

## Village of Viscount

### **PETS & ANIMAL CONTROL** *What you need to know.*

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The Village has repealed the Animal Control bylaw as it was difficult to administer and costly to enforce. **This is a small community. Residents and visitors are asked to be considerate of their neighbour's right to peaceful enjoyment of their property and neighbourhood.**

#### ★ **COMPLAINTS**

**Can I call in my complaint?** *No. The Village will only act on official complaints that are submitted in writing. Complaints requesting Bylaw Enforcement will need to be in the form of legal affidavit (statement).* The Village will be unable to investigate a complaint that does not provide adequate information to allow us to accurately determine the ownership of an animal.

**Do I have to testify in court if I file a complaint?** *Possibly.* If the person fined resolves the issue and voluntarily pays their fine, the offense may not be prosecuted in court and you may not need to testify. If a notice or order that was based on your statement is prosecuted in court, you may receive a summons.

**How do you know whose animal it is?** *It is your responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the information you provide and determine whose animal you are complaining about.* If you don't know who the animal belongs to, your complaint may be rejected. The Village does not require animals to be registered and does not have a database of who owns which animals.

**What about animals at large?** *The Village will not locate, catch, handle or take in any animals found to be running at large.* If you find an animal that is at large or abandoned, contact the owner. If you cannot locate or reach the owner, this falls under *The Animal Protection Act* as an abandoned animal. You, as the person who found the animal, will need to contact a designated Animal Protection Agency (see reverse).

#### ★ **APPLICABLE BYLAWS**

##### **Nuisance Abatement Bylaw 2021-002**

**DEFECATION OF DOGS OR CATS:** Pet waste must be removed and disposed of in a sanitary fashion immediately from any property that is not yours, and at least weekly from your own property.

**PETS AT LARGE:** Pets may not be at large in the Village.

**OUTDOOR FEEDING:** Any grain, seeds, pet food or such items that may attract rodents or animals must be securely covered and stored inside of a closed building or structure so as not to constitute a nuisance or attract pests or unwanted animals.

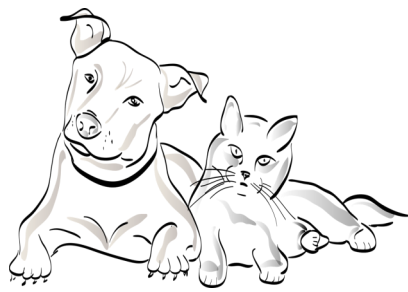
##### **Noise Bylaw 1992-02**

**DOG BARKING/HOWLING:** A dog may not bark or howl excessively.

#### ★ **FINES, NOTICES & ORDERS**

On a first offence, you may receive an initial warning letter. If the situation continues unresolved, you will receive a Notice of Violation or Order to Remedy, and a voluntary fine of \$100 to \$250 which must be paid within 14 days. Additional fees, fines and prosecution of an offence may apply if further or continued violations occur. If the fine is not paid, and situation not remedied, you may receive a summons to appear before a Justice, similar to the summons one would receive for an unpaid speeding ticket or parking ticket.

**SEE REVERSE FOR DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION**



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### ★ **Dangerous Animals**

Dangerous animals are regulated by the Province under *The Municipalities Act*. The Province defines a dangerous animal as one that:

- without provocation and in a vicious manner, approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude or attack;
- is known to attack without provocation;
- has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal without provocation; and
- is owned primarily for the purpose of fighting or is trained for fighting.

The owner of an animal is subject to liability and penalty provisions if a provincial court judge or a qualified justice of the peace declares the animal dangerous.

**The Village does not enforce provincial legislation regarding dangerous animals.** Please contact the RCMP to report a dangerous animal, and you may also choose to consult a solicitor. Complaints about alleged dangerous animals must be heard by a provincial court judge or a qualified justice of the peace. Once a complaint has been made to a judge or justice, the animal owner is served notice of a hearing. If the owner does not appear at the hearing, the court may proceed without the owner.

**RCMP Detachments: Lanigan: 306-365-1370, Humboldt: 306-682-2535**

### ★ **Animal Protection & At Large Animals**

Animals are protected under *The Animal Protection Act, 2018*. This includes abandoned animals found running at large without an easily identifiable owner. Enforcement of this Act lies with the Province and designated Animal Protection Agencies and Animal Protection Officers. These include organizations like a humane society. If you suspect an animal is abandoned, abused or neglected, please report it to the proper authorities immediately.

**The Village will not be locating, trapping, catching, handling, taking in or impounding animals found to be running at large.** If you find an animal that is at large where you are able to identify an owner, please contact the owner of the animal directly. If you cannot locate or reach an owner, this falls under *The Animal Protection Act* as an abandoned animal. You, as the person who found the animal, will need to contact a designated Animal Protection Agency.

**To report abandoned, abused or neglected pets in Saskatchewan:  
Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (8 am—5pm )  
1-844-382-0002 | [info@animalprotectionservices.ca](mailto:info@animalprotectionservices.ca)**

**Emergency or after normal business hours, please contact your nearest RCMP detachment.**

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**SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION ON MAKING COMPLAINTS UNDER LOCAL BYLAWS**