

Town of Saltcoats

Bylaw No. 07-2011

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS BY REGULATING AND PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SALTCOATS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. For the purpose of this Bylaw the expression:
 - a. "dangerous dog" shall mean:
 - i. Any dog without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, that chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack.
 - ii. Any dog 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 dog which has without provocation, bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted or otherwise attacked a person or domestic animal;
 - iv. Any dog owned primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting;
 - v. Any Rottweiler, Pit Bull, Doberman Pinscher, Boxer, Husky, Chow Chow, Canid Hybrid or any mixed breed of these dogs.
 - b. but shall not include:
 - i. Any dog acting in the performance of police work;
 - ii. Any dog working as a guard dog on commercial property;
 - Securely enclosed on the property by a fence or other barrier sufficient to prevent the escape of the dog and the entry of children of tender years.
 - Defending that property against a person who was committing an offence.
 - c. "owner" includes;
 - i. A person who keeps, possesses or harbours a dog;
 - ii. The person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of a dog, but does not include;
 - iii. A veterinarian registered in accordance to The Veterinarians Act, 1987, who is keeping or harbouring a dog for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of a disease or injury;
 - iv. An urban or rural municipality, the Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a local Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Angels of Hope Animal Rescue or an animal 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 a dog.

2. No owner shall keep, possess, or harbour a dangerous dog within the Town of Saltcoats with the exception of those dogs licensed within the Town of Saltcoats prior to September 1, 2011. No transfers of ownership will be permitted.
3. Notwithstanding clause #2, Council may offer exemption in full or part to certain individuals with regard to this clause, providing that they can provide adequate assurance that public safety will not be compromised and that responsible dog ownership or harbourage can be guaranteed. In considering such exemptions, Council will in part, be guided by an owner's or keeper's record of responsible pet ownership whether in Saltcoats or in other communities, and by such things as a specific dog's history of behaviour, and by the recommendations of a licenced and practicing veterinarian or such other information as would contribute to a fair and informed consideration of such a request for exemption. Such exemption may be immediately suspended should other aspects of the bylaw not be honoured or should the dog(s) in question constitute, or be perceived to constitute, a safety concern within the community.
4. Any owner found guilty of an infraction of this bylaw shall be liable to a penalty of \$350.00 per occurrence, and should a person who harbours a "dangerous dog" not remove the dog by a given date; an additional penalty of \$50.00 per day shall be applied to the original \$350.00 penalty.
5. Any owner may voluntarily pay the penalty as specified in this bylaw to the Town of Saltcoats upon being served with summons within the time specified in the summons, and upon payment shall not be liable to further prosecution for that summons under this bylaw.

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect immediately upon being adopted.

Dated this __ day of _____, 2011.

Mayor

Administrator

Certified a true copy
Of Bylaw No 07-2011
Adopted by resolution of
Council on the __ day of
_____, 2011.

Administrator