

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MATTICE - VAL CÔTÉ**

**BY-LAW NO. 767**

Being a By-law to provide for the  
registration and control of cats and dogs  
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WHEREAS Sections 10. (2) 9, 103. (1) and 128. (1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter M. 25 and amendments thereto, permit municipalities to license and regulate animals within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté deems it advisable to provide for the registration and control of cats and dogs;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mattice - Val Côté enacts as follows:

1. IN THIS BY-LAW:

- a) "pet" shall mean any dog or cat, male or female.
- b) "pet owner" includes a person who owns, possesses, harbors or controls a pet or somebody who regularly feeds a pet and includes a person who is the temporary keeper of the animal. Where the pet owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor shall be deemed to be the pet owner; "owns" and "owned" have a corresponding meaning.
- c) "running at large": a pet shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the pet and not under the control of any person.
- d) "under the control": a pet shall be deemed to be under control when it is on a leash held by a person or on a leash which is securely affixed to some permanent structure from which the pet cannot escape.
- e) "disposal" means the selling of an impounded pet at a price not less than the cost to redeem a pet under section 9 hereof, or the killing of an impounded pet.
- f) "Pet catcher" means a person appointed by resolution of the Council of the Municipality to capture pets running at large.
- g) "By-Law enforcement officer" means any By-law enforcement officer for the Municipality.
- h) "Municipality" means the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté.

2. No pet owner shall allow the running at large of any pet owned by him or her, at any time, in the Municipality. Pet owners shall prevent their pet from running at large.

3. No person shall suffer, allow or permit a pet under his or her control or of which he or she is the owner to trespass on private property, whether on a leash or not, unless permission for said trespass is first obtained from the property owner.

4. a) No pet owner and no person who has control of a pet shall suffer, allow or permit the pet to defecate on or in the following premises:

- a public place, or;
- private property, without the consent of the property owner.

b) The pet owner or other person referred to in subsection 4 a) shall, immediately and without delay, remove the excrement and provide for its sanitary disposition.

5. a) Every pet owner shall register each and every pet he or she owns in the Municipality and pay to the Municipality the license fee prescribed in section 7 hereunder. Upon payment of said fee, the pet owner shall obtain a license tag from the Municipality for each pet owned by him or her. The pet owner shall keep the tag so procured securely fixed on the pet for which the tag was obtained or issued at all times (the tag may be removed if a dog is being lawfully used for hunting deer in the bush). Unless there is a change of ownership, the registration number of a pet will be valid for the life of the pet.

b) If there is a change of ownership of a previously licensed pet, the new owner shall immediately notify the Municipality of the change of ownership and obtain a new license as per section 5 a).

6. Every person who becomes a pet owner in any year shall register same and pay the prescribed license fee within fifteen days of acquiring or otherwise becoming the owner of a pet.

7. License fees for pets shall be as follows:

i) The license fee for each pet shall be \$5.00 per annum effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of every year, and shall become renewable annually. A penalty of \$1.00 per month shall apply to all late renewals after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

ii) The fee for a new license purchased on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> shall be \$3.00.

iii) A fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for each tag issued under section 5 a) that needs to be replaced for being lost or stolen.

8. Any pet found running at large in the Municipality, contrary to the provisions of this By-law, may be impounded by a By-law enforcement officer or by a Pet catcher, immediately after seizure, and may be disposed of at any time beyond 72 hours of its being impounded, excluding the day of pick-up, Sunday and holidays.

9. a) A pet owner wishing to release a pet which has been seized under section 8 herein before the pet is impounded shall immediately pay a "release fee" of \$60.00 to the Municipality prior to the releasing of the pet.

b) Any duly registered pet impounded under section 8 hereof may be redeemed within 72 hours from the time it was impounded (excluding the day of pick-up, Sundays and holidays) by the pet owner, for the sum of \$60.00 for each pet, plus applicable pet pound fees of \$10.00 per day, plus applicable taxes, after proving his or her ownership and the holding of a proper pet license. No unregistered pet shall be released prior to the purchase of a proper pet license.

c) Whenever a pet is seized and impounded under section 8 hereof, the pet owner, if known, whether or not the pet is claimed from the pound, shall be liable for impounding fees as per section 9 b) above; the pound keeper shall make every effort to advise the pet owner, if known, within the time period prescribed in section 9 b) hereof.

10. a) Where, in the opinion of the By-law enforcement officer or Pet catcher, a pet seized under section 8 hereof is injured or should be destroyed without delay for humanitarian reasons or for reasons of safety to persons, the By-law enforcement officer or Pet catcher may kill the pet as soon after the seizure as he or she thinks fit without permitting any person to reclaim or redeem the pet.

b) Where a By-law enforcement officer or Pet catcher finds a pet running at large contrary to the provisions of the By-law and he or she believes that before he or she can seize the pet, it may attack a human being or is in the act of attacking or threatening to attack a human being, he or she may kill the pet.

c) i) Where a By-law enforcement officer or Pet catcher is unable to seize a pet that is running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law, the By-law enforcement officer or the Pet catcher may use a duly approved pet trap to capture the pet.

ii) The Pet catcher or the Municipality may temporarily set a pet trap (cage) on a private or municipal property provided adequate surveillance is provided to ensure the safety of children and that of other animals.

11. No compensation, damages, fees or other sum shall be:

a) recoverable by a pet owner or other person;

b) paid by the Municipality or its agents on account of, or by reason of,

i) capturing, taking into custody or impounding a pet; or

ii) selling, disposing or euthanizing a cat, in the course of the administration and enforcement of this by-law.

12. Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law shall, upon summary conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100.00; such penalty shall be subject to voluntary out of court payment to the Municipality. If voluntary payment is not made, the fine shall become recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act.

13. This By-law repeals By-law no. 672.

14. This By-law shall become effective on the day of its passage.

READ AND ADOPTED IN OPEN COUNCIL  
This 7th day of November 2016

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Mayor

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Clerk