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BYLAW NO. 351/96**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LA RONGE
IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN
TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF CATS**

The Council of the Town of La Ronge enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be cited as The Cat Bylaw.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. In this Bylaw, words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular, and words in the masculine gender include the feminine where applicable according to the context:
- (i) **Administrator** means the Town Administrator of the Town of La Ronge;
 - (ii) **Cat** means and includes every male and female of the feline family;
 - (iii) **Council** means the Council of the Town of La Ronge;
 - (iv) **Dwelling Unit** means one (1) or more habitable rooms consisting of a self-contained unit used or intended to be used together for living and sleeping purposes by one or more persons;
 - (v) **Enforcement Officer** means the enforcement officer appointed by the Council of the Town of La Ronge to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw, or any person authorized to act in his behalf;
 - (vi) **Town** means the Town of La Ronge.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1. No license is required to own or harbor a cat in the Town;
- 3.2. No person shall keep more than three (3) cats in or about any dwelling unit, and shall upon the request of the Administrator or Enforcement Officer, disclose the number of cats being kept on his land or in his building.

4. RUNNING AT LARGE

- 4.1. No cat shall run at large in the Town and for the purpose of this Bylaw, a cat shall be deemed to be running at large when it is beyond the land occupied by the owner or harbinger of the said cat, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land, and when it is not under control by being:
- (i) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
 - (ii) securely confined within an enclosure; or
 - (iii) securely fastened so it cannot roam at will.

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- 4.2. A person who owns or harbors a cat found running at large will be guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw;
- 4.3. Every female cat in heat shall be confined to a house or kennel.

5. SEIZURE OF CATS

- 5.1. Any cat found running at large contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw may be taken by the Enforcement Officer to the pound provided by the Town;
- 5.2. The Enforcement Officer is hereby empowered to seize and capture and impound any cat running at large contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw;
- 5.3. When any cat is impounded, the Enforcement Officer shall immediately post a Notice in the Town Office, giving a description of such cat, the date and time it was impounded and the date and hour it will be sold or destroyed. Such notice shall be posted at least 48 hours before the said sale or destruction takes place;
- 5.4. During the period of impoundment of any cat, it shall be the duty of the Enforcement Officer to supply such cat with adequate food and water and heated shelter;
- 5.5. The owner or harbinger of a cat shall be entitled to remove such cat from the pound upon payment of such pound fees and penalties as are provided for;
- 5.6. Any cat not redeemed within the time prescribed by Section 5.3 of this Bylaw, shall be at the discretion of the Town, destroyed by the Enforcement Officer, or at his request, by any other person or may be sold. Any cats sold will be at an amount sufficient to cover the pound fees and handling of such cat, plus any other fees incurred while the Cat was impounded;
- 5.7. The Administrator shall keep a record of all cats impounded and the manner in which they are disposed of;
- 5.8. No person shall break open or assist in breaking open any pound in which a cat may be impounded, or hinder or obstruct any person in the performance of his duties hereunder.

6. POUND FEES

- 6.1. A sum of \$3.00 per day, or part thereof, for each day the cat remains in the pound shall be paid, in addition to the applicable penalty to the Administrator in advance of such cat being released.

7. PENALTIES

- 7.1. Every person who commits a violation of Section 4 of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to:
 - (i) In the case of a first offence, a fine of Thirty (\$30.00) Dollars and in default of payment, to imprisonment for not more than Five (5) Days;
 - (ii) In the case of a second offence committed within Twelve (12) Months of the date of a first offence, a fine of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars, and in default of payment, to imprisonment of not more than Ten (10) Days;
 - (iii) In the case of a third offence committed within Twelve (12) Months of the date of a first offence, a fine of Ninety (\$90.00) Dollars, and in default of payment, to imprisonment of not more than Fifteen (15) Days;
 - (iv) In the case of a fourth and subsequent offence committed within twelve (12) months of the date of a first offence, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of:
 - a) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in the case of an individual; or
 - b) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in the case of a corporation.

8. PAYMENT

- 8.1. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Bylaw to the contrary, where any person has committed or is alleged to have committed an offence under Section 4 hereof, a ticket in a form to be approved by the Council may be served upon such person, and if such person pays the penalty provided for the offence that he has committed or is alleged to have committed voluntarily to the office of the Town Administrator at any time within seventy-two (72) hours of the time of service of the ticket upon such person, such person shall not be liable to prosecution for the offence;
- 8.2. The voluntary penalty payment is not available under subsection 7.1(iv);
- 8.3. Service of such ticket may be made by prepaid registered mail, or by personal service, or by delivery to an adult person at the home of the person alleged to have committed the violation;
- 8.4. If the person served with such ticket fails to pay the specified penalty voluntarily within the time allowed following service of the ticket, then the provisions of this section shall no longer apply and the person shall be liable to prosecution for the offence in a court having a jurisdiction over summary conviction matters, providing that nothing in this section shall prevent any person served with such a ticket from exercising his right to defend himself against any of these particularized offences.

9. REPEAL OF FORMER BYLAWS

Bylaw Number 304/92 is hereby repealed.

10. COMING INTO FORCE

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on, from and after the final passing thereof.

Read a third time and adopted this day of , 1996.

Mayor

Town Administrator

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