

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

BY-LAW NO. 967

Being a By-law to provide for animal care and control

WHEREAS Sections 10. (2) 9, 103. (1) and 128. (1) and 129 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter M. 25 and amendments thereto, authorize municipalities to regulate animals and to provide for a registration system for such animals;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to regulate the keeping of cats and dogs within the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, to prohibit such animals from being at large, to establish a system of registration and licences for such animals and to establish penalties for the contravention of this by-law;

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

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this by-law, the following definitions will apply:

1.1 **"Pet"** means any dog or cat, male or female.

1.2 **"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.

1.3 **"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.

1.4 **"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.

1.5 **"By-Law enforcement officer"** means any By-law enforcement officer for the Municipality.

1.6 **"Municipality"** means the Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté.

2. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

2.1 No pet owner shall allow his or her pet to be running at large, at any time, in the Municipality.

2.2 No pet owner shall allow or permit his or her pet to trespass on private property, whether on a leash or not, unless permission for said trespass is first obtained from the property owner.

2.3 No pet owner shall leave any excrements deposited by such pet on any lands outside of the owner's premises, including public lands, and the owner shall dispose of such excrements at or on the owner's premises.

2.4 No pet owner shall permit excrements deposited by his or her pet to accumulate on the owner's premises in such amounts as to create odors or an unsightly appearance which may disturb the enjoyment or comfort of inhabitants of lands outside the owner's premises or endanger the health of said animal or any person.

3. REGISTRATION AND LICENCE

3.1 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 3.4 hereunder.

3.2 Upon payment of the prescribed fee, the pet owner shall obtain a license tag from the Municipality for each pet owned by him or her. The pet owner shall at all times keep the tag so procured securely fixed on the pet for which the tag was obtained or issued. Unless there is a change of ownership, the registration number of a pet will be valid for the life of the pet.

3.3 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 3.1.

3.4 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.

3.5 License fees for pets shall be as follows:

i) The license fee for each pet shall be \$50.00 (lifetime).

iii) A fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for each tag issued under section 3.2 that needs to be replaced for being lost or stolen.

4. LICENSED BREEDERS

4.1 Puppy and kitten mills are strictly prohibited. Pet breeders must be fully licensed and abide by all federal and provincial animal welfare laws and regulations.

5. ENFORCEMENT

a) Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law, or permits a contravention of this by-law, is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine, not exceeding \$5,000.00, exclusive of costs, as provided for by the *Provincial Offenses Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.

b) Where an offense against any provision of this by-law is of a continuing nature, a separate offense shall be deemed to occur on each day that the offense occurs or continues.

c) No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against any municipal employee for any act done in good faith, in execution of any power or duty under this by-law.

d) Any costs and or fines resulting from a person refusing to comply with this by-law shall be paid within 30 days. Any unpaid fines shall be recovered in the same manner as municipal taxes.

6. SCHEDULE

Schedule "A", Animal control set fines, attached hereto, is hereby made part of this by-law.

7. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this by-law is, for any reason, held to be invalid by the decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this by-law.

8. SHORT TITLE

This by-law may be referred to or cited as the "Animal control by-law".

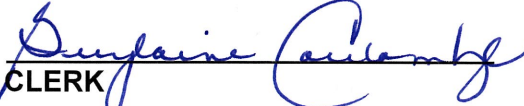
9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This by-law will take effect on January 1st, 2024 and will repeal and replace By-law no. 767.

READ AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.



MAYOR



CLERK

Schedule "A" to By-law no. 967

TOWNSHIP OF MATTICE – VAL CÔTÉ

Part 1 Provincial Offences Act

By-law no. 967: Animal Care and Control By-law

Item	Short form wording	Provision creating or defining the offence	Set fine
1	Allowing pet to be running at large	2.1	\$100.00
2	Allowing pet to trespass on private property	2.2	\$100.00
3	Leaving pet's excrements outside of owner's premises	2.3	\$100.00
4	Permitting excrements to accumulate on owner's premises	2.4	\$100.00
5	Failure to register each pet	3.1	\$100.00
6	Failure to notify of the change of ownership	3.3	\$100.00

NOTE: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is section 5 of By-law no. 967, a certified copy of which has been filed.