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Title	Animal Control By-Law	Resolution Number	
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Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, chapter T-6.2, Part I, Section 8 (1) (k), the Town of L'Anse au Clair has made the following By-law.

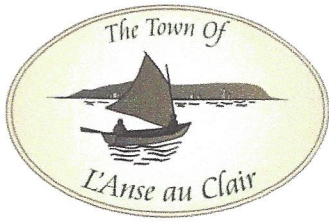
1. These Regulations may be cited as the Town of L'Anse au Clair Animal Control By-Law.
2. Definitions
 - (a) "animal" means any and all types of animals, both domesticated Dog or Cat and wild, including, but not limited to, fowl, livestock as defined by the Livestock Act and wild animals which customarily live independently of people in natural conditions but excluding dogs/cats as defined by The Town of L'Anse au Clair Council policy and Regulations;
 - (b) "Town" means the Town of L'Anse au Clair;
 - (c) "Council" means the Town of L'Anse au Clair Council.
 - (d) "HVGB SPCA" means Happy Valley-Goose Bay S.P.C.A (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals);
 - (e) "Owner" includes any person who has the custody, charge, possession or control of an animal, including the owner, tenant or person in charge of the premises where an animal is kept, permitted to live or remain.
 - (f) "Dog" means male or female pup or dog.
 - (g) "Cat" means male or female kitten or cat.

Control of Dogs/Cats

3. No owner shall permit or allow an animal to stray or run at large.
4. The owner of any domestic animal shall ensure the animal is vaccinated and wears a collar displaying the owner's name and contact information for identification purposes.
5. Every dog shall be kept on a leash and under control when off the owner's property.

Waste / Cleanliness

6. Owners shall immediately remove and dispose of animal feces on public or private property other than their own.



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Permission to Carry on Business

7. No person shall operate a business for the boarding, keeping, training, grooming, breeding, or treatment of animals without written permission from the Council and compliance with all business requirements.

Disturbance

8. No owner shall allow an animal to make excessive or repeated noise that disturbs other people or becomes a nuisance.
9. If an owner violates this section, Council may issue a warning, compliance order, or fine as provided under this By-law.

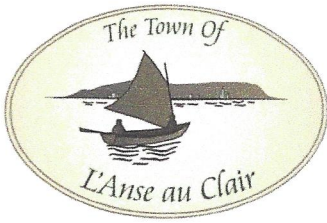
Dangerous Animals

10. If an animal is sick, injured, or poses a risk to safety, the town may require the owner to take corrective action or obtain veterinary care, or may arrange for assessment by an approved animal welfare service such as HVGB SCPA. In urgent or dangerous situations, the town may take necessary action to protect public safety, and may refer serious matters to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Dangerous Dogs

11. Dangerous Dogs

- (a) A dog may be designated as a Dangerous Dog where it:
 - Has attacked, bitten, injured, or killed a person without provocation;
 - Has attacked, bitten, injured, or killed another domestic animal without provocation;
 - Has repeatedly threatened, chased, or acted aggressively toward persons or animals in a manner that creates a reasonable fear of injury;
 - Has been trained, encouraged, or used for fighting or aggressive purposes; or
 - Has otherwise demonstrated behaviour that poses a risk to public safety.
- (b) Upon receiving a complaint or other information that a dog may be dangerous, Council may investigate the matter and consider any relevant evidence, including witness statements, photographs, veterinary reports, medical reports, and reports from law enforcement or other authorities.
- (c) Where Council determines that a dog meets the definition of a Dangerous Dog, Council may designate the dog as a Dangerous Dog and provide written notice of the designation to the owner.
- (d) The owner of a Dangerous Dog shall:



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- Keep the dog securely confined on the owner's property;
- Keep the dog under control and on a leash when off the owner's property;
- Ensure the dog is muzzled when in a public place, if required by Council;
- Maintain current vaccinations for the dog; and
- Comply with any additional conditions imposed by Council for the protection of public safety.

(e) Where a Dangerous Dog poses an immediate threat to public safety, the municipality may request assistance from the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police or other appropriate authorities.**

(f) No dog shall be designated as a Dangerous Dog solely on the basis of its breed.

Offences, Penalties and Enforcement

12. For the purposes of enforcement under this by-law, offences shall be considered within a twelve (12) month period. After twelve (12) months from the date of the first offence, the record shall reset and any subsequent offence shall be treated as a first offence.

- **First offence:** Council shall issue a written warning to the owner.
- **Second offence within a twelve (12) month period:** Council shall issue a fine of **\$200.00**, payable within **30 days of the date the fine is issued.**
- **Third or subsequent offence within the same twelve (12) month period:** Council shall issue a fine of **\$500.00**, payable within **30 days of the date the fine is issued.**
- **Fourth offence within the twelve (12) month period,** the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police** may be requested to assist in addressing the situation.

13. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the third reading by the Deputy Mayor and Council of the Town of L'Anse-au-Clair.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026.

Sheila Chubbs
Deputy Mayor

Joan Edora
Town Clerk/Manager