

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

**BY-LAW NO. 16-98**  
AS AMENDED BY BY-LAW 40-00  
AS AMENDED BY BY-LAW 80-09

*Being an Animal Control By-Law for the licensing of dogs  
in the Township of North Grenville*

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**WHEREAS** it is necessary to establish a consolidated system for dog licensing and registration for the Township of North Grenville; and

**WHEREAS** By-Laws may be passed by the councils of local municipalities for licensing and regulating and requiring the registration of dogs and for imposing a fee structure, pursuant to the Municipal Act, chap. M. 45, Section 210, ss. 11, R.S.O. 1990 as amended;

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Grenville that the following licence fee structure be established:

1. Definitions

- a) Applicable By-Laws shall mean any current By-Laws of the Corporation of the Township of North Grenville which includes those By-Laws, or sections thereof, of the Corporation of the Town of Kemptville, the Corporation of the Township of Oxford-on-Rideau, and the Corporation of the Township of South Gower which have not been repealed.
- b) Care Shall mean for the purpose of Section 6, providing adequate food and water; a clean, dry and safe environment with adequate space, ventilation and heat; an annual rabies vaccine and what medical attention may be necessary for the health or to ease the discomfort of the dog.
- c) Control shall mean for the purpose of Section 6, having at all times, the ability to manage, direct, restrict and restrain the actions of a dog.
- d) Dog shall mean any male or female domestic canine.
- e) Guide dog shall mean a dog trained as a Guide dog for a visually impaired or other physically disabled person and having the qualifications prescribed by the regulations under the "Blind Person's Rights Act" or a future Guide dog puppy who is undergoing the preliminary training.
- f) He, his or him shall mean and be used in a non gender specific context.
- g) Kennel shall mean a structure other than a residential dwelling where animals are housed, boarded, bred, or trained for which compensation is paid. A kennel includes but is not restricted to a pound, a kennel for the keeping of hunting dogs, or a breeding kennel registered with the "Canadian Kennel Club". A kennel does not include a municipal pound which has been designated by the Township of North Grenville for use by an appointed municipal law enforcement officer.

- h) Municipal, Municipality or Township shall mean the Corporation of the Township of North Grenville.
  - i) Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer shall mean any municipal law enforcement officer, animal control officer, or special enforcement officer appointed for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of any Animal Control By-Laws of the Corporation of the Township of North Grenville.
  - j) Owner of a dog shall mean any person who possesses or harbours a dog and shall include a person who is temporarily the keeper or in control of the dog and owns and owned shall have a corresponding meaning and where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor shall be deemed the owner.
  - k) Police dog shall mean any registered Police dog or Search and Rescue Canine used by any government authorized emergency organization or association.
  - l) Veterinarian shall mean a person registered pursuant to the Veterinarians' Act.
2. a) No person shall keep a dog over the age of six months within the Township of North Grenville without first obtaining a dog licence or kennel licence and paying the applicable licence fee. The licence shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- b) The owner or trainer of a Guide dog or Police dog is excepted from any dog licence fees.
3. a) The licence fee for dogs in any one household that are over the age of six months shall be \$15.00 each.
- b) The fees for a kennel licence shall be \$125.00.
4. Notwithstanding Section 3 and effective in the year 1999 and each year thereafter, after the deadline of March 31st the applicable licence fees shall be doubled and shall be the fee for the remainder of the calendar year.
- For residents having moved into the Municipality after March 31st, for residents having acquired a dog after March 31st, or for kennels established after March 31st, the fees set out in Section 3 of this By-Law shall apply for the remainder of the calendar year in which the residents moved, acquired a dog or established a kennel. The Municipal By-Law Officer may require sufficient proof in a form satisfactory to the Municipality.
5. a) On payment of the licence fee, the owner shall be furnished with a dog tag bearing a serial number and the year in which it was issued.
- b) This tag shall be affixed to the dog at all times until the tag is renewed or replaced, provided that the tag may be removed when the dog is being used for hunting lawfully.

- c) The tag is not transferrable to another person or another dog unless otherwise stipulated in this By-Law.
- d) A record shall be kept by the Clerk or other person designated by the Municipality for that purpose showing the name and address of the owner and serial number of the tag. The cost of the tag shall be included in the licence fee. The fee for a replacement tag shall be \$ 5.00.

## 6. Kennels

- a) No person shall operate a kennel without first obtaining a kennel licence and paying the kennel fees as set out in Section 3 and 4, whichever is applicable.
- b) No person shall establish a new kennel except in accordance with the permitted uses established by the applicable Zoning By-Laws and unless it is separated from a residential use, other than that of the owner of the kennel, by a distance not less than 30 metres.
- c) The owner or operator of the kennel shall keep a record of each dog which identifies the dog by name, breed, age, sex, physical description and shall contain rabies certificate information and identification such as a tag or tattoo or microchip information. These records shall be made available to the municipal law enforcement officer upon request. Each dog kept at a kennel shall have an identification tag securely affixed to it unless it has a microchip or tattoo.
- d) Identification tags may be issued to the kennel free of charge for the purpose of affixing to dogs kept at the kennel. The owner or operator of the kennel is required to record which tag is assigned to which dog. A kennel's tags may be transferred from one dog to another, but shall not be transferred to another dog owner.
- e) The owner or operator of a kennel shall provide adequate care and control of each dog and shall submit to an annual inspection by the Municipal By-law Enforcement officer. This Officer may request an inspection report by a Veterinarian, the District Health Inspector and/or an Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (O.S.P.C.A.) agent and may revoke the kennel licence if the premises does not conform to the standards set out in this By-Law or upon recommendation by the above Inspector(s).
- f) Dead animals shall be disposed of by a government approved animal disposal service or a government approved facility.

## 7. Penalties

Any person who contravenes any provisions of this By-Law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to such fine as is provided for in the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, as amended and any other applicable law, exclusive of costs, for each offence.

## 8. Severability

Should any section, or part of a section of this By-Law be declared by a competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this By-Law in whole or in part thereof, except for that part which was declared to be invalid.

9. Repeals

All former By-Laws or parts of By-Laws of the former Townships of South Gower and Oxford-on-Rideau and the Town of Kemptville, contrary or inconsistent with this By-Law are hereby repealed.

10. This By-Law comes into force and effect on passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1998.

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DON CAMERON  
MAYOR

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MARTHA SLADEK  
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR