

Rose Valley Residents Take Notice

The Dog License and Control Bylaw

KEY SECTIONS OF BYLAW 2/2010 ARE HEREBY OUTLINED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

THIS INFORMATION IN NO WAY PRESENTS A COMPLETE REFERENCE TO THE SPECIFIC BYLAW IN PLACE.

Dog Licenses Required: Section 3. No person shall own or keep any dog within the Town unless such dog is licensed as provided in this Bylaw.

The annual license fee is currently \$10.00 per dog.

Any person who keeps an unlicensed dog, which should be licensed according to this Bylaw, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of \$250.00.

Licensing of Dogs Section 5. Every owner of a dog that is over four (4) months old shall within fourteen (14) days of becoming the owner obtain a license for such dog.

- “Owner” shall mean: a person who keeps, possesses or harbours a dog; or the person responsible for the custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of the dog.

Valid License Tag Attached Section 13. The owner of a dog shall ensure that the dog wears a collar to which is attached a valid license tag as issued by the Town of Rose Valley whenever the dog is off the premises of the owner.

- Any person who disobeys this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction,
 - a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$2,000; and
 - b) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.
- Voluntary Payment to avoid prosecution may be made upon being served Notice of Violation as follows:

Section	Offence	Voluntary Payment		
		1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	Subsequent Offence
13	Failure to attach valid License tag when dog is off owner’s premises	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$125.00

Dogs at Large Section 16. No owner of a dog shall permit the dog to be at large.

“Running at large” shall mean that the dog is

- i) beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer of the said dog; and
- ii) beyond the boundaries of any lands where the dog may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said lands; and
- iii) when the dog is not under control by being on a leash under 2 m in length, under the direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it.

- Any person who disobeys this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction,
 - c) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$2,000; and
 - d) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.
- Voluntary Payment to avoid prosecution may be made upon being served Notice of Violation as follows:

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		1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	Subsequent Offence
16	Dog being at large	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$250.00

Barking or Howling Section 18. No owner of a dog shall permit the dog to bark or howl so as to create a nuisance.

- Any person who disobeys this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction,
 - e) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$2,000; and
 - f) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.
- Voluntary Payment to avoid prosecution may be made upon being served Notice of Violation as follows:

Section	Offence	Voluntary Payment		
		1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	Subsequent Offence
18	Dog creating a nuisance by barking or howling	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$250.00

Impounding of Dogs Section 19. A Bylaw Enforcement Officer or peace officer may seize and impound any dog that is at large.

- A Bylaw Enforcement Officer or peace officer may enter onto the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any dog which is found at large.
- Each dog impounded under the authority of this bylaw shall be kept in the Town pound for at least seventy-two hours.

Impoundment Fees for Dogs

- (a) for the first time the dog is impounded the fee shall be twenty five (\$25.00) dollars;
- (b) for the second time the dog is impounded the fee shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
- (c) for the third time and each subsequent time the dog is impounded the fee shall be one hundred (\$100) dollars.

Care and Sustenance Fees for Dogs

Care and sustenance fee : \$ 10.00 per day or a portion thereof commencing at 12:00 a.m. on the day immediately following the day of impoundment.

Interference with Enforcement Section 21. No person, including the person who is the owner of a dog which is being impounded or has been impounded, shall interfere with a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or peace officer who is impounding any dog in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.

- It shall be an offence for any person to harass, threaten, use excessive profanity towards, or to disobey a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or peace officer.
- Any person who disobeys this section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction,
 - g) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$2,000; and
 - h) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$5,000.
- Voluntary Payment to avoid prosecution may be made upon being served Notice of Violation as follows:

Section	Offence	Voluntary Payment
21	Interference, harassment, threats, excessive profanity, disobedience toward a Bylaw Enforcement Officer	\$100.00 for each and every offence

RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED DOGS

All dogs impounded in the dog pound shall be confined therein for a period of not less than seventy-two (72) hours, from the time of capture, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays. During said time period the owner shall have the right to claim and repossess the dog upon paying all outstanding fees at the Town Office. Such payment shall include charges for care and sustenance of the dog, impounding fees and all penalties pursuant to this bylaw.

DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED DOGS

Unclaimed dogs and dogs for which the owner refuses to pay impound fees and penalties per this bylaw, may be sold, or destroyed.

Notice dated this 6th day of April, 2010.

Council for the Town of Rose Valley