

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LUMSDEN NO. 189  
BYLAW NO. 2025-05**

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROLLING OF DOGS.**

The Council of the R.M. of Lumsden No. 189 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1) This bylaw may be referenced as the "Dog Control Bylaw".

2) **DEFINITIONS:**

For the purpose of this bylaw, the expression:

- a) "Council" shall mean the Council of the RM of Lumsden No. 189;
- b) "Designated Officer" shall mean a person(s) designated by the council of the municipality for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this bylaw;
- c) "dog" shall mean members of the canis genus species;
- d) "leash" shall mean a suitable device physically connecting the dog to the owner and capable of restraining the dog; electric leashes are not permitted;
- e) "owner" shall mean:
  - i) a person, partnership, association or corporation who keeps, possesses or harbours a dog; or
  - ii) the person responsible for the custody of a minor if the minor is the owner of a dog;
- f) "municipality" shall mean the RM of Lumsden No. 189;
- g) "running at large" means a dog that:
  - i) is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog; or
  - ii) is beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land; and
  - iii) is not under control by being:
    - 1) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
    - 2) securely confined within an enclosure; or
    - 3) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.

3) **Responsibility and Liability of the Dog Owner:**

a) **Running at Large**

An owner of a dog found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

b) **Threatening and Nuisance Behaviour**

An owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog does not:

- i) Bite a person or another animal;
- ii) Act aggressively and cause physical injuries to a person or another animal;
- iii) Chase a person or another animal;
- iv) Cause damage to property; or
- v) Bark, howl or create a disturbance.

c) **Threatening Dog Requirements - Off Owner's Property**

Any owner of a dog that contravenes Clause 3(b) (i, ii or iii) shall ensure that at all times, when off the property of the owner, the dog is securely:

- i) Muzzled;
- ii) Harnessed or leashed on a lead which length shall not exceed one (1) meter and prevents the dog from chasing, injuring or biting another person or animal; and
- iii) Is under the physical control of the person over the age of 18.

d) **Threatening Dog Requirements - On Owner's Property**

An owner of a dog that contravenes Clause 3(b) (i, ii or iii) shall ensure that at all times, when on the property of the owner, the dog is securely:



- i) Kept in an enclosure, dwelling or yard that cannot be escaped; and
- ii) Shall, take any other measures as Council sees fit, including but not limited to:
  - a) Obtain and keep in effect liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000.00, specifically covering any damages for the personal injury and property damage that may be caused by the dog,
  - b) Display signs, in a prescribed form as directed by the Designated Officer, on the owner's property warning of the dog(s) presence and continue to display the signs in good condition so long as the dog is on the property;
  - c) Destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal at the owner's expense.

**e) Dangerous Dogs**

Any dog may be declared as a Dangerous animal as provided for in Section 375 of *The Municipalities Act* and dealt with accordingly.

**f) Dog Owners' Liability:**

The owner of a dog shall be liable for all penalties and fees in accordance with this bylaw.

**4) Exemption:**

Section (3) does not apply to police dogs acting in the performance of their duties.

**5) Seizure and Impoundment:**

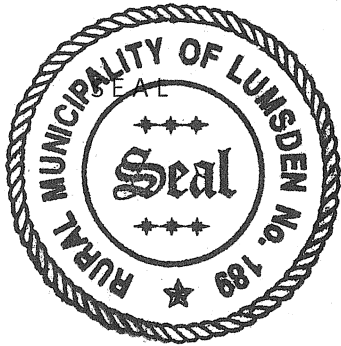
- a) Dogs found at large in the municipality may be seized and impounded in accordance with the provisions of *The Municipalities Act*.
- b) No person, whether or not they are the owner of a dog which is being or has been pursued or seized, shall:
  - i) interfere with or attempt to obstruct the Designated Officer or other authorized person, who is attempting to seize or has seized any dog in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw;
  - ii) unlock, unlatch or otherwise open the vehicle or compound in which a seized dog is confined; or
  - iii) remove any dog from the possession of the Designated Officer or other authorized person.
- c) The owner of a dog(s) that has been seized and impounded, is responsible for the payment of:
  - i) impound fees as prescribed in **Appendix A**; and
  - ii) veterinary expenses incurred during the impound period, if applicable.


**6) General Penalty Provisions:**

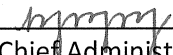
- a) A Designated Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may serve on that person a Notice of Violation, to be paid to the municipality within Thirty (30) days. The Notice of Violation is deemed to have been served:
  - i) On the day of delivery, if the notice is served personally;
  - ii) Ten (10) days from the date it was sent by registered mail; or
  - iii) On the day of delivery, if hand delivered and left at the last known address.
- b) Where the municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under **Appendix B** within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
- c) A person, to whom a Notice of Violation has been issued pursuant to this bylaw, may exercise their right to defend any charge of committing a contravention of any of the provisions of this bylaw, by written appeal to Council. Such written appeal must be submitted to the municipal office within 30 days of the day the Notice of Violation is issued.
- d) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and if a voluntary payment is not made, is liable upon summary conviction to the penalties provided in the General Penalty Bylaw of the municipality.

- 7) Severability:  
a) If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that invalid portion must be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw remains valid.
- 8) That bylaw No. 2015-21 be repealed.

Read a first time this	1 <sup>st</sup> day of	May, 2025.
Read a second time this	15 <sup>th</sup> day of	May, 2025.
Read a third time this	15 <sup>th</sup> day of	May, 2025.



  
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Chief Administrative Officer

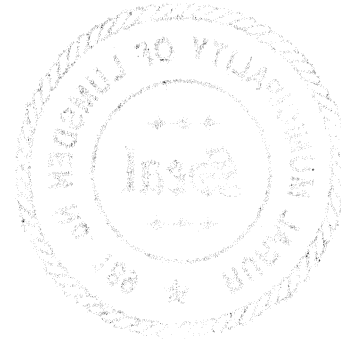
**APPENDIX A  
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**IMPOUND FEES**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty First Offence</b>	<b>Penalty Subsequent Offences</b>
Impound a dog	\$200	\$300
Veterinary expenses incurred during impound period, if applicable	At Cost	At Cost

**APPENDIX B  
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**OFFENCE PENALTIES**



**Violation:**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty First Offence</b>	<b>Penalty Subsequent Offences</b>
3 (a)	Run at Large	\$200	\$300
3 (b)(i)	Bite a person or animal	\$500	\$1,000
3(b)(ii)	Act aggressively and cause physical injury	\$400	\$800
3(b)(iii)	Chase a person or another animal	\$100	\$200
3(b)(iv)	Cause damage to property	\$200	\$300
3(b)(v)	Cause a disturbance	\$200	\$400

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