

**VILLAGE OF RYLEY**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW NO. 2024-975**

A Bylaw of the Village of Ryley in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of controlling nuisance animals within the Village of Ryley.

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26 R.S.A. 2000 and amendments thereto, permits Council to pass bylaws for Municipal purposes respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them.

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

**1. DEFINITIONS**

**1.1** This Bylaw may be cited as the "**Animal Control Bylaw**".

**1.2** In this Bylaw:

- a) "**At Large**" means an animal not leashed, outside the premises of the owner or person in charge of that animal.
- b) "**Leash**" means a device whereby an animal shall be firmly and effectively controlled.
- c) "**Nuisance Animal**" means an animal that causes undue disturbance or poses a threat to public health or safety.
- d) "**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**" means:
  - (i) a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - (ii) a person designated by Council as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer; or
  - (iii) the Chief Administrative Officer.
- e) "**Village**" means the Village of Ryley.
- f) "**Licensed**" means an animal that has been registered with the Village of Ryley and a pet tag has been issued for the animal.
- g) "**Barking Excessively**" means persistent barking that interferes with another persons ability to peacefully enjoy their own property.

**2. PENALTIES**

**2.1** A Violation Ticket may be issued by a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to a person who contravenes any section of this Bylaw. The Violation Ticket shall state the alleged offence and require payment of the appropriate fines and/or fees provided in "Schedule A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

**3. LICENSING**

**3.1** No person shall own or keep any dog or cat within the Village unless that dog or cat is licensed.

**3.2** A license can be purchased at any time during the year and must be renewed on January 1st of each year. A license shall not be prorated for a part of a year.

**3.3** Multi-year animal licenses shall be permitted to a maximum of 3 years.

**4. OWNERSHIP**

**4.1 The Owner of an animal:**

- a) Shall have no more than two (2) dogs kept or harbored at one time on lands or premises occupied by their owners.
- b) Shall have no more than three (3) cats kept or harbored at one time on lands or premises occupied by their owners.
- c) Notwithstanding Section 4.1 (a) and (b), upon request for additional dogs or cats, Village Council reserves the right to review each request.
- d) Shall ensure, in a timely manner, the pick-up of fecal matter discarded by their pet on any property and remove it to a suitable receptacle as would not constitute a nuisance.

**4.2 No person shall cause, entice, or allow inappropriate behaviour of an animal, such as:**

- a) Barking excessively, specific dates, times, and durations of barking are required to file a complaint;
- b) Chasing a vehicle, person or animal on public property;
- c) Threatening, intimidating or attacking any person;
- d) Threatening, intimidating or attacking any animal; or
- e) Being at large.

**4.3 No person shall interfere, feed, antagonize, or otherwise interact inappropriately with an animal belonging to another person.**

**5. FAILURE TO LICENSE**

**5.1** Any resident that fails to license their animal after three repeat offence notices have been issued, shall be subject to their animal being removed and disposed of humanely.

**6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

**6.1** This Bylaw becomes effective on the 19 day of March 2024 A.D.

**6.2** Animal Control Bylaw 2017-925 is hereby repealed.

READ for the first time this 20 day of February 2024 A.D.

READ for a second time this 19 day of March 2024 A.D.

READ for a third time this 19 day of March 2024 A.D.

  
Lyndie Knockleby  
Mayor

  
Glen Hamilton-Brown  
Chief Administrative Officer

**SCHEDULE "A" TO  
BYLAW NO. 2024-975**

**A. Annual License Fees for Dogs**

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|------|------------------------|---------|
| (i)  | Spayed or neutered     | \$10.00 |
| (ii) | Not spayed or neutered | \$25.00 |

**B. Annual License Fees for Cats**

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|------|------------------------|---------|
| (i)  | Spayed or neutered     | \$5.00  |
| (ii) | Not spayed or neutered | \$50.00 |

**C. Offences/Fines**

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|------|------------------------------------|----------|
| (i)  | Failure to comply with Section 3.1 | \$100.00 |
| (ii) | Failure to comply with Section 4   | \$200.00 |

**D. Repeat Offences**

- (i) Repeat offence penalties shall be charged as double the rate of the first offence.
- (ii) Licensing offences shall be considered a repeat offence upon the first of each month.