



CITY OF WINNIPEG ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY
Pound By-Law No. 2443/79 EXTRACTS

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.
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- (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.
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