RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF EXCEL NO. 71

BYLAW NO. 3-2026

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF CATS AND DOGS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. Short Title
   1.1 This bylaw may be cited as "The Animal Control Bylaw".

2. Definitions
   2.1 In this bylaw, the following definitions apply:
   a) "Administrator" means the administrator of the municipality;
   b) "Animal Control Officer" means the Poundkeeper, any person appointed by Council for the purpose of bylaw enforcement, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and any other person or agency appointed by Council to restrain, receive or impound cats and dogs;
   c) "At large" means when the dog or cat is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor, or harbourer of the said dog or cat, or beyond the boundaries of any land where it is not under care and control by being:
      i) On public property unaccompanied by any person;
      ii) On public property accompanied by a person but not under the complete control of a person by means of a leash unless otherwise permitted by this Bylaw;
      iii) On private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the property; or
      iv) Securely confined within an enclosure or securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will;
   d) "Cat" means a male or female cat or a male or female kitten over eight (8) weeks of age;
   e) "Council" means the council of the municipality;
   f) "Dog" means a male or female dog or male or female puppy over eight (8) weeks of age;
   g) "Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71;
   h) "Pound" means the premises designated by Council as the impoundment facility;
   i) "Poundkeeper" means a person designated by Council or the administrator to maintain a suitable accommodation (pound) for the keeping of impounded animals.

3. Control of Cats and Dogs Running At Large
   3.1 The municipality is authorized to appoint an Animal Control Officer to apprehend, restrain and impound any cat or dog running at large in the Municipality, to issue a Notice of Violation in Form "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw, and to carry out additional enforcement duties of this Bylaw.
   3.2 An owner shall not allow their cats and dogs to be at large and shall have complete control of their animal by physical or verbal means at all times.
   3.3 When an animal is found to be running at large, its owner is deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this section.
   3.4 A person who owns, possesses, or harbours a cat or dog found running at large who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, liable to a penalty of $150.00. The Running at Large Fines are provided for in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
   3.5 A violator of this Bylaw, upon being served with a Notice of Violation may, during regular office hours, voluntarily pay the penalty at the municipal office, and upon payment as so provided, that person shall not be liable to prosecution for the offence.
   3.6 Upon receipt of a fully completed and signed complaint that a cat or dog was "running at large", the Administrator shall attempt to notify the offender by phone or email the same day the complaint was received and state that the animal must become compliant with this Bylaw within 24 hours. The complaint shall be in Form "B" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
   3.7 If after 24 hours the animal remains at large, a Notice of Violation will be issued to the owner by way of email and is deemed received immediately, or in the event of no email on file, by registered mail and is deemed received after 4 business days. In the event of failure to pay the appropriate voluntary fine relevant to the infraction within seven days of the receipt of the notice, the Administrator shall take the steps necessary to prosecute the owner, possessor or harbourer.

4. Impoundment of Cats and Dogs
   4.1 A cat or dog may be seized and impounded if the animal is at large and an Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer may enter onto the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any cat or dog which is found at large.

4.2 No person, including the person who is the owner of a cat or dog which is being impounded, shall interfere with an Animal Control Officer or Peace Officer who is impounding any dog or cat in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

4.3 The Animal Control Officer, or any person authorized by Council, is hereby authorized to seize and capture, by methods authorized by *The Municipalities Act*, and impound any cat or dog running at large contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw; or where the owners, possessors or harbourers thereof have not complied with the provisions of this Bylaw.

4.4 The Animal Control Officer shall immediately post in the municipal office, giving a description of such cat or dog, the date and time when it was impounded, the date and the hour when it will be sold or destroyed; such notice shall be posted at least seven days before the said sale or destruction takes place.

4.5 In the event the animal in question cannot be caught by the Animal Control Officer, he/she is authorized to take a photograph of the animal and, upon establishing the owner of the animal, a fine of $150.00 will be levied against the owner.

5. Pound

5.1 For the purpose of impounding cats and dogs, a Pound shall be established at such place or places as may be designated by Council from time to time.

5.2 No person shall break open or assist in breaking open any Pound in which a cat or dog may be impounded, or hinder, delay or obstruct any person in the performance of his/her duties hereunder.

6. Poundkeeper

6.1 During the period of impounding any cat or dog, it shall be the duty of the Poundkeeper to supply such cat or dog with adequate food, water and heated shelter as necessary and clean feces.

6.2 When the owner, possessor or harbourer of a cat or dog impounded produces within 7 days of service or posting of the notice as required by section 4.4, or before such cat or dog is sold or destroyed, satisfactory evidence that has complied with the provisions for, in respect of such impounding fees as are provided for, in respect of such cat or dog, he/she shall be entitled to remove such cat or dog. The impounding fees are provided for in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

6.3 In case a cat or dog is impounded and not claimed within 7 days as set out in Section 6.2 hereof, the cat or dog may be disposed of without further notice in the following manner:

a) It may be sold by the Municipality;
b) It may be taken to the nearest SPCA; or
c) It may be disposed of by euthanasia by a qualified Veterinarian.

7. Repeal

7.1 Bylaw No. 5-2013 is hereby repealed.

Read a first time the 15th day of October, 2026.
Read a second time the 15th day of October, 2026.
Read a third time and adopted this 15th day of October, 2026.

SEAL

Reeve

Administrator

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF BYLAW NO. 3-2026, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 15, 2026.

Reeve

Administrator

SEAL

SCHEDULE A

VIOLATION FINES AND IMPOUNDING FEES

ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW NO. 3-2026

Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71

VIOLATION: ALLOWING CAT(S) OR DOG(S) TO RUN AT LARGE
FINES: $150.00 per animal per offence.

IMPOUNDING FEES: $100.00 for impounding plus $20.00 per day and per part day for food, water and shelter for each day and each part day each animal is impounded.

FORM A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW NO. 3-2026

Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DETAILS OF OFFENCE: 1st_____ 2nd_____ Subsequent_____

Date: _____ Time: _____ a.m./p.m.

VIOLATION:

UNLAWFULLY ALLOWING CAT(S) OR DOG(S) TO RUN AT LARGE

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL(S)_____

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LOCATION OF VIOLATION:_____

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You are charged with a violation of Bylaw No. 3-2026, A Bylaw to Provide for the Control of Cats and Dogs. If necessary, the appropriate authorities will be notified.

The penalty for the above violation is $150.00.

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Peace Officer/Animal Control Officer

You may make voluntary payment of the above penalty at the municipal office of the Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71 during regular office hours or by mail within 2 weeks from the date of service of this Notice of Violation.

If you do not make a voluntary payment within the time set out above, you shall be liable to a summons to court and further prosecution.

You may appeal this Notice of Contravention within 15 days after the date of the notice to the council of the Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71. Note than an appeal does not operate as a stay of the appealed notice unless the council, on an application by the appellant, decides otherwise.

FORM B

COMPLAINT FORM

ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW NO. 3-2026

Rural Municipality of Excel No. 71

NAME OF CAT(S) OR DOG(S) OWNER:_____

DESCRIPTION OF CAT(S) OR DOG(S) RUNNING AT LARGE:_____

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LOCATION OF VIOLATION:_____

DATE AND TIME OF VIOLATION: _____

_____ _____

COMPLAINANT DATE

_____ _____

ADMINISTRATOR DATE RECEIVED