares (1.238 acres)	Max 3
Rabbits	Per parcel with registered land title	5
Birds(includes Chickens, and Ducks)	Per parcel with registered land title	10
All Other Animals	Per parcel with registered land title	0 (Zero) — <i>Unless kept entirely indoors within a secure cage, terrarium, or aquarium, or otherwise approved by Council under Section 6.4.</i>

SCHEDULE "C" — BASE SPECIFIED PENALTIES

Note: Repeat offenses within a 12-month period will automatically double or triple these base amounts as per Section 11.6.

Section	Offence Description	Base Specified Penalty
4.1	Keep animals in excess of Schedule "B" limits	\$150.00
4.2	Failure to provide basic care (food, potable water, vet care)	\$250.00
4.3	Failure to provide adequate outdoor shelter	\$150.00
4.5	Failure to report animal attack or bite to Officer	\$500.00
4.6	Failure to report suspected Infectious Physical Condition	\$250.00
4.7	Allow animal to run at large	\$150.00
4.9	Allow dog in posted prohibited area / near playground	\$100.00
4.11	Leave animal unattended while tethered in a public place	\$100.00
4.12	Leave animal unsupervised/untethered on private property	\$100.00
4.13	Leave unattended animal in motor vehicle without ventilation	\$300.00
4.14	Failure to immediately remove animal excrement	\$150.00
4.15	Failure to possess means of removing animal excrement	\$50.00
4.16	Failure to maintain property in clean/sanitary condition	\$200.00
4.17	Allow animal to bark or howl continuously / sporadically	\$150.00
4.18.2	Allow animal to cause damage to property	\$250.00
4.18.3	Allow animal to injure another person or animal	\$500.00
4.18.4	Allow animal to attack a person	\$1000.00

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4.20	Direct or use an animal to attack, chase or threaten	\$1000.00
5.3	Failure to submit Kennel annual veterinary report	\$500.00
6.1	Possess an Exotic Animal in a public place	\$250.00
6.3	Keep unlisted/restricted animal outdoors without exemption	\$500.00
7.9	Own, keep, or harbor a prohibited Vicious Animal	Mandatory Court Appearance
8.3	Failure to obtain Nuisance License / microchip / alter animal	\$500.00
8.4	Failure to notify Officer of Nuisance Animal transfer/sale	\$250.00
9.3	Failure to report or surrender a found animal within 24 hours	\$150.00
9.4	Interfere with or obstruct Officer capturing/holding animal	\$1000.00
9.5	Unlawfully free, entice to run at large, or tease a secured animal	\$300.00
9.7	Hinder or impede an Officer in the performance of duties	\$1000.00
10.1	Operating an unlicensed animal business / Kennel / Rescue	\$500.00