

**PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

**Pursuant to the power conferred by Section 414 (2) (g) of the Municipalities Act M-24 1999, the Town Council of Bonavista have made the following regulations at a meeting of Council held on January 16, 2006.**

**BETTY FITZGERALD  
MAYOR**

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**DOG REGULATIONS**

1. Interpretations: In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) “Act” means the Municipalities Act.
  - (b) “Council” means the Town Council of the Town of Bonavista.
  - (c) “Town” means the Town of Bonavista as defined by Order-in-Council dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1964 or any amendments thereto made or continued under the Municipalities Act.
  - (d) “Impounder” means any person appointed as such by the Council.
  - (e) “Town Clerk” means the Town Clerk of the Town of Bonavista.
2. From and after the date of the passing of these regulations, no person shall keep any dog other than a puppy not more than four months old within the limits of the Town, unless such dog has been registered and licensed.
3. The Council may appoint licensing officers who shall keep registers of all dogs licensed by them.
4. Fees to be paid on issue and renewal of licenses shall be as follows:

Male Dogs.....	\$15.00
Spayed Female Dogs.....	\$15.00
Female Dogs.....	\$60.00
Kennel.....	\$50.00
5. License tags will be issued by licensing officers and supplied by the Council.

6. The owner of every licensed dog shall immediately on receiving the license attached to a strong and durable collar, which collar shall be kept upon the dog's neck at all times when it is outside the enclosed premises of the owner, a license tag to be furnished by the officer issuing the license.
7. Every license issued in accordance with the foregoing shall become due and payable on January 1<sup>st</sup>. In each year, and shall be valid until the 31<sup>st</sup>. day of December next following the date of issue.
8. It shall be an offence for the owner of an animal to permit such animal to discharge excreta or to defecate upon any property, other than the property of the owner of the said animal, if such owner does not immediately thereafter remove and clean up such excreta or defecation from the property.
9. Every owner of an animal shall remove from his or her property, in a timely manner, feces left by such animal, so as not to disturb the enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any person in the vicinity of the property.
10. The Impounder may seize and impound any dog found at large and enter any premises for the purpose of recapturing any dog that may escape **from his control**.
11. Any dog found damaging or destroying private property may be seized by the injuriously affected person or persons and held for collection by the Impounder.
12. When a dog has been impounded, the Impounder shall make a record of such impounding in a book kept for that purpose, and may then, but shall not be bound to advertise that such dog has been impounded.
13. The owner may recover an impounded dog on such proof of his ownership of the dog as the Council may require, and upon payment of all fees in connection with the impounding and keep of the dog and upon payment of licensing costs where the dog has not been licensed.
14. The following seizing and impounding fees shall be paid by the owners of dogs seized or impounded or deducted from the proceeds of any sales of such dogs:
 

Seizing and impounding 1 <sup>st</sup> . Offence.....	\$35.00
Seizing and impounding 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Offence.....	\$70.00

Seizing and impounding 3<sup>rd</sup>. Offence.....\$125.00

**Daily Fee for each day dog is held in pound.....\$8.00**

15. The Impounder shall keep any unclaimed dog which is licensed in the Pound for a period of 72 hours and after the expiration of such period the dog may be sold or destroyed.
16. In any proceedings under these Regulations, the proof that a dog was under the age of four months shall be upon the owner of the dog or the persons having possession thereof.
17. Any person who has custody, charge or possession of any dog or who is the owner of any house or premises where a dog is kept or permitted to live or remain shall be deemed to be the owner of the dog for the purposes of these Regulations unless he proves that he was not the owner of the dog.
18. Prosecution under these Regulations may be taken summarily by any member of the Council or by any Police Constable or by any person authorized by the Council.
19. Where any person is authorized to destroy a dog under these Regulations he shall do so in a manner as humanely as possible.
20. The carcass of any dog destroyed shall be disposed of by burying or burning, it shall not be placed in the sea or in any pond, lake, or river or stream or any water which flows into the sea.
21. Every person who is guilty of any offence under these Regulations or who acts in contravention or fails to comply with any provisions thereof, or neglects or refuses to do so, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty as per Section 420 (1) (a & b) of the Municipalities Act 1999:  
**(a) for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than one month or to both the fine and the imprisonment;**  
**(b) for a subsequent offence to a fine of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than three months or to both the fine and imprisonment.**
22. All previous municipal dog control regulations or amendments thereto are hereby rescinded.

23. These Regulations shall come into effect on the 17<sup>th</sup>. day of January A.D. 2006 and shall be cited as the Town of Bonavista (Dog) Regulations 2006.