

**BYLAW 821  
OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG VALLEY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**Being a bylaw of the Village of Big Valley to amend Bylaw 810 to regulate, restrain the running at large, the licensing and impounding of dogs and overall regulation of animals both domestic and wild within the Village.**

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Big Valley, in the Province of Alberta, deems it necessary to amend Bylaw 810, to include regulation of Cats and Other Animals;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Big Valley, in the Province of Alberta in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

**DEFINITION – Part 1**

- 1) “CAT” means either male or female of the feline family;
- 2) “FARM ANIMAL” means any animal regularly kept by means of animal husbandry including, but not limited to: chicken, goat, sheep, pig, cow, or horse;
- 3) “OTHER ANIMAL” means any animal other than a Cat, Dog or Farm Animal.

**OFFENCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS – Part 2**

- 1) The owner of a Cat or Other Animal is guilty of an offence if the Cat or Other Animal:
  - a) Runs at large;
  - b) Defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner and; the owner or person in control of the Cat or Other Animal fails to immediately remove such defecation.
  - c) Is on public property while not on a leash and controlled by a capable person.
  - d) Is on School property, unless otherwise permitted or allowed by the School Board;
  - e) Is within a site containing playground apparatus and/or sand play area;
  - f) Attacks or bites any person or animal;
- 2) When a Cat or Other Animal is found running at large, or on School or playground property, or to have caused damage to public or private property, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 3) The owner of a Cat or Other Animal is guilty of an offence if the Owner provides false or misleading information to a Bylaw Officer, or Animal Control Officer, Police Officer or Special Constable.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION – Part 3**

- 1) The Village of Big Valley may arrange for a pound to be established or contracted for the keeping and impounding of Cats and Other Animals.
- 2) Impounded animals shall be kept for a period of at least 72 hours, including the day of impounding but excluding Statutory Holidays. During this period, animals may be redeemed by an Owner upon payment to the Contractor of:
  - a) The appropriate fine, where applicable; and
  - b) Kennel fees and any other fees incurred by the Contractor during the animal's impoundment.
- 3) At the expiry of the 72 hour period, any animal not redeemed may be euthanized, adopted out or sold and the money kept by the Contractor.
- 4) The Contractor or Bylaw Officer shall report any apparent illness, communicable disease, injury or unhealthy condition of any animal to a veterinarian and act upon their recommendation regardless of Part 3 s.2) of this Bylaw. The Owner, if known, shall be held responsible for all charges resulting therefrom.

### **PENALTIES – Part 4**

- 1) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to payment of a penalty as follows:

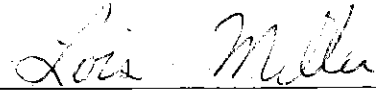
P-2. S. 1 a)	running at large	\$50	\$100	\$500
P-2. S. 1 b)	Fail to remove defecation	\$50	\$100	\$500
P-2. S. 1 c)	Is on public property off leash	\$50	\$100	\$500
P-2. S. 1 d)	on School property	\$50	\$100	\$500
P-2. S. 1 e)	in playground/sand play area	\$50	\$100	\$500
P-2. S. 1 f)	Bite person or animal	\$200	\$400	Court
P-2. S.2)	Damage public or private property	\$50	\$100	\$500
P-2. S. 3)	Provide false or misleading information	\$200	\$400	Court

- 2) The Animal Control Officer, Police Constable or Bylaw Officer may enforce the provisions of this Bylaw, and may issue an offence ticket to an owner of a Cat or Other Animal alleged to have committed one or more of the above offences and require a payment of the appropriate fine as provided in this Part and as per Part 7 of Bylaw 810.

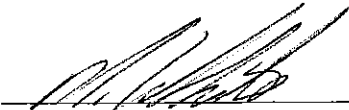
Read a first time in Council this 21st day of December, 2015.

Read a second time in Council this 16th day of June, 2016.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed this 28 day of July, 2016.



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Mayor



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