

Bylaw No. 2026 – 14

RM of Edenwold No. 158

A Bylaw to Regulate Animals and Establish Animal Control

Whereas, pursuant to clause 8(1)(c) of *The Municipalities Act*, a municipality is authorized to make bylaws respecting people, activities, and things in, on, or near a public place or place that is open to the public and pursuant to clause 8(1)(k) a municipality is authorized to make bylaws concerning wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, including this section:

- 1.1 **Act** shall mean *The Municipalities Act*, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- 1.2 **Administrator** shall mean the employee or representative of the Municipality tasked with enforcing this Bylaw, or their delegate.
- 1.3 **Companion Animal** shall mean a dog, cat, or other domesticated animal maintained in or near the household by an owner and does not include Farm Animals.
- 1.4 **Council** shall mean the Council of the Municipality.
- 1.5 **Designated Officer** shall mean an employee or representative of the Municipality, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Community Safety Officer, or Administrator.
- 1.6 **Farm Animal** shall mean:
 - a. a cow or other animal of the bovine species;
 - b. a horse or other animal of the equine species;
 - c. a sheep, goat, pig, alpaca, bison, or llama; and
 - d. any animal defined as such pursuant to *The Animal Production Act* as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time.
- 1.7 **Impound** shall mean the seizure, removal, and confining of a Companion Animal or Farm Animal.
- 1.8 **Judge** shall mean a provincial court judge or a justice of the peace.
- 1.9 **Leash** shall mean a rope, cord, chain, or other material used to control or restrict a Companion Animal.
- 1.10 **Municipality** shall mean the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158.
- 1.11 **Off-Leash Area** shall mean an area indicated through signage where Companion Animals may be allowed off-leash.
- 1.12 **Owner** shall mean:

- a. any person, corporation, or handler who keeps, possesses, or harbours a Companion Animal or Farm Animal;
 - b. the person, corporation, or handler responsible for a Companion Animal or Farm Animal while it is on public property; or
 - c. the person responsible for the custody of a minor if the minor is the owner of an animal.
- 1.13 **Provocation** shall mean an act done intentionally for the purpose of provoking an animal.
- 1.14 **Running-at-Large** shall mean, with respect to a Companion Animal or Farm Animal:
- a. being on public property unaccompanied by an owner;
 - b. being on private property without the permission of the owner or occupant of the property; or
 - c. being on public property in any area designated within Appendix A while accompanied by an owner but not under complete control through a leash, unless otherwise permitted pursuant to this Bylaw.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 2.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Animal Control Bylaw.”
- 2.2 Where a Companion Animal has defecated on public property, including within a designated off-leash area, or on private property without the consent of the property owner, the owner of the Companion Animal shall immediately remove and appropriately dispose of the defecation.

3. RUNNING-AT-LARGE

- 3.1 No person shall at any time allow a Companion Animal to be running-at-large within the Municipality.
- 3.2 Pursuant to 3.1, a Companion Animal shall not be considered running-at-large if:
- a. it is unleashed within a designated off-leash area; and
 - b. it is under the immediate, continuous, and effective control of its owner.
- 3.3 No person shall at any time allow a Farm Animal to be running-at-large within the Municipality.

4. IMPOUNDING OF COMPANION ANIMALS

- 4.1 The Municipality may impound for 72 hours any Companion Animal running-at-large unless the owner redeems the animal and pays the Municipality the cost of removal, impounding, and storage.
- 4.2 Pursuant to 4.1, upon payment of the full cost, the Municipality shall release the Companion Animal to the owner thereof.

- 4.3 Any Companion Animal not redeemed within 72 hours may be adopted or euthanized at the discretion of the Administrator.

5. IMPOUNDING OF FARM ANIMALS

- 5.1 The Municipality may impound for 72 hours at a location designated by the Administrator any Farm Animal running-at-large unless the owner redeems the animal and pays the Municipality the cost of removal, impounding, and storage.
- 5.2 Pursuant to 5.1, upon payment of the full cost, the Municipality shall release the Farm Animal to the owner thereof.
- 5.3 If the owner has not paid the costs of removal, impounding, and storage within 72 hours, the Municipality shall have the right to recover such expenses by:
- a. legal action in a court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - b. sale through private sale or public auction.
- 5.4 Pursuant to 5.3, the proceeds from such sale shall be applied first to all fines and costs, and the remaining balance, if any, shall be paid to the owner.
- 5.5 Pursuant to 5.3, if the proceeds from such sale are insufficient to meet the cost of removal, impounding, and storage, the amount of the shortfall shall be a debt owed by the owner and enforceable by the Municipality in any manner allowed by law.

6. ANIMAL CONTROL

- 6.1 In this section and in section 7:
- a. **Animal** shall include both Farm Animals and Companion Animals as defined by this bylaw.
- 6.2 No owner shall allow their animal to, without provocation:
- a. bite a person or other animal;
 - b. engage in an act that injures a person or other animal;
 - c. cause damage to property;
- 6.3 The following are exempt from the regulations of subsection 6.2:
- a. any animal acting in the performance of police work;
 - b. any animal working as a guard animal on a commercial property that is enclosed on that property to prevent the escape of the animal or entry of children and is defending that property against a person committing an offense;
- 6.4 No person shall own an animal for the purpose of fighting, or train, torment, badger, bait or otherwise use an animal for the purpose of causing or encouraging the animal to make unprovoked attacks on persons or domestic animals.
- 6.5 An owner shall make a report within twenty-four (24) hours if the owner's animal bites, attacks, or injures a person or another animal. The owner shall provide the owner's name and the animal's description to the person or to the person whose

animal was bit or attacked. The owner shall also provide this information to a designated officer.

7. DANGEROUS ANIMALS

- 7.1 Declarations of dangerous animals shall be undertaken in accordance with section 375 of the Act.
- 7.2 Pursuant to subsection 375(5) of the Act, if a judge declares an animal to be dangerous, the judge shall:
- a. make an order embodying one or more of the following requirements, as the judge considers appropriate:
 - i. the owner shall keep the animal in an enclosure that complies with prescribed criteria;
 - ii. if the owner removes the animal from the enclosure, the owner shall muzzle and leash it in accordance with prescribed criteria and keep it under the owner's direct control and supervision;
 - iii. the owner shall obtain and keep in effect liability insurance in the prescribed amount to cover damage or injury caused by the animal;
 - iv. the owner shall display a sign, in the prescribed form and manner, on his or her property warning of the presence of the animal and shall continue to display that sign in good condition so long as the animal is present on the property;
 - v. the owner shall comply with the regulations and the *Health of Animals Act* (Canada) with respect to the detection and control of rabies;
 - vi. if the animal is moved to any other municipality, the owner shall notify the designated officer in the other municipality;
 - vii. if the animal is to be sold or given away, the owner shall:
 1. notify any prospective owner that the animal has been declared dangerous, before it is sold or given away; and
 2. notify the designated officer in the municipality of the contact information of any new owner of the animal;
 - viii. the owner shall have the animal tattooed and/or microchipped in the prescribed manner;
 - ix. the owner shall have the animal spayed or neutered;
 - x. the owner shall take any other measures that the judge considers appropriate; or
 - b. order that the animal be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the owner's expense and shall, in that case, give directions with respect to the destruction or other disposition.

8. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 8.1 The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to the Administrator.
- 8.2 This Bylaw may be enforced by a Designated Officer.
- 8.3 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, or obstructs, interferes with, or hinders a Designated Officer in the performance of their duties is guilty of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 8.4 A person contravening subsection 2.2 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of \$100.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*.
- 8.5 A person contravening subsection 3.1, clause 6.2(c) or subsection 6.5 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of:
- a. First Offence: \$500.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*
 - b. Second Offence: \$750.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*
 - c. Third Offence: \$1,000.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*
- 8.6 A person contravening subsection 3.3, clauses 6.2(a) and (b), or subsection 6.4 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty of:
- a. First Offence: \$1,000.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*;
 - b. Second Offence: \$2,000.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*;
 - c. Third Offence: \$3,000.00 plus any applicable surcharge imposed pursuant to *The Victims of Crime Regulations, 1997*.
- 8.7 A person contravening any provision of this Bylaw with four or more offences shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided in the *General Penalty Bylaw* of the Municipality.
- 8.8 Pursuant to section 10 of *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*, where a Summary Offence Ticket Information is issued for a violation of this bylaw, the person served may make a voluntary payment at any time from the date of issuance of the ticket up to the court date indicated on the ticket, in the amount specified plus any applicable surcharge under *The Victims of Crime Regulations*.
- 8.9 Where a person is served with a summons ticket for an offence under this Bylaw:
- a. The person may plead guilty and make a voluntary payment by delivering the summons and payment to the location specified any time from the date of issuance up to the court date indicated on the ticket.
 - b. If payment is made within 14 days from the date of issuance, the amount payable shall be 50% of the specified penalty sum for the offence.

- c. If payment is made after 14 days but before the court date, the full specified penalty sum must be paid.
- 8.10 Default or Deemed Conviction
- a. For the purposes of entering a default or deemed conviction under *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*, the specified penalty sum shall be the full voluntary payment amount prescribed for the violation under section 8.8, plus any applicable surcharge under *The Victims of Crime Regulations*.
 - b. Where a person has made a voluntary payment within 14 days under subsection 8.9(b), that payment satisfies the penalty and no further prosecution shall occur.
- 8.11 All disputes arising from the administration of this Bylaw shall be referred to Council, and Council shall be the final authority in all cases.

9. SEVERABILITY

- 9.1. The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to Designated Officers.
- 9.2. This Bylaw shall not be construed to hold the Municipality or its agents responsible or liable for any damage to persons or property caused as a result of the administration of this Bylaw.
- 9.3. If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Bylaw to be invalid, that portion shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of this Bylaw, and the part, section, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Bylaw is to be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and the holding of the Court shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

10. REPEAL

- 10.1. Bylaw 2024 – 15 and all subsequent amendments are hereby repealed.

11. COMING INTO FORCE

- 11.1 This Bylaw shall come into force on the date that it is approved by Council.

First Reading: March 9, 2026

Second Reading: March 9, 2026

Third Reading: March 9, 2026

Al Trainor
Reeve

Shauna Bzdel
Administrator



APPENDIX A
Areas Where Dogs Must Be Leashed in the Municipality

Bohach Subdivision	Great Plains Industrial Park	Prairie View Business Park
Bridlewood Estates	Granite Industrial Park	Rock Pointe Estates
Carson Business Park	Org. Hamlet of Crawford Estates	South Subdivision
Casa Rosa Estates	Jameson Estates	Spruce Creek Estates
Coppersands Mobile Park	Lovelace Subdivision	Stone Pointe Estates
Crawford Developments	Meadow Ridge Estates	Vista Springs
Emerald Park	Mission Pointe Estates	
Escott/Deneve Subdivision	Park Meadows Estates	