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Office Consolidation

The Corporation of the Township of Puslinch

By-Law number 8/99. Being a by-law to control, licence, register, and regulate dogs within the Township of Puslinch passed under the provisions of the Municipal Act, and to repeal By-law number 23/78 and amending By-laws number 11/79, 12/81, 14/91, 22/96, 29/96, 4/99, and By-law number 21/82 and amending By-law 25/82.
(Amended by By-law 50/14).

WHEREAS Municipal Councils may pass by-laws under authority of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, Section 210 and amendments thereto, to control, licence, register, and regulate dogs.

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to pass a by-law to control, licence, register, and regulate dogs in the Township of Puslinch.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch enacts as follows:

PART 1: DEFINITIONS

1. "Dog" means a male or female dog
2. "Dog Control Officer" shall mean the person or association appointed by the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch to enforce this by-law and any servant or agent or such person or association employed for the purpose of enforcing the said by-law
3. "Kennel" means a place for the housing, or breeding, and/or boarding of dogs.
4. "Owner" includes any person who possesses or harbours a dog and "owns" or "owned" shall have a corresponding meaning:

- I. Registered or eligible for registration in the Register of The Canadian Kennel Club, Incorporated, or
 - II. Of a class designated as purebred in the Regulations
- 5. "Purebred" means,
 - I. Registered or eligible for registration in the Register of The Canadian Kennel Club, Incorporated, or
 - II. Of a class designated as purebred in the Regulations.
- 6. "Ticket" shall mean a serially numbered notice signed by the Dog Control Officer stating:
 - 1) Nature of alleged offence;
 - 2) Date and time of alleged offence;
 - 3) Dog tag number;
 - 4) Name and address of Owner;
 - 5) Penalty for alleged offence if paid within prescribed time;
 - 6) Time during which penalty may be paid out of Court.

PART II

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

- 1. No person in the Township of Puslinch shall own, possess, or harbor a dog unless or until he shall procure a licence and have the dog registered at the Municipal Offices in each year prior to the first day of March. Every owner shall pay the licence purchased after December 1st shall be valid for the remainder of that year and the whole of the following year.
- 2.
 - a) On payment of the licence fee referred to in section 1 of this Part, the owner shall be furnished with a dog tag for each dog so licenced and registered.
 - b) The tag shall bear a serial number and the year for which it is issued and a record shall be kept by the municipality showing the name and address of the owner, the serial number of the tag, the date of purchase of the tag, and the breed and sex of the dog for which it is issued.
 - c) The owner shall keep the tag securely fixed on the dog at all times during the year or until such time as he procures a tag for the following year, except that the collar and tag may be removed while the dog is being lawfully used for hunting in the bush.

- d) No licence or registration shall be transferable and the licence, registration, and tag shall expire and becoming void upon the sale, death, or otherwise disposal of the dog.
 - e) No person, other than the owner of the dog, shall remove the tag from such dog.
- 3. Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 1 or 2(c) or section 2(d) or section 2(e) of the Part is subject to the penalty set forth in "Appendix A"
- 4. The owner of a dog shall be issued with a violation ticket when it is found that the said dog has not been registered and licenced in accordance with section 1 of this Part, notwithstanding that the dog at the time may be on the property where it is habitually kept and or that at the time it is under the control of any person. The owner of the unlicensed dog shall be subject to the penalty set forth in "Appendix A". The penalty may be paid voluntarily to the Municipal Clerk who shall receive such payment of a penalty in full satisfaction with respect to the alleged offence providing that the person to whom the ticket was issued being the owner of the unlicensed dog licences and registers the dog before paying the penalty.
- 5. The owner of a kennel of dogs that are purebred shall pay an annual fee as prescribed in "Appendix A" and upon payment of such fee upon the kennel the provisions of Part II sections 1 to 4 inclusive of this by-law shall not apply to dogs kept and confined in the kennel.
- 6. No person, except a person to whom a kennel licence has been issued, shall at any one time in any one location within the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch keep or harbor more than 3 dogs of an age in excess of 3 months.
- 7. Dogs under 3 months of age are exempt from the provisions of Part II of this by-law.
- 8. Where there are 2 or more dogs with different owners in a household, then the householder shall be deemed to be the owner of any or all the dogs for the purpose of calculating the licence fees payable as set out in "Appendix A"
- 9. Any person owning or harbouring a dog even though the dog is currently registered and licenced in another municipality, is subject to the provisions of this by-law.
- 10. Boarding Kennels and Animal Hospitals are excluded from the provisions of Part II of this by-law.

PART III

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

1. For the purpose of this by-law, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of any person.
2. The running at large of dogs is prohibited within the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch.
3. A dog which is found running at large contrary to the provisions of this part may be killed or seized and impounded in the dog pound; a dog so impounded shall be held for a period of no less than 3 days; unless previously claimed by the owner thereof, and if not claimed and release to the owner thereof within such a period of time may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the Poundkeeper. Any dog so impounded shall not be release until the owner thereof shall pay the charges of the Poundkeeper.
4. The owner of every dog impounded, if known, whether or not the dog is claimed by the owner from the Pound, shall be liable for the payment of the pound and boarding fee as set out in paragraph 3 above, and shall pay all fees on demand to the Poundkeeper.
5. The owner of a dog which is found running at large may be issued with a ticket as an alternative to impounding the dog. The penalty prescribed on the ticket shall be in accordance with "Appendix A" and may be paid voluntarily to the Municipal Clerk who shall receive such payment as the payment of a penalty in full satisfaction with respect to the alleged offence and a receipt shall be given to the person making the payment.
6. If a person is in violation of this by-law on 2 separate occasions, the municipality may seek a conviction for a breach of this by-law, and if convicted the municipality may cancel all licences held by such convicted person under the provisions of this by-law and on the cancellation of a licence such person shall not be issued a further licence for a period of 12 months from the date of such cancellation, and all dogs on such person shall be seized by the Dog Control Officer and disposed of at his/her discretion.

7. Whenever a contravention of this by-law is committed, the Dog Control Officer shall deliver to the owner of the dog contravening such by-law a ticket in the prescribed form.
8. The owner, within 3 days, exclusive of Sundays and Holidays after the date of the said ticket, may report to the Office of the Municipal Clerk and pay to the Municipal Clerk or any persons designated by him to receive such payment, the amount of the fees and penalties set out in "Appendix A" to this by-law for the satisfaction in respect to the alleged offence and a receipt thereof shall be given to the person making the payment. If a voluntary payment is not made in accordance with the procedures provided for in this by-law, the procedure of the Provincial Offences Act shall apply.

PART IV

RABBIES CONTROL

1. When a dog is known to have bitten a person, the Dog Control Officer may order that the dog be kept under supervision of quarantine, by the owner of the dog, upon the property of the owner of the dog or upon such property designated or approved by the Health of Animals Branch of Canada Agriculture and the owner shall be held responsible for the cost of such quarantine. In the case that the owner is not known, the dog shall be kept under supervise quarantine for a period of 14 days, at the Township expense, upon a property designated or approved by the Health of Animals Branch of Canada Agriculture.

PART V

KENNELS

1. No person and/or persons shall locate a kennel
 - a) Within 300 feet of any residence or habitation, except that of their own.
 - b) That is not in distinct separation from their own residence or habitation.
 - c) On an area less than 3 acres.
2. Owners, operators, and/or such persons charged with the duties of a kennel operation shall take due caution and other necessary means to prevent disturbances or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants

3. No person and/or persons shall be issued a Kennel Licence unless they qualify with the above

PART VI GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Owner of a dog shall remove forthwith any excrement left by a dog and shall provide for the sanitary disposal of such excrement in all recreational and public areas within the Township of Puslinch
2. No owner shall permit a dog to be on a highway or any recreational or public area within the Township of Puslinch without the dog being under the control of a person by a leash, cord, or chain.

PART VII PENALTIES

1. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine
2. The provisions of this by-law shall be enforced by the By-law Enforcement Officer and Dog Control Officer of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch

This By-law shall come into force and effect upon the date of its passing.

By-law Number 23/78 and amending By-law numbers 11/79, 12/81, 14/91, 22/96, 29/96, and 4/99, and By-law Number 21/82 and amending By-law Number 25/82 of the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch are hereby repealed.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 3RD DAY
OF FEBRUARY, 1999.**

Original signed by Dennis Lever, Mayor

Original signed by Brenda Law, Clerk

Note: This is an Office Consolidation. If you would like a copy of the originally signed By-law, please contact the Township Clerk's Office for assistance.