

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

BY-LAW NO. 2006-36

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

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WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 11., provides that a municipality may pass By-laws respecting animals;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to ensure the adequate and appropriate care of animals to meet their needs;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions

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| <b>“Animal”</b>                            | shall mean any member of the animal kingdom, other than human.   |
| <b>“Animal Control Officer”</b>            | shall mean an Animal Control Officer employed by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.   |
| <b>“Feline”</b>                            | shall mean a cat of the species <i>Felis catus</i> .   |
| <b>“Municipal Law Enforcement Officer”</b> | shall mean a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Corporation of the Township of Severn.   |
| <b>“Owner”</b>                             | shall mean a person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) has the care, charge, custody or control of an animal;</li><li>(b) owns or who claims proprietary interest in an animal;</li><li>(c) harbours, suffers or permits an animal to be present on any property owned, occupied or leased by him/her or which is otherwise under his/her control; and/or</li><li>(d) has been issued an identification tag for an animal in accordance with the Township’s Animal Control By-law.</li></ul> |

2. Appropriate Care

Any person who keeps an animal within the Township of Severn shall provide adequate and appropriate care, food, water, shelter, exercise, attention and veterinary care as may be required to meet the needs of the species.

3. Care - Outdoors

If an animal is customarily kept out of doors, the owner shall provide for the animal's use an accessible, structurally sound, weather-proof and insulated enclosure of appropriate size and dimension.

4. Tethered

Any person who has tethered an animal shall ensure at all times the animal has unrestricted movement of a length not less than 4 metres and the animal cannot suffer injury resulting from the tethering.

5. Sanitary Conditions

The owner or person having custody and control of an animal, including a feline, must keep the animal in sanitary conditions with no accumulations of fecal matter and offensive odour, which may endanger the health of any person or animal, or which disturbs or is likely to disturb the enjoyment and comfort of neighbouring persons.

6. Confined in Vehicle

No person shall cause, permit or allow an animal to be confined in a vehicle without appropriate ventilation.

7. Torment

No person shall torment, annoy, tease, abuse or injure any animal.

8. Set Free

No person shall unleash, loosen or otherwise free an animal which is not in distress unless such person has authorization of the owner.

9. Enforcement

9.1 The provisions of this By-law shall be enforced by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Township of Severn.

9.2 For the enforcement of this By-law, the Animal Control Officers employed by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are hereby appointed as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the Township of Severn.

9.3 Every person who contravenes the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

9.4 Any person who hinders or obstructs a person lawfully carrying out the enforcement of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*.

10. Force & Effect

This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing thereof.

By-law read a first and second time this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

  
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CLERK-TREASURER