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**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG**

**THE POUND BY-LAW**  
**NO. 2443/79**

**A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to regulate, control and license the keeping of animals, to provide for the maintenance and regulations of Pounds, and prevent the running at large of animals.**

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This By-law may be referred to as "**The Pound By-law**".

**DEFINITIONS**

2. Wherever used in this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

**"Police Constable"** means any member of the Police Force of The City of Winnipeg;

*amended 6595/95*

**"Pound"** means any enclosure, premises or place designated by the City for the purpose of impounding and caring for all animals found running at large in violation of this By-law;

*amended 6595/95*

**"Poundkeeper"** means a person or persons appointed by the City to act as Poundkeeper, his deputy, and any one or more of his assistants or any other person authorized to perform any of the duties of the Poundkeeper;

*amended 6595/95*

**"Run at Large" or "Running at Large"** as applied to any animal other than a dog or a cat, means not being under control of owner, either by being in direct or continuous charge of a herder or by confinement within an enclosure, except in the case where animals are being driven from one enclosure to another in direct or continuous charge of a herder.

*amended 6595/95, 7119/97*

**"Chief License Inspector"**

*repealed 107/2009*

**"Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager"** means the holder of such position in the employment of the City of Winnipeg or his designate.

*added 107/2009*

### **POUND AND ADMINISTRATION**

3. (a) The City shall maintain a Pound or Pounds located within the City at such place or places designated for the time being as City Pounds.
- (b) The Poundkeeper or a Police Constable and their delegates may conduct inspections and take steps to administer and enforce this by-law or remedy a contravention of this by-law in accordance with The City of Winnipeg Charter<sup>1</sup> and for those purposes, have the powers of a "designated employee" under the City of Winnipeg Charter.

*amended 8162/2002; 107/2009*

### **PART I**

#### **DEFINITION**

4. In this part

**"animal"** means any animal of husbandry but does not include a dog or cat;

*amended 6595/95*

**"fowl"** means domesticated fowl but does not include a pigeon as defined in the Pigeon Control By-law No. 978/75 of The City of Winnipeg.

*amended 6595/95*

#### **POUND LIMIT**

5. The City Pound Limit shall comprise all of The City of Winnipeg.

**CONTROL OF ANIMALS**

- 6. (a) No person shall allow any animal to run at large within the City Pound Limits.
- (b) No person shall drive or lead any animal in any street or public place or allow any entire male animal to be herded anywhere within the City Pound Limit, unless the animal is thoroughly secured and is in sufficient and competent control of the driver or person in charge.

**CHARGES FOR IMPOUNDING**

- 7. (a) A Poundkeeper may impound any animal found running at large or trespassing, causing damage or being herded contrary to the provisions of this By-law, and also take charge of or detain any animal delivered to him for that purpose by anyone. The Poundkeeper may also on receipt of a complaint or being notified that an animal is at large, is trespassing or is causing damage contrary to the provisions hereof, fetch and impound such animal.

(b) All animals impounded under this By-law shall be taken to the Pound where they can be best accommodated.

(c) Wherever any animal is impounded, the Poundkeeper shall detain such animal until the owner thereof or his agent pays over and above any claim for damages or any other charges hereunder and the following sums for impounding, each:

Domestic Animal I.E. - Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Goats, or Pigs.....	\$10.00
Fowl .....	\$ 1.00

(d) The Poundkeeper shall furnish daily to all animals impounded, sufficient water, food and shelter and the City shall for such care and maintenance be paid by the owner thereof or deducted from the proceeds of the sale the following allowances, over and above all other fees and charges mentioned herein:

For Animals .....	each \$ 5.00
For Fowl	each \$ 1.00

for each and every day or portion thereof during the time they are impounded, plus transportation costs where applicable.

(e) Impounded milk cows shall be milked as may be necessary and the Poundkeeper may keep the milk for his own use.

**PERSONS CLAIMING DAMAGE**

8. Any person claiming damages from trespass by an animal impounded, may at any time before the animal is released, deliver to the Poundkeeper duplicate statements in writing of his demand against the owner of such animal for the trespass, and shall at the same time give his written agreement under seal, with a satisfactory surety, if required by the Poundkeeper, in the form following or words to the same effect:

"I, ..... do hereby agree that  
I, ..... will pay to the owner of the  
(description of the animal), this day impounded, all costs to which  
the said owner may be put in case the distress by me, the said.  
..... proves to be illegal, or in case the claim  
for damages now put by me fails to be established."

**ADVERTISING**

- 9. (a) The Poundkeeper shall forthwith after impounding any animal and before the sale thereof cause to be inserted in the two daily newspapers circulated in The City of Winnipeg, a Notice describing the animal impounded, sex and colour and age as nearly as possible and identifying marks.
- (b) The owner of the animal will bear responsibility for the fee as prescribed by the newspapers for the insertion of such notice.

**REDEMPTION**

10. The owner of any animal impounded may redeem the same at any time within ten (10) days of the impounding by paying to the Poundkeeper all damages, if any, all fees, charges, expenses and penalties imposed hereunder.

**DISPOSAL OF UNREDEEMED ANIMALS**

- 11. (a) If the owner of an animal or any other person on his behalf shall not within ten (10) days of such impounding redeem the animal by paying the Poundkeeper all charges herein above provided together with penalty and damages, if any, the Poundkeeper shall cause such animal to be sold by auction, and after deducting all charges as are fixed by this By-law and the penalty or damages, if any, and costs, arrange to have the balance, if any, to be paid to the owner if the owner be known and if the owner be not known, shall pay the same to the City Treasurer.
- (b) If the proceeds of sale are not sufficient to pay all expenses, the balance thereof, after applying thereon such proceeds, may be recovered with costs as a debt due to the City from the owner of such animal, in which case the production of a statement of the amount of such proceeds, the amount of expenses and the balance owing, purporting to be certified by the City Treasurer, shall be evidence of the debt.

12. If any dispute arises as to the amount of damages claimed, the amount shall be determined by the Director of Community Services and an appeal from his/her decision may be made in accordance with subsection 20.1(5).

*amended 8162/2002*

**FEEES TO PERSONS BRINGING DISTRESS**

13. The Poundkeeper may in his discretion authorize the following payments to persons bringing in animals found running at large contrary to this By-law or trespassing:

For entire male animals .....	\$20.00
For other horses, mules, or cattle.....	\$20.00
For other sheep, goats or swine .....	\$ 5.00
For fowl .....	\$ 1.00

Notwithstanding the number of animals which may be brought to the Pound, the total amount so payable at any one time shall not exceed the amount payable for three of such animals.

**EXPENSES GENERALLY**

14. In addition to the fees and charges herein provided there shall be paid to the city in respect of any animal impounded before the same is released, any expenses to which the City may be put in connection therewith.

**PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTING:**

15. No person shall hinder, delay, interfere with or obstruct a Poundkeeper or a Police Constable or any other person who is attempting to capture or who has captured any animal in accordance with the provisions of this By-law, or any person engaged in taking an animal to the Pound.

*amended 7462/99; 107/2009*

**PART II - DOGS**

**DEFINITION**

16. **"at large"** means off the premises of the owner and not on a leash held by a person able to control the dog. The leash shall be no longer than six (6) feet;

*amended 6595/95*

**"dogs"** means either male or female of the Canine of Canidae family;

*amended 6595/95*

**"dog guide"** shall extend to and include any dog specially trained for and actually used as a dog guide by any person whose sight is impaired or is blind; or whose hearing is impaired or they are deaf;

*amended 3891/85, 6595/95*

**"owner"** includes any person who keeps or harbours a dog;

**"dangerous dog"** means a dog which has been declared to be dangerous pursuant to section 20.1 or pursuant to section 20.2 of this By-law.

*amended 5421/90*

**"severe injury"** means any physical injury that results in broken bones or disfiguring lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery.

*amended 4791/88, 6595/95*

**"Pit Bull dog"** means

- (i) Pit Bull Terrier; or
- (ii) Staffordshire Bull Terrier; or
- (iii) American Staffordshire Terrier; or
- (iv) American Pit Bull Terrier; or

- (v) Any dog which has the appearance and physical characteristics predominantly conforming to the standards for any of the above breeds, as established by the Canadian Kennel Club or the American Kennel Club or the United Kennel Club and attached as Schedule B, as determined by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Manitoba.  
*added 5421/90, amended 6595/95*

## **LICENSING**

17. (a) Subject to Subsections 18(2) and 20.1(7), the owner of any dog over the age of 6 months shall obtain a license. The cost of said license shall be in the amount specified in Appendix "A" attached hereto and shall be renewed thereafter on an annual basis in the month established by Appendix A and in the amount specified in Section 18.  
*amended 7119/97*
- (b) The license is not transferable from one dog to another. However, upon application and satisfactory evidence a refund shall be made on any paid up dog license fee because of the death or sale of the dog or upon the owner leaving the City before the expiration of the license, such refund to be calculated on a quarterly pro rata basis.  
*amended 3891/85*
- (c) The owner shall place and keep around the neck of every dog a collar to which shall be securely fastened the validated license tag;  
*amended 7119/97*
- (d) *repealed 7119/97*
- (e) *repealed 7119/97*
- (e.1) Every owner of a dangerous dog must produce, before a license is issued, evidence that he has in place a comprehensive general liability insurance policy including coverage for damage or injury caused by his dog covering the balance of the license year with a minimum limit of liability of \$300,000.00 per occurrence.  
*added 4791/88*
- (f) Where a validated license tag is lost or damaged, the licensee shall forthwith apply for a new validated license tag, the cost of which shall be \$2.00.  
*added 3891/85, amended 7119/97*
- (g) A license may be sold by the Poundkeeper or any other outlet deemed appropriate by the Animal Services Agency.  
*amended 7854/2001*

- (h) Any other outlet shall:
  - (i) obtain all necessary forms and validated license tags from the Poundkeeper;
  - (ii) on a monthly basis remit all license fees and the original completed license form to the Poundkeeper, less a service fee of \$5.00 for each new license sold and \$3.50 for each annual renewal of a license;
  - (iii) on the day of sale by use of a facsimile machine send a copy of each completed license form to the Poundkeeper;
  - (iv) be responsible for paying for any errors in calculating the correct amount of any license fee.  
*added 7119/97 (g and h inclusive); amended 7854/2001; 8008/2002*

### **LICENSE FEE**

- 18. (1) Subject to subsection (2) hereof,
  - (a) the annual license fee for every sterile dog shall be \$25.00 in 2009, \$26.00 in 2010 and \$27.00 in 2011. The annual license fee for every other male or female dog shall be \$60.00 in 2009, \$61.00 in 2010 and \$62.00 in 2011. Proof of sterilization shall be by certificate of a licensed Veterinary Surgeon to that effect.  
*amended 4791/88, 7119/97; 7896/2001; 66/2009*
  - (b) No license fee shall be charged for any dog specially trained as a "Dog Guide" providing that the person using such a dog produces proof of blindness or impairment of sight or of deafness or impairment of hearing to the satisfaction of the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager.  
*amended 4791/88; 107/2009*
  - (b.1) No license fee shall be charged for any dog adopted from The Winnipeg Humane Society for the licence year which it is adopted.  
*amended 6279/93*
  - (c) *repealed 7119/97*
- (2) (a) The annual license fee for every dangerous dog shall be \$75.00 which shall expire on the 31st day of December next after the license becomes effective and every dangerous dog shall obtain a new license tag each year.  
*amended 4791/88, 7119/97*



- (b) The owner of any dog which has been declared to be dangerous pursuant to section 20.1 shall, no later than the tenth day after receiving notice from the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager that his dog has been declared to be dangerous or, if an appeal is taken, forthwith upon the confirmation by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services of that declaration, obtain a license for the remainder of the license year upon payment of the following:  
*amended 8162/2002; 107/2009*
- (i) During the period from January 1 to March 31, \$75.00;
  - (ii) During the period from April 1 to June 30, \$56.25;
  - (iii) During the period from July 1 to September 30, \$37.50
  - (iv) During the period from October 1 to December 31, \$18.75  
*amended 4791/88*
- (3) Where a change of ownership of a dog licensed hereunder occurs during the license year, the new owner may have the current license transferred to his name upon payment of a transfer fee of \$2.00.  
*amended 4791/88*
- (4) A person may purchase or renew a license for 2 years, in which case they shall be entitled to a discount of 10% on the cost of the license for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.  
*amended 8008/2002*
- (5) An owner who sterilizes his or her dog during the current license year is entitled to a rebate equal to the difference in cost between an intact dog licence and a sterilized dog licence prorated to the closest quarter year.  
*added 66/2009*

### **SPECIAL RESTRICTION**

19. (1) No owner shall permit a dog to be anywhere than on the owner's premises without a collar and the proper license tag nor unless the dog is on a leash and is under the immediate charge and control of some competent person.  
*amended 2523/80, 7119/97*
- (2) A female dog in heat shall be confined and housed in the residence of the owner or person having control of the dog for the period of time that she is in heat, or taken to a licensed kennel for the whole period of time in heat.  
*amended 2523/80*

**RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS**

## 20. No owner shall:

- (1) (a) permit his dog to run at large. When a dog is found running at large, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection;
- (b) permit his dog to bark or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person or persons anywhere;  
*amended 2619/80*
- (c) permit his dog to defecate on any public or private property other than the property of its owner. Where a dog defecates on property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such excrement to be removed immediately;
- (d) permit his dog to damage public or private property other than that of its owner. Where a public or private property has been damaged by a dog, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection;
- (e) own, keep or harbour any dog (other than a dog under the age of six months or a Dog Guide) for which a valid license has not been issued;  
*amended 7119/97*
- (f) harbour or keep any vicious dog unless such dog is securely fastened and properly muzzled at all times in such place and in such manner that it does not endanger the safety of any person or any other animal;
- (g) permit a dog to pursue any person or animal;  
*amended 7462/99*
- (g.1) permit a dog to bite or wound any person or animal;  
*added 7462/99*
- (h) permit a dog on any school ground or playground;
- (i) permit a dog on parkland area unless the dog is on a leash (no longer than six (6) feet) and in the actual custody and control of the owner, except when the owner is attending a recognized training or obedience school for training his dog at a time and place approved by the Superintendent of Parks;

- (j) fail to produce on demand an unexpired Rabies Vaccination Certificate issued from a licensed veterinarian for each dog he or she owns. This clause shall not apply where a licensed Veterinary Surgeon states in writing that the dog cannot be vaccinated for rabies due to medical reasons.  
*added 7119/97; 66/2009*
- (2) An owner whose sight is impaired or who is blind or whose hearing is impaired or who is deaf who owns a registered Dog Guide or who is being assisted by a Dog Guide shall not be subject to the restrictions imposed under subsections (1) (c) or (1) (h).  
*amended 3891/85*
- (3) An owner of a dog which is found upsetting waste receptacles and scattering the contents thereof in or about a street, lane or other public or private property not belonging to the owner of the dog is guilty of an offence separate and apart from the offence provided in subsection (1) (a) hereof, and upon summary conviction thereof shall in addition to any penalty imposed upon him, be civilly liable to the City for any expense directly or indirectly incurred by it in connection with the receptacle being upset or the waste scattered abroad.
- (4) Notwithstanding subclauses 20(1)(a), (g) and (i) the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services may permit Burland School to allow dogs trained to disperse geese to operate in Burland Park for a trial period ending November 30, 2010.  
*added 173/2007; amended 32/2008; 156/2008*

### **DANGEROUS DOGS**

- 20.1 (1) Where the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager has reason to believe that a dog has caused or is likely to cause serious damage or injury, he shall hold a hearing to determine whether or not that dog should be declared to be dangerous.  
*amended 4791/88; 107/2009*
- (2) The Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager shall serve the owner of the dog with written notice of the determination hearing at least five (5) days in advance of the hearing in accordance with The City of Winnipeg Charter.<sup>2</sup> Where an address for sending a notice is required, one of the following shall be used:
- (a) if the person to be served is the owner of the real property, the address maintained by the tax collector for the purpose of issuing the tax notice for that property; and

- (b) if the person to be served is the occupant of real property, the street address for that property:

and the notice shall include:

- (c) a statement of the time, place and purpose of the hearing;
  - (d) a copy of Part II of this By-law;
  - (e) statement that if the licensee does not attend at the hearing, the matter may be dealt with in his absence and that he will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.  
*amended 8162/2002*
- (3) (a) The owner may appear at the hearing with or without counsel and may call witnesses on his behalf. The owner shall be entitled to hear all evidence presented at the hearing and to inspect any documents filed.
- (b) Where the owner does not attend at the hearing, having been given notice as provided in this section, the matter may be dealt with in his absence and the owner shall not be entitled to any further notice on the proceeding.  
*amended 4791/88*
- (4) Within five working days of the determination hearing, the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager shall issue written findings resulting from the hearing and
- (a) shall make an order declaring the dog to be dangerous if in his opinion:
    - (i) the dog has caused severe injury to a person without provocation, whether on public or private property;
    - (ii) the dog has, while off its owner's property, killed a domestic animal without provocation; or
    - (iii) the dog is kept, harboured or used primarily for the purpose of guarding property and is not a police service dog owned by the City or a government law enforcement agency;
  - (b) may make an order declaring the dog to be dangerous if, in his opinion it is likely to cause serious damage or injury, taking the following factors into account:
    - (i) whether the dog has bitten, wounded or injured any person or animal;

- (ii) the circumstances surrounding any previous biting or wounding incidents; and
    - (iii) whether the dog, when unprovoked, has shown a tendency to pursue, chase or approach in a menacing fashion persons upon the street, sidewalk or any public or private property;
  - (c) shall provide a copy of his findings to the owner in the manner provided in subsection (2) hereof.  
*added 4791/88*
- (5) An appeal from a decision under subsection 20.1(4) may be made in accordance with The City of Winnipeg Charter<sup>3</sup> to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.  
*amended 8162/2002*
- (6) (a) Where an appeal is filed as provided in subsection (5) hereof, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services shall hold a hearing to determine whether the order of the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager should be upheld and the provisions of subsections (2), (3) and (4) apply mutatis mutandis to that hearing.  
*amended 8162/2002; 107/2009*
- (b) upon hearing all representations in the matter, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services may confirm or reverse the order of the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager declaring the dog to be dangerous.  
*amended 8162/2002; 107/2009*
- (c) The decision of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on an appeal under this subsection shall be final and shall be served on the owner in accordance with subsection 20.1(2).  
*added 4791/88; amended 8162/2002*
- (7) (a) Where a dog is declared to be dangerous by the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager and
- (i) no appeal is filed pursuant to subsection (5) hereof, or
  - (ii) upon appeal, the declaration is confirmed by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, any license previously issued in relation to that dog shall be deemed to have been cancelled effective as of the tenth day following the order of the Chief License Inspector, or the date of the decision of the Committee on Finance and Administration, as applicable.

*amended 8162/2002; 107/2009*

- (b) Where a license is deemed to have been cancelled pursuant to clause (a) hereof, the owner shall be entitled to a credit or refund on any paid-up license fee, calculated on a quarterly pro rata basis.  
*added 4791/88*
- (8)
  - (a) Every owner who has received notification from the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager pursuant to subsection (2) that a determination hearing will be held with respect to his dog shall ensure that the dog remains confined upon the premises of the owner pending the final outcome of the hearing.  
*amended 8162/2002; 107/2009*
  - (b) Clause (a) shall not apply if the dog is impounded or if the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager receives written confirmation from a licensed Veterinary Surgeon that the dog has been placed in his custody pending the outcome of the hearing.  
*added 4791/88; 107/2009*
- (9) Every owner of a dog which has been declared to be dangerous shall:
  - (a) have an electronic identification microchip implanted in the dog by a licensed veterinarian and provide a copy of the information contained thereon to the Poundkeeper;  
*amended 66/2009*
  - (b) ensure that the dog, while on private property, is kept either securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen, structure or compound which:
    - (i) is capable of preventing the entry of young children and preventing the dog from escaping;
    - (ii) has minimum dimensions of five by ten feet;
    - (iii) has secure sides; and
    - (iv) provides protection from the elements for the dog;
  - (c) permit the dog upon public property only if it is muzzled, restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and under the control of a responsible person;

- (d) display at each entrance to the property and/or building in or upon which the dog is kept a sign, in the form attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" to this By-law, to be provided by the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager. The said signs shall be posted in such a manner as cannot be removed easily by passersby and will be visible and capable of being read from the sidewalk or street and lane, if any;
  - (e) within two working days of selling or giving away the dangerous dog, provide the Poundkeeper with the name, address and telephone number of the new owner;
  - (f) advise the Poundkeeper within two working days of the death of the dangerous dog;
  - (g) advise the Poundkeeper forthwith if the dangerous dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any person or animal.  
*added 4791/88*
  - (h) maintain in force a comprehensive general liability insurance policy including coverage for damage or injury caused by his dog with a minimum limit liability of \$300,000.00 per occurrence.  
*added 4836/88*
- (10) No person shall deface or remove a sign posted pursuant to clause (d) of subsection (9) hereof without having first obtained the permission of the Community By-law Enforcement Services Manager.  
*added 4791/88; 107/2009*

### **PIT BULL DOGS**

- 20.2 (1) Notwithstanding subsections 20.1(1) to 20.1(8) inclusive, any Pit Bull dog within the City of Winnipeg is and shall be conclusively deemed a dangerous dog.
- (2) Any licence issued in respect of a Pit Bull dog shall be deemed to have been cancelled effective as of the date of the passing of this amended By-law. Where a licence is cancelled pursuant to this subsection, the owner
- (a) shall be entitled to a credit or refund on any paid-up licence fee, calculated on a quarterly pro rata basis; and
  - (b) shall obtain prior to June 1, 1990 the licence required for a dangerous dog; or

- (c) shall remove the Pit Bull dog from the City forthwith and provide sufficient evidence thereof to the Poundkeeper or deliver the Pit Bull dog to the Pound for destruction;
- (3) No person shall keep or harbour any Pit Bull dog regardless of age on or after June 1, 1990, except where the owner has a valid dangerous dog licence for that dog which has been issued prior to that date.
- (4) A person may temporarily keep or harbour in the City a Pit Bull dog only for the purpose of showing such Pit Bull dog in a place of public exhibition, contest, or show sponsored by a bona fide dog club association, provided that when such Pit Bull dog is not being shown at the place of said public exhibition, contest or show, it shall be
  - (a) securely kennelled; or
  - (b) muzzled, restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and under the control of a responsible person.
- (5) The owner of a Pit Bull dog shall notify the Poundkeeper within two working days in the event that the Pit Bull dog has a litter. The owner shall deliver the offspring to the Pound for destruction, or permanently remove the offspring from the City of Winnipeg by the time the offspring are weaned and provide sufficient evidence of such removal to the Poundkeeper. In no event shall the owner keep or harbour within the City of Winnipeg a Pit Bull dog born after June 1, 1990 that is more than eight weeks old.
- (6) If any provision of this By-law is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this By-law shall not be invalidated.  
*added 5421/90 (1 - 6 inclusive)*

## **IMPOUNDING**

- 21. (1) It shall be the duty of the Poundkeeper:
  - (a) to capture and confine, at the City Pound, any dog running at large contrary to the provisions of this By-law;



- (b) to issue either a penalty ticket to or lay an information against an owner alleged to have committed an offence of permitting his dog to run at large. A penalty ticket may be served on the owner personally or upon a person apparently over the age of sixteen years at the residence of the owner  
*amended 2619/80*
- (2) The Poundkeeper shall provide sufficient food, water and shelter to every dog captured and impounded during the time such dog remains impounded.
- (3) The Poundkeeper shall keep all impounded dogs for a minimum period of five (5) days, including the day of impoundment, but excluding any day during which the Pound is closed.  
*amended 3891/85*
- (4) Where, following the expiration of the five (5) day period of its impoundment, a dog has not been redeemed the Poundkeeper shall determine whether the dog is suitable for adoption based on the dog's health and behaviour. All dogs determined to be suitable shall be offered free of charge to The Winnipeg Humane Society and upon acceptance shall become the sole responsibility of The Winnipeg Humane Society. Any dog found not to be suitable shall be disposed of by the Poundkeeper.  
*amended 6279/93*
- (4.1) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4), where the owner of an impounded dog has identified the dog, the Poundkeeper shall keep said dog for a period of ten (10) days, including the day of impoundment, but excluding any day during which the Pound is closed. The fees payable by the owner of said dog shall be calculated pursuant to section 22 of this By-law. After expiration of the ten (10) day period, subsection (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis.  
*amended 5420/90; 66/2009*
- (5) (a) The Poundkeeper shall take into custody and place in quarantine any dog that he has reason to believe has bitten a person whether on private premises or elsewhere and whether the skin was directly punctured or lacerated by the bite or not, excepting that this provision shall not apply to police service dogs owned by the City or a government law enforcement agency while on tour of duty and under the control of a qualified dog handler.  
*amended 4791/88*

- (b) If such a dog is not voluntarily surrendered to the Poundkeeper by the owner, the Poundkeeper shall be empowered to have a Provincial Judge, Magistrate or Justice of the Peace issue an order to seize and impound such dog.
  - (c) Any such dog so delivered or taken to the Pound shall be kept therein for ten (10) days, at the owner's expense, commencing from the date of the bite.
  - (d) If the owner of such dog delivers the dog to a place other than the Pound such place must be in Winnipeg and must be under the personal supervision of a licensed Veterinary Surgeon and the dog must remain at such place at the owner's expense for ten (10) days, commencing from the date of the bite.  
*amended 2619/80*
  - (e) A fee calculated at the rate of \$21.00 for each day or any part thereof in 2009 and \$22.00 for each day or any part thereof commencing in 2010 and \$23.00 for each day or any part thereof commencing in 2011 shall be paid by the owner before the dog will be allowed to be released from the Pound, and if the owner fails to take the dog from the Pound within two (2) days (48 hours) after the confinement period, the dog shall be sold or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the Poundkeeper.  
*amended 3891/85; 151/2003; 96/2007; 66/2009*
  - (f) Any dog quarantined for biting, which dies, shall have its head submitted to the Health of Animals Branch, Federal Department of Agriculture, for rabies examination.
- (6) No liability shall attach to the Poundkeeper and/or The City of Winnipeg for any dog destroyed or injured while being captured or during impoundment.

### **REDEMPTION**

22. The owner of any dog impounded may redeem the dog at the place of impoundment within the five (5) day period of impoundment by paying the Poundkeeper the pound fee calculated as follows:

*amended 2523/80*

- (a) On any first offence the sum of \$50.00 plus \$21.00 for each day or any part thereof in 2009 and \$22.00 for each day or any part thereof in 2010 and \$23.00 for each day or any part thereof in 2011 the dog has been impounded and, in addition, a dog license fee, if applicable;  
*amended 3891/85; amended 7896/2001; 151/2003; 193/2006; 96/2007; 66/2009*
- (b) On any second offence occurring within the license year, the sum of \$150.00 plus \$21.00 for each day or part thereof in 2009 and \$22.00 for each day or part thereof in 2010 and \$23.00 for each day or part thereof in 2011 the dog has been impounded;  
*amended 3891/85, 7119/97; 151/2003; 96/2007; 66/2009*
- (c) On any third or any subsequent offence occurring within the license year, the sum of \$225.00 plus \$21.00 for each day or part thereof in 2009 and \$22.00 for each day or part thereof in 2010 and \$23.00 for each day or part thereof in 2011 the dog has been impounded.  
*amended 3891/85, 7119/97; 151/2003; 96/2007; 66/2009*

### **INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT**

23. *repealed 7462/99*

24. *repealed 4791/88*

### **RIGHT OF ENTRY**

25. (a) The Poundkeeper or Police Constable, or any person authorized by this By-law to enforce the provisions contained herein may enter into the land surrounding any building with the consent of an owner in pursuit of any dog which has been observed running at large.
- (b) The Poundkeeper or any other person authorized by this By-law may capture and impound any dog in respect of which he believes or has reasonable grounds to believe that an offence under this By-law is being or has been committed by any dog which is required to be impounded pursuant to the provisions of any Statute of Canada or of the Province of Manitoba or any regulation made thereunder.

**COMPLAINANT IDENTIFICATION**

26. A complainant must give to the Poundkeeper his or her name, address, and telephone number before any action will be taken to either impound a dog or to institute any legal proceedings.

**REMOVING COLLAR OR TAG PROHIBITED**

27. No unauthorized person shall remove the collar or validated license or tag of any licensed dog.

*amended 7119/97*

27.1 (1) The City's Director of Public Works, in consultation with the City's Manager of the Animal Services Division, shall have the authority to designate, or cancel the designation, of areas where owners may allow a dog to be off its leash on the following criteria:

- (a) Criteria for establishing an off leash area:
  - (i) the area shall be of sufficient size and/or diverse landscape to allow dogs and owners to pursue activities such as running, fetching and walking; and
  - (ii) the area shall be far enough removed from major roads and railway tracks to reduce the likelihood of an unleashed dog from running into traffic; and
  - (iii) the area shall be far enough removed from children's play areas, school grounds and scheduled athletic fields to reduce its potential for conflict between children and unleashed dogs; and
  - (iv) the area shall be far enough removed from heavily used public open space such as public gardens and picnic areas, to avoid conflict with the users of these facilities; and
  - (v) the area shall be reasonably accessible to users.

(b) Criteria for cancelling an off leash area:

The designation of an area as an off leash area may be cancelled for one or more of the following reasons:

- (i) Where there is a consistent violation of the requirement to pick up feces;
  - (ii) Where use of the area by unleashed dogs interferes with public use of the site;
  - (iii) Where conflicts between dogs and/or dog owners becomes problematic;
  - (iv) Where future development of the site changes the nature of the area making it unsuitable for further use as an off leash area.
- (2) Where an off leash area is established, an owner shall comply with the following rules and any violation thereof shall constitute an offence under this by-law:
- (a) an owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her dog;
  - (b) an owner shall be present and within view of his or her dog;
  - (c) an owner shall remove his or her dog from the area at the first sign of aggression;
  - (d) an owner shall ensure that his or her dog is under voice control while off leash, namely, come when called;
  - (e) an owner shall have a leash in his or her hand at all times;
  - (f) female dogs in heat shall not be allowed to enter or remain;
  - (g) dangerous or aggressive dogs shall not be allowed to enter or remain;
  - (h) any holes dug by a dog shall be filled by the owner;
  - (i) all feces shall be picked up by the owner and removed or deposited in waste receptacles;
  - (j) all dogs shall be licensed in accordance with this by-law;
  - (k) off leash areas will be open for use during the hours posted at each site.

- (3) Clauses (a), (b) and (i) of Subsection 20(1) shall not apply to an off leash area.  
*added 7147/98 (1 - 3 inclusive)*

### **PART III - GENERAL**

#### **CATS**

28. (1) Any cat that bites a person, whether the skin is directly punctured or lacerated by the bite or not, whether on private premises or elsewhere, shall, unless it is delivered by the owner forthwith to a licensed veterinarian, be taken by the Poundkeeper to a licensed veterinarian.
- (2) Any such cat so delivered or taken to a licensed veterinarian shall be impounded under the care of the veterinarian until there has lapsed a period of ten (10) days commencing on the day of the bite.
- (3) The owner of any such cat may recover the cat at the end of the quarantine period on payment of the veterinarian's charges and if the owner does not do so, the said charges shall be paid by the City and the Poundkeeper shall take possession of the cat and may sell or dispose of it.
- (4) No owner shall permit his cat to run at large. When a cat is found running at large, its owner shall be deemed to have failed or refused to comply with this subsection. "At large" shall mean off the premises of the owner and not on a leash held by a person able to control the cat. The leash shall be no longer than six (6) feet.
- (5) Any person wishing to obtain a trap for a cat from the Poundkeeper, shall give to the Poundkeeper his or her name, address and telephone number and shall agree to comply with the terms and conditions for the use of the trap, including the treatment and disposition of any trapped cat, as established by the Poundkeeper. Any person who fails to comply with said terms and conditions shall be guilty of an offence under this by-law.
- (6) A complainant shall give to the Poundkeeper his or her name, address and telephone number before any action will be taken to institute any legal proceedings.
- (7) Clause (b) of Subsection 21(1), Subsection 21(2), Subsection 21(4.1) and clause (b) of Subsection 21(5) of By-law No. 2443/79 shall apply mutatis mutandis.
- (8) The Winnipeg Humane Society shall keep all impounded cats for a minimum period of four (4) days, including the day of impoundment, but excluding any day during which the Winnipeg Humane Society is closed.

Where, following the expiration of the four (4) day period of its impoundment, a cat has not been redeemed, the Winnipeg Humane Society shall determine whether the cat is suitable for adoption based on the cat's health and behaviour. Any cat found not to be suitable, shall be disposed of by the Winnipeg Humane Society.

- (9) The owner of any cat impounded may redeem the cat at the place of impoundment within the four (4) day period of impoundment by paying the pound fee calculated as follows:
  - (1) On any first offense the sum of \$15.00 plus \$9.00 for each day or any part thereof the cat has been impounded;
  - (2) On any second offense occurring within the current calendar year, the sum of \$50.00 plus \$9.00 for each day or any part thereof the cat has been impounded;
  - (3) On any third or subsequent offence occurring within the current calendar year, the sum of \$75.00 plus \$9.00 for each day or any part thereof the cat has been impounded.
- (10) "Owner" shall include any person who keeps or harbours a cat.  
*added 7119/97 (4 - 10 inclusive)*
- (11) Every owner of a cat shall ensure that it is identified by a tattoo number, microchip or collar which will easily allow the owner's name, address and telephone number to be ascertained. No person other than an employee of the City of the Winnipeg Humane Society shall remove any such identification.
- (12) In addition to any other fines or amount due, every owner of an impounded cat which does not have the required identification shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a minimum fine of \$10.00.
- (13) No resident of the City of Winnipeg shall own a cat over the age of 6 months which has not been sterilized by a licensed Veterinary Surgeon unless the owner is in possession of a valid and subsisting permit for the cat.
- (14) The said permit shall be issued annually and shall be effective for 12 months from the date of issue. The fee for said permit shall be \$50.00 annually plus any applicable taxes.
- (15) Any impounded cat which is not sterilized shall not be released to its owner unless and until the cat is sterilized or the owner pays the required annual permit fee.

- (16) Any owner who has his or her cat sterilized within 60 days of paying the annual permit fee shall, upon providing a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon to that effect, be entitled to a refund of said permit fee.  
*added 7441/99 (11 - 16 inclusive)*
- (17) Every owner must produce on demand an unexpired Rabies Vaccination Certificate issued from a licensed veterinarian for each cat he or she owns.  
*added 66/2009*

### **POUNDKEEPER TO KEEP RECORDS**

29. The Poundkeeper shall keep a record of every animal impounded or destroyed. Such record shall show the description and particulars of every such animal, the day and hour of its impounding, redemption or sale or disposition, the name and address of the owner, the license number (if any), the amount and particulars of all fees, fines, charges and of all moneys in respect of such animal and the name and address of the person paying the same and such other particulars as the City Treasurer shall direct. All moneys collected by the Poundkeeper shall be remitted to the City Treasurer as and when the City Treasurer shall require, together with such reports and statements as the City Treasurer may prescribe.

### **RESTRICTION AS TO NUMBER OF ANIMALS TO BE KEPT**

30. (1) (a) No person shall harbour, keep, have in his possession or on his premises more than three dogs over the age of six months, regardless of the number of people who may be inhabiting the premises.  
*amended 5043/88*
- (b) No person shall harbour, keep, have in his possession or on his premises more than three cats over the age of six months, regardless of the number of people who may be inhabiting the premises.  
*amended 5043/88*
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to any person who:
- (a) presently holds a valid and subsisting Dog Kennel License or Hobby Breeders License under City of Winnipeg By-law No. 6551/95;
- (b) complies with any applicable land use controls of the City of Winnipeg and who has received the approval of the Community Committee for the area in which the person wishes to have more than three dogs or three cats.
- (3) The process for obtaining said approval shall be as follows:



- (a) the applicant shall apply in writing to the Poundkeeper and provide any requested information, including evidence in support of the application from the owners or occupants of property in the immediate vicinity, together with an application fee of One Hundred and Twenty (\$120.00) Dollars;
- (b) the Poundkeeper shall submit every new application to the appropriate Community Committee with a report containing the following:
  - (i) information as to whether or not permission has previously been granted for the premises or location named in the application;
  - (ii) a report on the nature of the properties immediately adjoining the premises or location with a description of the character of the surrounding district;
  - (iii) information as to whether all other requirements of this section have been met.
- (c) The Poundkeeper shall provide
  - (i) a copy of the report referred to in clause (b); and
  - (ii) a notice describing the nature of the application together with the date, time and place of the meeting of the Community Committee at which the application will be considered;

to the applicant and shall advise the applicant that if he fails to attend the meeting of the Community Committee, the application will be considered in his absence.

- (d) The applicant shall
  - (i) post the notice referred to in clause (c) in conspicuous locations facing each street adjacent to the land or building referred to in the notice, and located so that the notice is not more than one metre inside the lot line; and
  - (ii) ensure that the notice remains posted as provided in paragraph (i) for not less than 14 consecutive days before the day of the Community Committee meeting.

- (e) The Community Committee shall hear any representations from the applicant or any other person who desires to be heard. It shall then make a decision to direct that the application shall be refused or to approve the application either temporarily or indefinitely and either conditionally or unconditionally. The decision shall be served on the owner in accordance with subsection 20.1(2).  
*amended 8162/2002*
- (f) The applicant or any person who made representations before the Community Committee may appeal the decision of the Community Committee to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services by delivering a notice of appeal to the Poundkeeper in accordance with *The City of Winnipeg Charter*<sup>4</sup> within 14 days of the decision of the Community Committee.  
*amended 8162/2002*
- (g) Where an appeal is made under clause (f), the City Clerk shall notify the applicant and any person who made representations before the Community Committee of the date, time and place of the meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services at which the appeal will be heard. The Committee shall consider the appeal on its merits and may dismiss the appeal or approve the application either temporarily or indefinitely and either conditionally or unconditionally.  
*amended 8162/2002*
- (h) Where an application has been approved by a Community Committee or by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services for a temporary period, all rights associated with that approval cease for all purposes upon the expiry of that period.  
*amended 8162/2002*
- (i) Where an approval is on a conditional basis under clauses (e) or (g), the applicant may reapply to the Poundkeeper to have the conditions to his application varied or removed and the reapplication shall be treated as a new application for the purposes of this subsection.
- (j) Every premise which is approved pursuant to this subsection shall be inspected annually and the applicant who obtained the approval shall pay an annual inspection fee of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars per year forthwith after such inspection. Failure to pay said inspection fee shall result in the immediate cancellation of any approval which has been granted.  
*amended 7539/99 [Subsec. 30(2)(a) - (b); 30(3)(a) - (j)]*

**GENERAL PENALTIES**

31. (1) A person who contravenes a provision of this By-law specified in Schedule "C" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the minimum fine specified therein for the contravention of that provision.
- (2) A person who contravenes a provision of this By-law for which no other penalty is provided in this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the following penalties, which shall not exceed \$1,000.00:
- (a) for a first offence, to a fine of not less than \$50.00;
  - (b) for a second offence, to a fine of not less than \$100.00;
  - (c) for a third offence, to a fine of not less than \$200.00.
- (3) In addition to the minimum fine prescribed, a person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.  
*amended 139/2003*
- (4) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2) and (3), a person who contravenes subsection 17(a) by failing to obtain a licence for a dog, other than a dangerous dog, may pay a discounted fine of \$125.00 plus mandatory court costs as provided by *The Summary Convictions Act* within 15 days following the date the offence notice alleging the contravention was issued and thereafter will not be prosecuted for the contravention.  
*added 7/2008*
- (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2) (3) and (4), if a person has been issued an offence notice alleging a contravention of subsection 17(a) for the failure to obtain a licence for a dog, other than a dangerous dog, but the person has not been convicted of the offence, the person may, on or prior to February 7, 2008, pay a discounted fine of \$125.00 plus mandatory court costs as provided by *The Summary Convictions Act*, and thereafter will not be prosecuted for the contravention.  
*added 7/2008*

**REPEAL**

32. (1) Pound By-law No. 262/73, as amended from time to time, is hereby repealed and shall hereafter cease to have effect except that the term of such licenses as may have been issued under that by-law in 1979 shall be deemed to have expired on December 31, 1979.  
*amended 2535/80*

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection 18(a), the license fee in 1980 only for a dog having a license issued under By-law No. 262/73 in 1979 shall be \$5.00 for a sterile dog and \$10.00 for every other male or female dog.

*added 2535/80*

33. Notwithstanding any other section of this By-law, where an order for the destruction of an animal is being sought, the said animal shall be impounded, at the owner's expense, until the order is granted or refused.

*added 4086/85*

**DONE AND PASSED** in Council assembled, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1979.

1 [See sections 180-181 and sections 183-188 of The City of Winnipeg Charter for information about some of the key powers given to designated employees.](#)

2 [See sections 116 and 117 of The City of Winnipeg Charter for information about how to serve orders, decisions and other documents.](#)

3 [See sections 189 and 121 of The City of Winnipeg Charter for information about appeals, including information about the time limit for appeals and how appeals are to be filed.](#)

**APPENDIX "A"**  
**2009 Pro-rated License Fee Schedule**  
*amended 76/2009; 110/2009*

First Letter of Owner's Last Name	M/Q	H/V	B/Y	O/P/J	L/Z	D/R	E/W	K/N	A/C/U	S/X	I/G	F/T
Registration Date For <i>New Licenses Only</i>	(Jan)	(Feb)	(Mar)	(Apr)	(May)	(Jun)	(Jul)	(Aug)	(Sep)	(Oct)	(Nov)	(Dec)
<b>Jan 1-16</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Jan 17-31</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10
<b>Feb 1-13</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10
<b>Feb 14-28</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9
<b>Mar 1-16</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9
<b>Mar 17-31</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8
<b>Apr 1-15</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8
<b>Apr 16-30</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7
<b>May 1-16</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7
<b>May 17-31</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Jun 1-15</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Jun 16-30</b>	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Jul 1-16</b>	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Jul 17-31</b>	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Aug 1-16</b>	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Aug 17-31</b>	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Sep 1-15</b>	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Sep 16-30</b>	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Oct 1-16</b>	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Oct 17-31</b>	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Nov 1-15</b>	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Nov 16-30</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Dec 1-16</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Dec 17-31</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11

PRO-RATED LICENSE FEES		1 yr	2 yr*		1 yr	2 yr*
	S-7	\$14.59	\$37.09	S-13	\$27.09	\$49.59
	S-8	\$16.67	\$39.17	S-14	\$29.17	\$51.67
	S-9	\$18.75	\$41.25	S-15	\$31.25	\$53.75
	S-10	\$20.84	\$43.34	S-16	\$33.34	\$55.84
	S-11	\$22.92	\$45.42	S-17	\$35.42	\$57.92
	S-12	\$25.00	\$47.50	S-18	\$37.50	\$60.00

	1 yr	2 yr*		1 yr	2 yr*
I-7	\$35.00	\$89.00	I-13	\$65.00	\$119.00
I-8	\$40.00	\$94.00	I-14	\$70.00	\$124.00
I-9	\$45.00	\$99.00	I-15	\$75.00	\$129.00
I-10	\$50.00	\$104.00	I-16	\$80.00	\$134.00
I-11	\$55.00	\$109.00	I-17	\$85.00	\$139.00
I-12	\$60.00	\$114.00	I-18	\$90.00	\$144.00

\* 2 Year license includes a 10% discount on second year's fee. This table is for new licenses only.

**Example 1:** Ms. O. applies for a license for her sterilized dog on August 1st. The license would be issued for 8 months and the cost would be \$16.67 (S-8). Ms. O would renew the license in April of the next year (and in April of each year thereafter) and would pay \$25.00. (Section 18 of the By-law)

**Example 2:** Mr. K. applies for a license for his intact dog on January 17th. The license would be issued for 18 months and the cost would be \$90.00 (I-18). Mr. K. would renew the license in August of the next year (and in August of each year thereafter) and would pay \$60.00. (Section 18 of the By-law)

**SCHEDULE B**

*added 5/21/90*

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### ***Staffordshire Bull Terrier***

**THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER** is acknowledged to be a British breed dating back at least 175 years. However, because breeding records of that time were virtually non-existent, the exact breeds that were combined to create the Staff are unknown. Courage, not show points or pedigrees, was all that mattered to the dogs' breeders, for the Staff was bred to be a fighter even as late as 1930, well after the time when dog fighting had been outlawed in Britain. Fortunately, times have changed. Although the Staff will rise to the occasion if provoked, no breed is more tractable or more trustworthy with children.

While facts as to his heritage are few, dog historians believe that the breed descends from the mastiff of ancient times, of which there were two types - a large and a small. From the latter, it is thought, came the Old English Bulldog which when crossed with one or more terrier breeds, produced the Bull and Terrier, the dog which is today called the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. This is not entirely conjecture on the part of the historians. If old-time breeders were careless record keepers they left behind them enough portraits and drawings of their more noteworthy dogs to give credence to this reasoning.

Early in the 1930s and perhaps, as one writer suggests, because the law was making things difficult for the dog fighting fraternity, a group of fanciers led by Joseph Dunn determined to raise the status of the Bull and Terrier and have it officially recognized by The Kennel Club. In 1935 they succeeded. All that remained to be done was to select a suitable name. That of Bull Terrier had already been given to a closely related breed, so it was decided to name the breed for the English county where it was most popular (as well as being the home area of its patrons). The breed has become very popular in Britain and frequently accounts for the largest terrier entry at prestigious championship dog shows.

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier was officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club in 1953, followed some years later by the United States.

## STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER 543

***Official Breed Standard for the  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier***

**General Appearance:** The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a smooth-coated dog. He should be of great strength for his size, and although muscular, should be active and agile.

**Temperament:** From the past history of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the modern dog draws his character of indomitable courage, high intelligence, and tenacity. This, coupled with his affection for his friends, and children in particular; his off-duty quietness and trustworthy stability, makes him the foremost all-purpose dog.

**Size:** Weight--dogs, 28-38 lb. (13-17kg); bitches, 24-33 lb. (11-15kg). Height--(at shoulder), 14-16 in. (36-41cm), these heights being related to the weights.

**Coat and Colour:** Coat smooth, short and close to the skin. Colour red, fawn, white, black or blue, or any of these colours with white. Any shade of brindle, or any shade of brindle with white. Black and tan or liver colour not to be encouraged.

**Head:** Short, deep through, broad **skull**, very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, black **nose**. The **mouth** should be level, i.e., the incisors of the bottom jaw should fit closely inside the incisors of the top jaw, and the lips should be tight and clean. **Eyes:** dark preferable but may bear some relation to coat colour. Round, of medium size, and set to look straight ahead. **Ears** rose or half-pricked and not large.

**Neck:** Muscular, rather short, clean in outline and gradually widening towards the shoulders.

**Forequarters:** Legs straight and well boned, set rather wide apart, without looseness at the shoulders, and showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point the feet turn out a little.

**Body:** The body should be close-coupled, with a level topline, wide front, deep brisket, well-sprung ribs and rather light in the loins.



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**Hindquarters:** Should be well muscled, hocks let down with stilles well bent. Legs should be parallel when viewed from behind. The feet should be well padded, strong and of medium size.

**Tail:** Should be of medium length, low set, tapering to a point and carried rather low. It should not curl much and may be likened to an old-fashioned pump handle.

**Faults:** To be penalized in accordance with the severity of the fault: Light eyes or pink eye rims. Tail too long or badly carried. Non-conformation to the limits of weight or height. Full drop and prick ears. Undershot or overshot mouths. The following faults should debar a dog from winning any prize: Pink (Dudley) nose. Badly undershot or overshot mouth. Badly undershot - where the lower jaw protrudes to such an extent that the incisors of the lower jaw do not touch those of the upper jaw. Badly overshot - where the upper jaw protrudes to such an extent that the incisors of the upper jaw do not touch those of the lower jaw.



Staffordshire Bull Terrier

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THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER had its beginnings in England many centuries ago when the Bulldog and Mastiff were closely linked. Bull baiting and bear baiting in the Elizabethan era produced large dogs for these sports and later on the 100-120 pound animal gave way to a small, more agile breed of up to 90 pounds.

Early in the 19th century the sport of dog fighting gained popularity and a smaller, faster dog was developed. It was called by names such as "Bulldog Terrier" and "Bull and Terrier." The Bulldog breed then was a larger dog than we know today and weighed about 60 pounds. This dog was crossed with a small native terrier which appears in the history of the present-day Manchester Terrier. The dog which this produced, averaging between 30 and 45 pounds, became the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

James Hinks, in about 1860, crossed the Old Pit Bull Terrier, now known as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and produced the all-white English Bull Terrier. The Bull Terrier obtained recognition by The Kennel Club in England in the last quarter of the 19th century, but the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, due to its reputation as a fighting dog, did not receive this blessing.

In 1935 the Staffordshire Bull Terrier was recognized by the Kennel Club in England and enthusiasts were able to conduct conformation matches. The sport of dog fighting had long been made illegal and the Staffordshire

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Bull Terrier had evolved into a dog of such temperament as to make him a fine pet and companion and a worthy show dog. The Staffordshire Bull Terrier was admitted to registration in the American Kennel Club Stud Book effective October 1, 1974, with regular show classification in the Terrier Group at AKC shows available on and after March 5, 1975.

**Official Standard for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier**

**Characteristics** - From the past history of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the modern dog draws its character of indomitable courage, high intelligence, and tenacity. This, coupled with its affection for its friends, and children in particular, its off-duty quietness and trustworthy stability, makes it a foremost all-purpose dog.

**General Appearance** - The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a smooth-coated dog. It should be of great strength for its size and, although muscular, should be active and agile.

**Head and Skull** - Short, deep through, broad skull, very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, black nose. Pink (Dudley) nose to be considered a serious fault.

**Eyes** - Dark preferable, but may bear some relation to coat color. Round, of medium size, and set to look straight ahead. Light eyes or pink eye rims to be considered a fault, except that where the coat surrounding the eye is white the eye rim may be pink.

**Ears** - Rose or half-pricked and not large. Full drop or full prick to be considered a serious fault.

**Mouth** - A bite in which the outer side of the lower incisors touches the inner side of the upper incisors. The lips should be tight and clean. The badly undershot or overshot bite is a serious fault.

**Neck** - Muscular, rather short, clean in outline and gradually widening toward the shoulders.

**Forequarters** - Legs straight and well boned, set rather far apart, without looseness at the shoulders and showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point the feet turn out a little.

**Body** - The body is close coupled, with a level topline, wide front, deep brisket and well sprung ribs being rather light in the loins.

**Hindquarters** - The hindquarters should be well muscled, hocks let down with stifles well bent. Legs should be parallel when viewed from behind.

**Feet** - The feet should be well padded, strong and of medium size. Dewclaws, if any, on the hind legs are generally removed. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed.

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**Tail** - The tail is undocked, of medium length, low set, tapering to a point and carried rather low. It should not curl much and may be likened to an old-fashioned pump handle. A tail that is too long or badly curled is a fault.

**Coat** - Smooth, short and close to the skin, not to be trimmed or dewhiskered.

**Color** - Red, fawn, white, black or blue, or any of these colors with white. Any shade of brindle or any shade of brindle with white. Black-and-tan or liver color to be disqualified.

**Size** - Weight: Dogs, 28 to 38 pounds; bitches, 24 to 34 pounds. Height at shoulder: 14 to 16 inches, these heights being related to weights. Non-conformity with these limits is a fault.

### DISQUALIFICATIONS

Black-and-tan or liver color.

Effective March 5, 1975

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***American  
Staffordshire Terrier***

**A BREED DEVELOPED IN** America, the Staffordshire Terrier is closely related to the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Both breeds were derived from crossing the Bulldog with various terrier breeds. But, unlike the Staffordshire Bull, this breed is taller, heavier, straighter in forelimb and somewhat smoother in over-all outline. His ears may be either cropped or uncropped.

The breed was first known early in the 19th century when dog fighting was a popular spectator sport in parts of the United States. The Staffordshire was intentionally designed as a fighting dog combining the tenacity and courage of the Bulldog with the agility and spirit of the terrier. And he was good at his job, so good, in fact, that at first the American Kennel Club refused to acknowledge the Staffordshire Terrier as a pure breed. But he was admitted to registration by another American-based organization, the United Kennel Club.

Then the breed's fortunes took a turn for the better. Dog fighting was outlawed in most States in 1900, and breeders of the Staffordshire turned their attentions to producing a more docile animal that would function well as family pet and guardian. Their efforts were successful and the Staffordshire Terrier was admitted to the American Kennel Club's official roster of pure-breeds in 1935.

Later, in January 1972, in order to avoid confusion with the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, which was then in process of gaining official acceptance, the American Kennel Club changed the breed name to the American Staffordshire Terrier.

This was to be the last of a series of names for the breed that over the years had included the Yankee Terrier, Pit Bull Terrier, Half and Half, and the American Bull Terrier.

The breed has a loyal following in the United States with good entries at most of the larger championship shows. For some reason it has failed to achieve the same acceptance in Canada. Only rarely is an American Staffordshire Terrier seen at a dog show in Canada.

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**Official Breed Standard for the  
American Staffordshire Terrier**

**General Appearance:** The Staffordshire Terrier should give the impression of great strength for his size, a well put-together dog, muscular, but agile and graceful, keenly alive to his surroundings. He should be stocky, not long-legged or racy in outline. His courage is proverbial.

**Size:** Height and weight should be in proportion. A height of about 18-19 in. (46-48 cm) at shoulder for the male and 17-18 in. (43-46 cm) for the female is to be considered preferable.

**Coat and Colour:** Coat short, close, stiff to the touch, and glossy. Any colour, solid, parti, or patched is permissible, but all white, more than 80 percent white, black and tan, and liver not to be encouraged.

**Head:** Medium length, deep through broad *skull*, very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop; *muzzle* medium length, rounded on upper side to fall away abruptly below eyes. Jaws well defined. Underjaw to be strong and have biting power. Lips close and even, no looseness. *Nose* definitely black. Upper teeth to meet tightly outside lower teeth in front. *Eyes* dark and round, low down in skull and set far apart. No pink eyelids. *Ears* set high; cropped or uncropped, the latter preferred. Uncropped ears should be short and held half rose or prick.

**Neck:** Heavy, slightly arched, tapering from shoulders to back of skull. No looseness of skin. Medium Length.

**Forequarters:** Shoulders strong and muscular with blades wide and sloping. Forelegs set rather wide apart to permit chest development. The front legs should be straight, large or round bones, pastern upright. No resemblance of bend in front.

**Body:** Back fairly short. Slight sloping from withers to rump with gentle short slope at rump to base of tail. Well-sprung ribs, deep in rear. All ribs close together. Chest deep and broad. Loins slightly tucked.



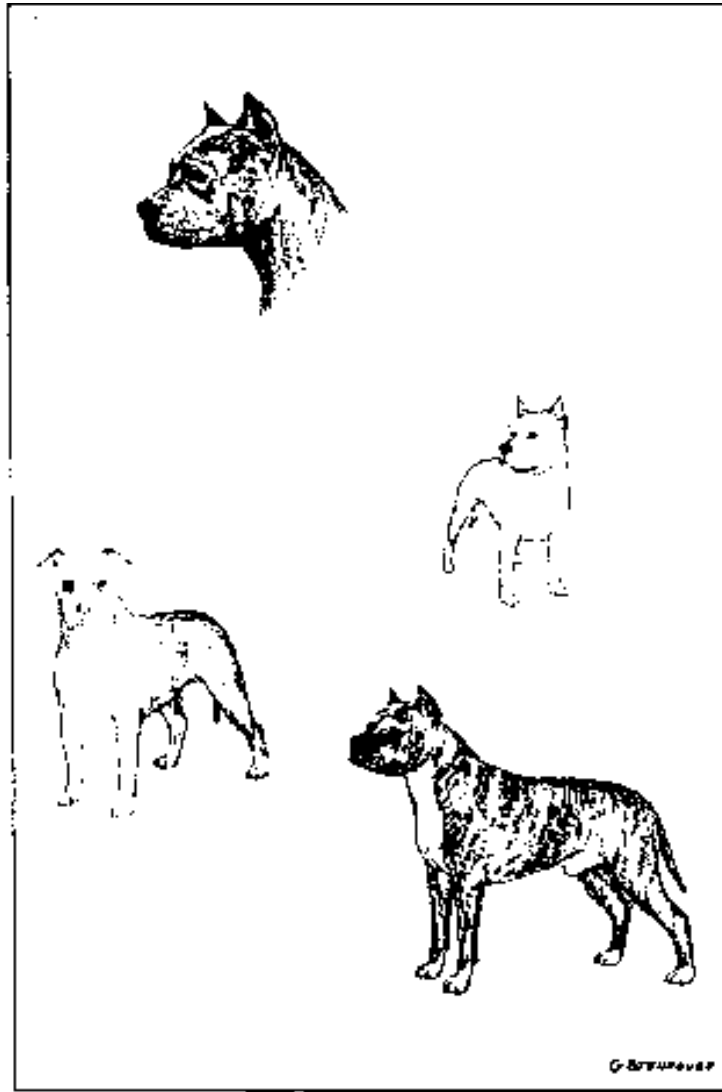
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**Hindquarters:** Well muscled, let down at hocks, turning neither in nor out. Feet of moderate size, well arched and compact.

**Tail:** Short in comparison to size, low set, tapering to a fine point: not curled or held over back. Not docked.

**Gait:** Must be springy but without roll or pace.

**Faults:** Faults to be penalized are Dudley nose, light or pink eyes, undershot or overshot mouth, full drop ears, tail too long or badly carried.



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### **American Staffordshire Terrier**

TO GIVE CORRECTLY the origin and history of the American Staffordshire Terrier, it is necessary to comment briefly on two other dogs, namely the Bulldog and the terrier.

Until the early part of the 19th century, the Bulldog was bred with great care in England for the purpose of baiting bulls. The Bulldog of that day was vastly different from our present-day "sourmug". Pictures from as late as 1870 represent the Bulldog as agile and as standing straight on his legs-his front legs in particular. In some cases he was even possessed of a muzzle, and long rat tails were not uncommon. The Bulldog of that day, with the exception of the head, looked more like the present-day American Staffordshire Terrier than like the present-day Bulldog.

Some writers contend it was the white English Terrier, or the Black-and-Tan Terrier, that was used as a cross with the Bulldog to perfect the Staffordshire Terrier. It seems easier to believe that any game terrier, such as the Fox Terrier of the early 1800's, was used in this cross, since some of the foremost authorities on dogs of that time state that the Black-and-Tan and the white English Terrier were none too game, but these same authorities go on to stress the gameness of the Fox Terrier. It is reasonable to believe that breeders who were attempting to perfect a dog that would combine the spirit and agility of the terrier with the courage and tenacity of

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the Bulldog, would not use a terrier that was not game. In analysing the three above-mentioned terriers at the time, we find that there was not a great deal of difference in body conformation, the greatest differences being in color, aggressiveness, and spirit.

In any event, it was the cross between the Bulldog and the terrier that resulted in the Staffordshire Terrier, which was originally called the Bull-and-Terrier Dog, Half and Half, and at times Pit Dog or Pit Bull terrier. Later, it assumed the name in England of Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

These dogs began to find their way into America as early as 1870, where they became known as Pit dog, Pit Bull Terrier, later American Bull Terrier, and still later as Yankee Terrier.

In 1936, they were accepted for registration in the American Kennel Club stud book as Staffordshire Terriers. The name of the breed was revised effective January 1, 1972 to American Staffordshire Terrier. Breeders in this country had developed a type which is heavier in weight than the Staffordshire Bull Terrier of England and the name change was to distinguish them as separate breeds.

The American Staffordshire Terrier's standard allows a variance in weight, but it should be in proportion to size. The dog's chief requisites should be strength unusual for his size, soundness, balance, a strong powerful head, a well-muscled body, and courage that is proverbial.

To clarify the confusion that may exist, even in the minds of dog fanciers, as to the difference between the American Staffordshire Terrier and the Bull Terrier, a comment on the latter may be helpful. The Bull Terrier was introduced by James Hinks of Birmingham, who had been experimenting for several years with the old bull-and-terrier dog, now known as Staffordshire. It is generally conceded that he used the Staffordshire, crossed with the white English Terrier, and some writers contend that a dash of Pointer and Dalmatian blood was also used to help perfect the all-white-Bull Terrier.

In mentioning the gameness of the Staffordshire, it is not the intention to tag him as a fighting machine, or to praise this characteristic. These points are discussed because they are necessary in giving the correct origin and history of the breed. The good qualities of the dogs are many, and it would be difficult for anyone to overstress them. In appearance, they are flashy-looking and they attract much attention on the show bench. As to character, they exceed being dead game; nevertheless, they should not be held in ill repute merely because man has been taking advantage of this rare courage to use them in the pit as gambling tools. These dogs are docile, and with a little training are even tractable around other dogs. They are intelligent, excellent guardians, and they protect their masters' property with an air of authority that counts; they easily discriminate between strangers who mean well and those who do not. They have another characteristic that is unusual: when they are sold, or change hands, they accept their new master in a comparatively short time.

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**Official Standard for the American Staffordshire Terrier**

**General Impression** - The American Staffordshire Terrier should give the impression of great strength for his size, a well put-together dog, muscular, but agile and graceful, keenly alive to his surroundings. He should be stocky, not long-legged or racy in outline. His courage is proverbial.

**Head** - Medium length, deep through, broad skull, very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop; and ears are set high. **Ears**-Cropped or uncropped, the latter preferred. Uncropped ears should be short and held half rose or prick. Full drop to be penalized. **Eyes**- Dark and round, low down in skull and set far apart. No pink eyelids. **Muzzle**-Medium length, rounded on upper side to fall away abruptly below eyes. Jaws well defined. Underjaw to be strong and have biting power. Lips close and even, no looseness. Upper teeth to meet tightly outside lower teeth in front. Nose definitely black.

**Neck** - Heavy, slightly arched, tapering from shoulders to back of skull. No looseness of skin. Medium length.

**Shoulders** - Strong and muscular with blades wide and sloping.

**Back** - Fairly short. Slight sloping from withers to rump with gentle short slope at rump to base of tail. Loins slightly tucked.

**Body** - Well-sprung ribs, deep in rear. All ribs close together. Forelegs set rather wide apart to permit of chest development. Chest deep and broad.

**Tail** - Short in comparison to size, low set, tapering to a fine point; not curled or held over back. Not Docked.

**Legs** - The front legs should be straight, large or round bones, pastern upright. No resemblance of bend in front. Hindquarters well-muscled, let down at hocks, turning neither in nor out. Feet of moderate size, well-arched and compact. Gait must be springy but without roll or pace.

**Coat** - Short, close, stiff to the touch, and glossy.

**Color** - Any color, solid, parti, or patched is permissible, but all white, more than 80 per cent white, black and tan, and liver not to be encouraged.

**Size** - Height and weight should be in proportion. A height of about 18 to 19 inches at shoulders for the male and 17 to 18 inches for the female is to be considered preferable.

**Faults** - Faults to be penalized are: Dudley nose, light or pink eyes, tail too long or badly carried, undershot or overshot mouths.

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**OFFICIAL U.K.C. AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER STANDARD**

(Revised January 1, 1978)

- HEAD:** Medium length. Brick like in shape. Skull flat and widest at the ears, with prominent cheeks free from wrinkles.
- MUZZLE:** Square, wide and deep. Well pronounced jaws, displaying strength. Upper teeth should meet tightly over lower teeth, outside in front.
- EARS:** Cropped or uncropped (not important). Should set high on head, and be free from wrinkles.
- EYES:** Round. Should set far apart, low down on skull. Any color acceptable.
- NOSE:** Wide open nostrils. Any color acceptable.
- NECK:** Muscular. Slightly arched. Tapering from shoulder to head. Free from looseness of skin.
- SHOULDERS:** Strong and muscular, with wide sloping shoulder blades.
- BACK:** Short and strong. Slightly sloping from withers to rump. Slightly arched at loins, which should be slightly tucked.
- CHEST:** Deep, but not too broad, with wide sprung ribs.
- RIBS:** Close. Well sprung, with deep back ribs.
- TAIL:** Short in comparison to size. Set low and tapering to a fine point. Not carried over back. Bobbed tail not acceptable.
- LEGS:** Large, round boned, with straight, upright pasterns, reasonably strong. Feet to be of medium size. Gait should be light and springy. No rolling or pacing.
- THIGH:** Long with muscles developed, Hocks down and straight.
- COAT:** Glossy. Short and stiff to the touch.
- COLOR:** Any color or marking permissible.
- WEIGHT:** Not important. Females preferred from thirty to fifty pounds. Males from thirty-five to sixty pounds.

**Schedule "C"**  
*added 139/2003*

Minimum Fines under By-law No. 2443/79

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>MINIMUM FINE</b>
15	Obstruction	\$500.00
17(a)	Unlicensed dog (or dangerous dog)	\$250.00
(c)	Dog not wearing license	\$50.00
19(1)	Dog not in control of competent person while off the property of its owner	\$100.00
(2)	Unconfined dog in heat	\$50.00
20(1)(a)	Running at large	\$100.00
(b)	Barking, howling, or unduly disturbing	\$100.00
(c)	Defecation	\$200.00
(d)	Damage to property other than its owner's	\$100.00
(e)	Owning, harbouring an unlicensed dog	\$250.00
(f)	Harbour or keep a vicious dog in a manner that is unsafe to any person or animal	\$500.00
(g)	Pursue any person or animal	\$200.00
(g.1)	Bite or wound any person or animal	\$350.00
(h)	Dog on school ground or playground	\$100.00
(i)	Unleashed and not in custody or control of the owner on a parkland	\$100.00
(j)	Unvaccinated for Rabies	\$200.00
20(3)	Upsetting waste	\$100.00
27.1(2)	Failure to comply with rules of a designated off-leash area	\$75.00
28(4)	Cat running at large	\$100.00
(5)	Failure to comply with terms and conditions of the use of a cat trap	\$500.00
(11)	Failure to ensure cat is identified by tattoo, or microchip or tag with owner's name, address and phone number	\$100.00
(13)	Failure to spay or neuter a cat over the age of six months	\$200.00
30(1)(a)	Harbouring more than three dogs over the age of six months	\$100.00
(b)	Harbouring more than three cats over the age of six months	\$100.00

Schedule "C" continued**DANGEROUS DOGS**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>MINIMUM FINE</b>
20.1(9) (a)	Failure to tattoo dog	\$1000.00
(b)	Improper pen or structure	\$1000.00
(c)	Failure to muzzle, leash or control dangerous dog	\$1000.00
(d)	Failure to display proper/approved signage	\$250.00
(e)	Failure to notify Poundkeeper if dog is sold or given away	\$250.00
(f)	Failure to notify Poundkeeper of death of dogs	\$250.00
(g)	Failure to advise the Poundkeeper if the dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any animal or person	\$250.00
(h)	Failure to maintain comprehensive insurance	\$1000.00
20.1(10)	Defacing or removing a dangerous dog sign	\$250.00
20.2(3)	Owning or harbouring an unlicensed Pitbull	\$1500.00