

## VILLAGE OF MEOTA

### BYLAW #7/2012

#### A BYLAW TO LICENSE AND PROHIBIT ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

The Council of the Village of Meota in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be referenced as the “Animal Control Bylaw”
2. For the purpose of this bylaw, the expression:
  - (a) "animal" includes dogs, cats, exotic animals and all domestic animals.
  - (b) “administrator” shall mean the administrator of the municipality;
  - (c) “animal control officer” shall mean any person designated by the Village of Meota for the enforcement of this Bylaw and shall include Bylaw Enforcement Officers, and any other person or agency to restrain, receive or impound animal, which includes The Humane Society;
  - (d) “animal shelter” shall mean such premises and facilities as may be designated by council;
  - (e) “Cat” means and includes every cat of either sex over the age of three months and shall include any female cat that has been spayed and any male cat that has been emasculated;
  - (f) “council” shall mean the council of the municipality;
  - (g) “dog” means and includes every dog of either sex over the age of three months and shall include any female dog that has been spayed and any male dog that been emasculated;
  - (h) “designated officer” shall mean that person designated by the council of the municipality;
  - (i) “municipality” shall mean the Village of Meota;
  - (j) Alternative description: “running at large” shall mean off the premises and boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbinger or beyond the boundaries of any lands where the (dog/cat) may be with the permission of the owner or occupier of the lands and is not under control by being tied or secured to a leash or chain or other similar restraining device not exceeding two meters in length.
3. Every person in the municipality who owns, possesses or harbors an animal of any age shall obtain a license from the Village of Meota Office.
4. The license be obtained within ten(10) days of taking possession of the animal.
  - (a) The license fee shall be free, but a detailed description must be recorded at the Village of Meota Office.
5. Every person to whom a license has been issued under this bylaw shall cause his or her animal to wear a collar to which shall be attached the license tag issues by the municipality pursuant to this bylaw.
6. A person residing in the municipality, who owns, possesses or harbours an animal mentioned in this bylaw, and neglects or refuses to take out a license therefore shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
7. If any animal defecates on any public park, playground, public area or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner of the animal shall remove the defecation immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary fashion. This shall not apply to a person who owns and is physically reliant on a guide dog trained and used to assist such person.

8. An owner or occupant of private property must not allow animal feces to accumulate on the property so as to create a health hazard or which unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of adjoining premises by owners or occupants.
9. If requested to do so by an Animal Control Officer, an owner or occupant of private property must remove all animal feces from the property within 72 hours of the time the request was made.
10. The owner of a cat shall not permit the cat to urinate on, defecate on, or otherwise damage or interfere with any property other than the property of the owner of the cat.
11. A person who owns, possesses or harbors a animal found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.
12. No owner of an animal shall permit the animal to be or become a nuisance by barking or howling or by making any other offensive noise to the annoyance or discomfort of any person at any time of day or night. For the purpose of this section, an animal is creating a disturbance if a person not situated on the property where the animal is located can easily hear the disturbance.
13. The owner of a female animal in heat shall keep such animal confined to a house or kennel.
14. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall return any animal with a licence, the first offence will be with a warning, second offence will result in a fines listed in Section 15 if this bylaw.If the animal does not have a license or the owner of the animal is not home, the animal will be taken to the Animal Shelter in North Battleford, the owner will be responsible for all fees charged at the pound plus a fine of \$150.00
15. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and upon summary conviction , shall be liable to a maximum penalty of:
  - (a) First Offence \$\_50.00\_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Second Offence \$\_100.00\_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Third Offence \$\_150.00\_\_\_\_\_
16. Bylaw # 2/84, a bylaw to retrain, regulate and license dogs in Village, Bylaw # 8/87, a bylaw respecting animal control in the Village, Bylaw #1/89, a bylaw to amend bylaw #1/89 and bylaw amendment for Bylaws #8/87 and #1/89, are hereby repealed.

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Mayor

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Administrator