

Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491

Bylaw 8 of 2026

**A BYLAW REGARDING THE LICENSING, CONTROL,
IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF DOGS.**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as "*The Dog Control Bylaw*."

2. DEFINITIONS:

In this Bylaw the Term:

- a) "Administrator" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality, and shall include any person designated to act on the Administrator's behalf;
- b) "Animal Shelter" means the Prince Albert SPCA/Humane Society ("PASPCA") or another shelter designated or authorized by the Municipality;
- c) "At Large" shall mean when an animal is physically beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner of the said animal, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land and when it is not under control by being directly attached to a leash and that leash is under the direct and continuous physical charge of a person competent to control it.
- d) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491;
- e) "Designated Officer" shall mean the Administrator, a peace officer, bylaw enforcement officer, animal control officer, or any other person appointed or authorized by the Municipality to administer or enforce this Bylaw;
- f) "Dog" shall mean any dog, male or female, of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds;
- g) "Impoundment Period" means a minimum of five (5) business days, excluding weekends and statutory holidays, unless earlier euthanasia is medically necessary or legally authorized;
- h) "Municipality" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Buckland No. 491;
- i) "Owner" includes any person who:
 - i) owns, keeps, harbours or possesses a dog within the Municipality;
 - ii) is responsible for the custody or supervision of a minor where the minor is the owner of a dog;
 - iii) owns or occupies land within the limits of the Municipality upon which is found any dog; or
 - iv) holds a License for a dog;

- j) "Pound" shall mean a place designated by the Municipality for the temporary impoundment or restraint of dogs, and includes and Animal Shelter where applicable;
- k) "Pound Keeper" shall mean any Designated Officer appointed or authorized by the Council to oversee the care and safety of any dog that has been impounded;

3. LICENSES:

- a) Every owner of a dog shall, each calendar year, or within ten (10) days of becoming the owner of a dog, obtain a license from the Municipal Office. Licenses shall not be transferable to any other dog or any other owner.
- b) Dog tags shall be serially numbered and the Municipal Office shall keep a record of each dog tag issued.
- c) Every application for a dog tag shall be accompanied by the following:
 - i) Name, address and telephone number of the Owner of the dog;
 - ii) Description of the dog including gender, colour, breed and whether the dog is spayed or neutered;
 - iii) Payment of license fee as outlined in Section 3. g);
 - iv) Any other relevant information which may be required by the Municipality.
- d) Upon payment of the applicable license fee outlined in section 3. g) and satisfaction of any other requirements under this bylaw, a dog tag shall be issued, which is valid for the calendar year in which the tag was issued.
- e) No owner of newborn pups which are the litter of a dog licensed under this Bylaw, shall be required to obtain a license for the pups until they have reached the age of sixty (60) days.
- f) Annual license fees shall be payable in advance and shall be \$10.00 for each dog.
- g) The Municipality will send invoices each January to all owners with licensed dogs in the previous year, payable at the Municipal Office.
- h) Any dog carrying a valid license from the preceding year shall be granted a grace period for renewal, and be considered licensed for 60 days into the current year. Any invoices not paid after the 60-day grace period will be cancelled. Upon cancellation, the animals license will be null and void.
- i) Every holder of a dog tag issued pursuant to this bylaw shall notify the Municipal Office upon any change in information of the owner or the dog previously provided in a timely fashion.
- j) Dog tags issued by another municipality are not recognized by the RM of Buckland, and as such are non-transferable.

4. WEARING OF TAGS:

- a) The owner of a dog shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog for which it was issued at all times until the tag is renewed or replaced.

- b) Where a dog tag has been lost, a replacement tag can be obtained at the Municipal Office for a fee of \$5.00.
 - c) The failure of any owner to have the metal tag attached to the collar of his or her dog is an offence under this Bylaw.
5. RUNNING AT LARGE:
- a) No owner of a dog shall permit the dog to be at large in the municipality.
 - b) The owner of a dog found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw unless the owner proves, to the satisfaction of the Court, that at the time of the offence, the owner did all that was reasonable to prevent the dog from being at large.
 - c) Upon request of a Designated Officer, every owner of a dog shall show the license receipt, metal tag or other evidence that a dog is licensed.
6. ANIMAL FECES
- a) If an animal defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner of the animal shall forthwith remove the defecation.
7. SEIZURE OF DOGS:
- a) A Designated Officer may seize and impound any dog found At Large, whether or not the dog is wearing a collar or tag.
 - b) A Designated Officer or other person authorized by Council may capture a dog using a live trap, catch pole, tranquillizer equipment, or another humane method authorized by Council and permitted by law.
 - c) Only a dog delivered by, or expressly authorized for intake by, the Municipality may be accepted by the PASPCA under the Municipality's animal impoundment and care agreement. A member of the public shall not independently surrender a dog under that agreement.
 - d) Acceptance by the PASPCA is subject to available capacity. The PASPCA may refuse intake where insufficient capacity exists or where the dog presents an immediate safety or medical risk beyond the PASPCA's operational capability.
 - e) A person who finds a dog At Large may contact the Municipality or a Designated Officer. The person shall not deliver the dog to the PASPCA as a municipal impoundment unless expressly authorized by the Municipality.
8. CARE, HOLDING PERIOD AND OWNER REDEMPTION:
- a) An impounded dog shall be held for the Impoundment Period.
 - b) The Pound Keeper or Animal Shelter shall provide humane housing, feeding and basic care and shall make reasonable efforts to identify and contact the Owner.
 - c) An Owner may redeem an impounded dog during the Impoundment Period upon providing satisfactory proof of ownership and paying all applicable amounts, including license fees, impound fees, boarding charges, veterinary expenses, transportation costs and any other charges lawfully incurred in relation to the dog.

- d) The Municipality is not responsible for fees incurred where an impounded dog is reclaimed directly from the Animal Shelter by the Owner, except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Municipality.
- e) Before release, an unlicensed dog shall be licensed in accordance with this Bylaw unless the dog is ordinarily kept outside the Municipality and the Administrator is satisfied that municipal licensing is not required.
- f) The Pound Keeper or Animal Shelter may require reasonable proof of identity and ownership before releasing a dog.

9. VETERINARY CARE AND DISPOSITION

- a) Emergency veterinary treatment may be authorized without the Owner's consent where necessary for humane treatment or public safety.
- b) Extraordinary veterinary expenses require prior approval of the Municipality except in an emergency.
- c) Where a dog is not redeemed before the expiry of the Impoundment Period, ownership of the dog may transfer to the PASPCA or another Animal Shelter designated by the Municipality.
- d) Following transfer of ownership, the receiving Animal Shelter may place the dog for adoption, transfer it to another rescue organization, or humanely euthanize or otherwise dispose of the dog in accordance with law and its policies.
- e) After ownership has transferred under section 8.3, the Municipality has no further responsibility, liability or financial obligation for the dog except for fees payable under an applicable agreement.
- f) Nothing in this Bylaw prevents earlier humane euthanasia where medically necessary or otherwise legally authorized

10. RECORDS AND REPORTING

- a) The Designated Officer, Pound Keeper or Animal Shelter, as applicable, shall maintain intake, care, redemption and disposition records for impounded dogs.
- b) The Designated Officer shall provide Council with a written monthly report regarding animal-control calls, impoundments, redemptions and dispositions for the preceding month, where information is available.

11. ORDER TO REMEDY CONTRAVENTIONS:

- a) If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates, to remedy the contravention.
- b) Orders given under this bylaw shall be done in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*.

12. PENALTY:

- a) No person shall:
 - i. fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - ii. obstruct or interfere with a Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or

- iii. fail to comply with any provision of this Bylaw.
 - b) A Designated Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may serve on that person a Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation shall indicate that the Municipality will accept voluntary payment within thirty (30) days to be paid to the Municipality.
 - c) The voluntary payment shall be issued in accordance with Schedule A attached to and forming a part of this Bylaw.
 - d) Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under Schedule A within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
 - e) Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an Order to Remedy pursuant to Section 11. a) of this Bylaw.
 - f) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
 - i. in the case of an individual, to a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$10,000.00;
 - ii. in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not less \$300.00 and not more than \$25,000.00; and
 - iii. in the case of a continuing offence, to a maximum daily fine of not more than \$2,500.00 per day.
13. EXCEPTIONS:
- a) This Bylaw shall not apply to dogs transported to the Municipality expressly for the purpose of participating in any Dog Event sanctioned by the Council.
 - b) The Administrator may exempt Pound, Pound Keeper, Animal Shelter, Designated Officer or other authorized person from all or part of this Bylaw where necessary for the administration or enforcement of this Bylaw, provided the exemption is consistent with law.
14. Bylaw No. 7 of 2024 is hereby repealed.
15. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final reading hereof.

Introduced and read the first time, this 10th day of August, 2026.

Read a second time, this 14 day of September, 2026.

Read a third time and adopted this 14 day of September, 2026.

(seal)

Linda Clavelle, Reeve

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Schedule A
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FEES AND VOLUNTARY PAYMENTS

Item	Fee
Annual dog license	\$10.00 per dog
Replacement dog tag	\$5.00
Voluntary payment — first offence	\$150.00
Voluntary payment — subsequent offence for contravening the same provision two or more times within a twelve-month period	\$300.00
Municipal pound impoundment and/or boarding fee	\$60.00 per day or part thereof
PASPCA or other Animal Shelter fees	Actual amount charged or payable under the applicable agreement
Veterinary expenses	Actual cost
Transportation costs	Actual cost
Other authorized care or disposition costs	Actual cost

All fees are payable before release of an impounded dog unless the Municipality or the receiving Animal Shelter authorizes another arrangement. Actual-cost amounts may include charges incurred by the Municipality or directly by the Animal Shelter, as applicable.