

Community Government of Wekweeti

By-Law NUMBER 2019-11-22-007

A By Law of the Community Government of Wekweeti in the Northwest Territories establishes a pound and regulates dogs and other animals

The Council of the Community Government of Wekweeti in Council Regular Meeting enacts as follows:

Section 1 Interpretation

Name of By-law

1.1 The name of this By-law, for citation, is the “**Animal Control By-law**”,

Definitions

1.2 In this By-law:

“Aggressive dog” means:

- (a) A dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation to other domestic animals or human beings, or
- (b) A dog which has bitten another domestic animal or human being without provocation

“Impound” means to take into custody, confine and hold;

“Keep” means to own, possess or harbor a dog;

“Run at large” means being elsewhere than on the property of the person who keeps the dog, or of a person who care, custody or control of the dog and not being under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person, or being on a bathing beach or in the water adjacent to a bathing beach whether under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person or not.

“Foreign animal” means an animal that is not native to the community e.g. snakes, wild dogs, foreign fish, etc.

Section 2 Control of Dogs

No Running at Large

2.1 A person who keeps a dog must not permit, suffer or allow the dog to run at large.

Leashing dogs

2.2 A person who keeps a dog must not permit, suffer or allow the dog to be on a street or other public place unless the dog is under the immediate charge and control of a competent person by means of a leash that is not more than 2.5 meters long.

Muzzling aggressive dogs

2.3 In addition to complying with section 2.2, a person who keeps an aggressive dog must not permit, suffer or allow the dog to be on a street or other public place or on any other property that such person does not own or control unless such person has muzzled the dog to prevent it from biting another animal or a person.

No running at bathing beach

2.4 Despite sections 2.2 and 2.3, a person who keeps dog must not permit, suffer or allow the unleashed dog to be running on a bathing beach.

Securing aggressive dogs on private property

2.5 A person who keeps an aggressive dog must, at all times while the dog is on property owned or controlled by such person, securely confine the dog, either indoors or in an enclosed pen or other structure of preventing the entry of young children and adequately constructed to prevent the dog from escaping or from biting a domestic animal or human being.

Limiting number of dogs

2.6 Under this By-law, a person must not keep more than three dogs at any one time or at any one place or property in the community.

Confining dogs in heat

2.7 A person who keeps a female dog must confine and house the dog during the period it is in heat.

Confining dogs with communicable diseases

2.8 A person who keeps a dog and who knows or suspects that the dog has a communicable disease must: (a) isolate the dog during the period such person knows or suspects that the dog has a communicable disease in a manner that will prevent further spread of the disease; (b) seek the assistance of a veterinarian; and (c) follow the orders of such veterinarian, the pound keeper and any government officials who have the authority to issue such orders.

Removing excrement

2.9 A person who keeps a dog must immediately remove any excrement deposited by the dog and deposit it in a suitable refuse container.

Removing excrement from owner's property

2.10 Section 2.9 does not apply to excrement deposited by a dog on property owned by or in the exclusive possession of a person who keeps or who has care, custody or control of the dog.

Securing dogs in vehicles

2.11 A person who keeps dog must not keep the dog in a vehicle unless such person secures the dog in a manner that prevents the dog from falling or being thrown out of the vehicle.

Upsetting or breaking into refuse container

2.12 A person who keeps a dog must not permit or allow the dog to upset or break into a refuse container on a street or, other person's yard and public places.

Biting or attacking persons or domestic animals

2.13 A person who keeps a dog must not permit, suffer or allow the dog to bite attack or injure a person or domestic animal.

2.14 if a person /domestic animal is bitten by a dog, the owner of the dog is responsible for the victim's costs of medical travel where no medical travel costs are covered by TCSA.

Section 3 Keeping of Dogs

Giving basic care to dogs

3.1 A person who keeps a dog must give the dog food, water, shelter and exercise sufficient to maintain the dog in good health.

Tethering dogs

3.2 A person who keeps a dog must not tie or fasten a dog to a fixed object by using a choke collar or choke chain or by tying a rope, chain or cord directly around the dog's neck.

Enclosing dogs

3.3 A person who keeps a dog must not confine the dog in an enclosure unless the air ventilation, temperature and size of the enclosure are sufficient to maintain the dog in good health.

Section 4 Offences and Penalties And Enforcement

Offenses under By-law

4.1 A person who:

A. violates any provision of this By-law or does any act or thing which violates any provision of this By-law, or suffers or allows any other person to do any act or thing which violates any provision of this By-law;

B. neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this By-law; or

C. suffers or allows any other person to fail to comply with an order, direction or notice given under any provision of this By-law;

Is guilty of an offence against this By-law and liable to the penalties imposed under this section 4.

Fine for offence

4.2 Every person who commits an offence against this By-law is punishable on conviction by a fine as follows:

1. First offence - \$50
2. Second offence - \$100
3. Third and final offence - \$250

Fine for continuing offence

4.3 Every person who commits an offence of a continuing nature against this By-law is liable to a fine not less than \$250 each time such offence continues after section 4.2.


**Section 5
Enactment**

Force and Effect

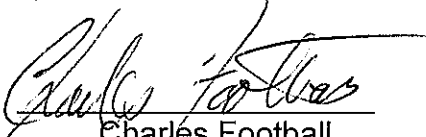
5.1 This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this 22nd day of November, 2019

Read a first time and second time this 17th day of November, 2019.



Memory Murefu
Senior Administrative Officer

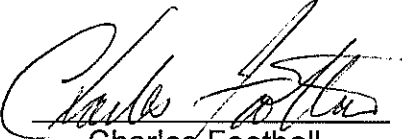


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Chief

Read a third time this 22nd day of November, 2019

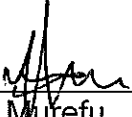


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I hereby certify that this bylaw has been made in accordance with the requirements of Tlicho Government Act and the bylaws of the Municipal Corporation of the Community Government of Wekweeti.



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