



CONSOLIDATED TOWN OF RENFREW CAT BY-LAW BY-LAW 18-2000

A by-law to regulate, control, and licence cats in the Town of Renfrew

PASSED FEBRUARY 14, 2000

AMENDMENTS

DATE	AMENDING BY-LAW	AMENDMENT(s)
October 12, 2010	By-Law 47-2010	Part 1; Part 3 (e) (i) & (ii); Part 4 (f)

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW
BY-LAW No. 18-2000

Being a By-Law to regulate, control, and licence
cats in the Town of Renfrew
and to rescind By-law No. 32-97

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew deems it expedient and in the public interest to enact a By-law to regulate and licence cats in the Town of Renfrew.

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew enacts as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

As used in this By-Law, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter ascribed to them:

Animal means a domestic dog and/or domestic cat.
(B/L 47-2010)

- a) Animal Control Officer - The person designated by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew to enforce this By-Law, or his/her servants or agents.
- b) Animal Shelter - Any premises designated by the Corporation for the purposes of impounding and caring for animals taken up by the agents of the Corporation in violation of this By-Law.
- c) At Large - Any cat shall be deemed at large when it is off the property of his/her owner, and not under control of a person.
- d) Cat – A feline over the age of ten (10) weeks of any breed of domesticated cat or cross-breed domesticated cat.
- e) Corporation – Shall mean the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.
- f) Owner – Any person who possesses or harbours a cat, and where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor.
- g) Immunized Against Rabies – Shall mean having received an injection of anti-rabies vaccine within the previous thirty-six (36) months.

2.0 ENFORCEMENT

- a) The provisions of this By-Law shall be enforced by the person designated as Animal Control Officer by the Municipal Council of the Corporation, and any servant or agent of such person, any Police Officer, or By-Law Enforcement Officer.

3.0 LICENCE/FEEES

- a) Annually, immediately following the first day of January, an owner of any cat shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licenced for a period of one year thereafter in the offices of the Town of Renfrew and shall cause the said cat when on or off the premises of the owner thereof, but within the said Town, to wear around its neck a collar, to which collar shall be attached a plate having raised, cast or stamped thereon figures indicating the year for which the said licence has been paid, together with a number

corresponding with the number under which the said cat is registered in the offices of the Town of Renfrew. Every such owner shall pay for such licence, plate and registration, the sum hereinafter set out and every such licence shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year of purchase.

- b) Licences may be purchased directly from the Town of Renfrew or such agents of the Town as may be designated by the Corporation.
- c) The owner shall state their name and address and the name, breed, sex, colour and age of the cat.
- d) A numbered receipt and tag shall be issued to the owner or applicant at the time at which the licence fee is paid.
- e) Annually, immediately following the 1st day of January in every year, the owner shall pay to the Corporation the following licence fee:

	January 1 st – March 31 st	April 1 st – December 31 st
Each animal up to a maximum of four (4) per household	\$10.00 / animal	\$12.00 / animal
Each animal in excess of four (4) animals per household	\$15.00 / animal	\$18.00 / animal

- i. \$10.00 for each cat, if paid on or before the 31st day of March in the year of issuance.
- ii. **\$12.00 for each cat, if paid after the 31st day of March in the year of issuance. (B/L 47-2010)**
- iii. In the event that the tag shall become lost, the owner of the cat for which a tag was issued may obtain a duplicate tag upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00.
- iv. There shall be no charge if there is a change of ownership of a cat during the licence year. The new owner may have the current licence transferred to his/her name.

4.0 DUTY OF OWNER

- a) No person shall own, keep, or harbour any cat within the limits of the Town of Renfrew unless such cat is licenced as herein provided.
- b) The owner of any cat shall not permit such cat to run at large at any time, in any public park, square, drive, street, lane, or any other public place in the Town of Renfrew, or upon any property not owned or leased by the cat owner.

- c) No person shall use for any cat, a licence receipt, or a licence tag issued for another cat.
- d) Any owner of a cat, or person having care and custody of a cat shall forthwith remove and dispose of any excrement left by the cat on any property in the Town, other than the owner's property.
- e) No owner or person having the care and custody of any cat shall permit said cat to become a public nuisance.
- f) There shall be no more than four (4) animals kept or harboured at anyone household at any time.
(B/L 47-2010)

5.0 IMPOUNDMENT

- a) Any cat found running at large will be liable to be captured, impounded, and disposed of as hereinafter provided.
- b) Unlicensed cats shall be taken up by the agents of the Corporation and impounded in the Animal Shelter, and there confined in a humane manner for a period of not less than five days (120 hours).
- c) Immediately upon the impoundment of a cat, the agents of the Corporation shall make every possible effort to notify the owner of such cat impounded, and inform such owner of the conditions whereby they may regain custody of the animal.
- d) When a cat is found running at large and its ownership can be ascertained by the Animal Control Officer, such cat need not be impounded, but the Animal Control Officer may, in his/her discretion, take the cat to their owner, and may cite such offending owner for violations of the provisions of this By-law.

6.0 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED CATS

- a) The owner shall be entitled to regain possession of any impounded cat within five (5) days upon payment to the Corporation of the sum of \$15.00 per day for each day the cat was impounded.

7.0 DESTRUCTION/DISPOSAL

- a) Cats not claimed by their owners at the expiration of the said five (5) days shall become the property of the Corporation and may be humanely disposed of by the Animal Control Officer, but shall not be sold for experimentation purposes. For the purposes of this By-law, if not disposed of by other means, cats shall be disposed of by means of a lethal injection.
- b) Any cat found running at large, if the cat is diseased, injured, or in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer is dangerous, and whose owner cannot be located, may be destroyed by the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer at their discretion, rather than being delivered to the Animal Shelter. The Corporation shall not be liable for any damages or compensation on account of such disposition.

- c) Where a cat whose owner cannot be located has been seized and impounded is injured or should be destroyed without delay for human reasons, the Animal Control Officer may dispose of the animal in a humane manner as soon after the seizure as he/she sees fit without permitting any person to reclaim the cat. The Corporation shall not be liable for any damages or compensation on account of such disposition.
- d) When impounded cats are not claimed by their owners within the time specified by this By-Law, if deemed suitable as pets, they may be placed with new owners who will agree to such conditions as the Corporation shall prescribe.

8.0 RABIES CONTROL

- a) Every cat which bites a person shall be promptly reported to the Health of Animals Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture, or its agent, and shall thereupon be securely quarantined and shall not be released from such quarantine except by written permission of the Medical Officer of Health, or his/her agent. Such quarantine may be on the premises of the owner, at the shelter designated as the Town Animal Shelter, or at the owner's option and expense, in a veterinary hospital of his/her choice. In the case of stray cats, or in the case of cats whose ownership is not known, such quarantine shall be at the Town Animal Shelter.
- b) Every cat over the age of three (3) months shall be inoculated with an anti-rabies vaccine. The Animal Control Officer may require an owner to produce a certificate signed by a practicing veterinarian that the cat has been inoculated within the past thirty-six (36) months.
- c) Every cat owner, upon demand made by the Corporation, shall forthwith surrender any cat which has bitten a human, or which is suspected as having been exposed to rabies, for supervised quarantine, which expense shall be borne by the owner.
- d) During a period of rabies quarantine every animal bitten by a cat adjudged to be rabid, shall be forthwith destroyed, or at the owner's option and expense shall be treated for rabies infection by a licenced veterinarian, or held under thirty (30) days quarantine in the same manner as other animals are quarantined.
- e) The carcass of any dead cat exposed to rabies shall upon demand be surrendered to the Corporation or its agents.
- f) The Corporation or its agents shall direct the disposition of any cat found to be infected with rabies, subject to the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.
- g) No person shall fail or refuse to surrender any cat for quarantine or destruction as required herein when such a demand is made by the Corporation or its agents.

9.0 REPORTS OF BITE CASES

- a) It shall be the duty of every physician, or other practitioner, to report to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, names and addresses or persons treated for bites inflicted by cats, together with such other information as will be helpful in rabies control.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES OF VETERINARIANS

- a) It shall be the duty of every licenced veterinarian to report to the Health of Animals Branch of the Department of Agriculture his/her diagnosis of any cat observed by him/her as a rabies suspect.

11. INVESTIGATION

- a) Any Police Officer, By-law Enforcement Officer, or Animal Control Officer is empowered to act as an agent for the Corporation for the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this By-law.
- b) Any Officer having jurisdiction in the area shall have and may exercise any of the powers of an inspector or agent of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, R.S.O. 1990.

12. INTERFERENCE

- a) No person shall interfere with, hinder or molest any agent of the Corporation in the performance of any duty of such agent, or seek to release any animal in the custody of the Corporation or its agents, except as herein provided.
- b) For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this By-Law, and to enforce its provisions, the Corporation shall engage the necessary personnel, equipment, vehicles and facilities necessary to administer the same.
- c) The Corporation or its agent shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and detailed records of the licencing, impoundment and disposition of all animals coming into its custody.
- d) The Corporation or its agents shall keep, or cause to be kept accurate and detailed records of all cat bite cases reported to it and its investigation of same.

13. PENALTIES

- a) Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction, is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.
- b) Each day a contravention continues may be deemed to be a separate offence.

14. REPEALS

- 1. THAT any and all By-Laws of the Corporation relating to the keeping, licencing, restraining and quarantine of cats are hereby repealed.
- 2. THAT By-Law 32-97 be and is hereby repealed.

15. SEVERABILITY

- a) If any section, clause or provision of this By-Law is for any reason declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of

the By-Law as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the section, clause or provision so declared to be invalid and it is hereby declared to be the intention that all the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of this By-Law shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, notwithstanding that one or more provisions thereof shall have been declared to be invalid.

16. **THAT** this By-Law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 14th day of February, 2000.

Read a third time and finally passed this 14th day of February, 2000.

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Sandra J. Heins, Mayor

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Timothy J. Simpson, Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

Set Fines for Use under Part I

of the Provincial Offences Act

ITEM	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3 Set Fine (Includes Costs)
1.	Own, Keep or Harbour Unlicensed Cat	4(a)	\$55
2.	Owner – Permit Cat to Run at Large	4(b)	\$55
3.	Misuse of Cat Licence or Receipt	4(c)	\$155
4.	Fail to Pick up Excrement	4(d)	\$55
5.	Permit Nuisance Cat	4(e)	\$55

NOTE - The Penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 13 of by-law 18-2000, as amended, a certified copy of which has been filed.