

Village of Rama Saskatchewan

BYLAW NO 09-2017

REGULATING THE KEEPING AND CONTROLLING OF COMPANION ANIMALS

1. Interpretations

- (1) "Animal" means all species of fauna excluding humans, fish and aquatic invertebrates.
- (2) "Cat" means a male or female domesticated cat.
- (3) "Cattery" means an establishment for the breeding and/or boarding of cats.
- (4) "Dangerous dog" means any individual dog,
 - (a) that has killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property;
 - (b) that has bitten or injured a human being or domestic animal without provocation, on public or private property
 - (c) that is attack trained
 - (d) that is kept for the purpose of security or protection, whether residential, commercial or industrial, of persons or property
 - (e) that has shown the disposition or tendency to be threatening or aggressive.
- (5) "Dog" means a male or female domesticated dog.
- (6) "Inspector" means a person designated by the municipality to be responsible for enforcing this bylaw.
- (7) "Kennel" means an establishment for the breeding and/or boarding of dogs.
- (8) "Microchip" means an encoded electronic device implanted in an animal by or under the supervision of a veterinarian, which contains a unique code number that provides owner information that is stored in a central database.
- (9) "Muzzle" means a humane fastening or covering device of adequate length over the mouth of an animal to prevent it from biting.
- (10) "Owner" means any person, partnership, association or corporation that owns, possesses or has control, care or custody over an animal.
- (11) "Running at Large" means an animal that is not on the property of the

owner and not on a leash and/or under the control of a person responsible.

2. Provision of Needs

- (1) Every person who keeps an animal within the municipality shall provide the animal or cause it to be provided with:
 - (a) (a) clean, fresh drinking water at all times and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal, healthy growth and the maintenance of normal, healthy body weight;
 - (b) food and water receptacles kept clean and disinfected and located so as to avoid contamination by excreta;
 - (c) the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health, including the opportunity to be unfettered from a fixed area and exercised regularly under appropriate control; and
 - (d) necessary veterinary medical care when the animal exhibits signs of pain, illness or suffering;
- (2) Every person who keeps an animal which normally resides outside, or which is kept outside unsupervised for extended periods of time, shall ensure the animal is provided with an enclosure that meets the following criteria:
 - (a) a total area that is at least twice the length of the animal in all directions;
 - (b) contains a house or shelter that will provide protection from heat, cold and wet that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat. Such shelter must provide sufficient space to allow the animal the ability to turn around freely and lie in a normal position;
 - (c) in an area providing sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times; and
 - (d) pens and run areas must be regularly cleaned and sanitized and excreta removed and properly disposed of daily.
- (3) No person may cause an animal to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object where a choke collar or chain forms part of the securing apparatus, or where a rope or cord is tied directly around the animal's neck.
- (4) No person may cause an animal to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object as the primary means of confinement for an extended period of time.
- (5) No person may cause an animal to be confined in an enclosed space, including a car, without adequate ventilation.
- (6) No person may transport an animal in a vehicle outside the passenger compartment unless it is adequately confined or unless it is secured in a body

harness or other manner of fastening which is adequate to prevent it from falling off the vehicle or otherwise injuring itself.

3. Unsanitary Conditions Prohibited

- (1) No person shall keep an animal in an unsanitary condition within the municipality.
- (2) Conditions shall be considered unsanitary where the keeping of the animal results in
 - (a) an accumulation of fecal matter,
 - (b) an odour, insect infestation or
 - (c) rodent attractants

which endanger the health of the animal or any person, or which disturb or are likely to disturb the enjoyment, comfort or convenience of any person in or about any dwelling, office, hospital or commercial establishment.

4. Dogs and Cats

(1) Owners' Responsibilities

- (a) All dogs and cats must be licenced with the municipality in accordance with the fees outlined in Schedule A.
- (b) If a dog or cat defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall cause such feces to be removed immediately.
- (c) No owner shall suffer, permit, allow or for any reason have his or her animal, bark, howl, or meow excessively or in any other manner disturb the quiet of any person.
- (d) No owner of a dog shall permit his or her dog to, without provocation:
 - (i) chase, bite or attack any person
 - (ii) chase, bite or attack any domestic animal
 - (iii) damage public or private property
- (e) The running at large of dogs or cats is prohibited within the municipality, except for dogs in designated off-leash areas.

(2) Impoundment

- (a) The inspector may seize and impound:
 - (i) every dog or cat found at large
 - (ii) every dog or cat not wearing a collar affixed with a licence while off the

premises of the owner and not accompanied by a person responsible.

- (b) The inspector, poundkeeper or police constable shall take all impounded animals to the Yorkton SPCA at which point they shall be under their jurisdiction.

5. Dangerous Dogs

(1) The owner of a dangerous dog shall ensure that:

- (a) such dog is licenced with the municipality as a dangerous dog in accordance with the fees outlined in Appendix A
- (b) such dog is spayed or neutered
- (c) they comply with the owners' responsibilities as outlined in Section 4A
- (d) at all times when off the owner's property, the dog shall be muzzled
- (e) at all times when off the owner's property, the dog shall be on a leash not longer than one metre and under the control of a responsible person over the age of eighteen
- (f) when such dog is on the property of the owner, it shall be either securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure, suitable to prevent the escape of the dangerous dog and capable of preventing the entry of any person not in control of the dog. Such pen or structure must have minimum dimensions of two metres by four metres and must have secure sides and a secure top. If it has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded into the ground no less than thirty centimetres deep. The enclosure must also provide protection from the elements for the dog. The pen or structure shall not be within one metre of the property line or within three metres of a neighbouring dwelling unit. Such dog may not be chained as a means of confinement.
- (g) a sign is displayed at each entrance to the property and building in which the dog is kept warning in writing, as well as with a symbol, that there is a dangerous dog on the property. This sign shall be visible and legible from the nearest road or thoroughfare.
- (h) a policy of liability insurance, satisfactory to the municipality, is in force in the amount of at least five hundred thousand dollars, covering the twelve month period during which licensing is sought, for injuries caused by the owner's dangerous dog. This policy shall contain a provision requiring the community to be named as an additional insured for the sole purpose of the community to be notified by the insurance company of any cancellation, termination or expiration of the policy.

(2) The municipality shall have the authority to make whatever inquiry is deemed

necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions outlined in this section.

- (3) If the owner of a dog that has been designated as dangerous is unwilling or unable to comply with the requirements of this section, said dog shall then be humanely euthanized by an animal shelter, animal control agency or licenced veterinarian, after a fourteen day holding period. Any dog that has been designated as dangerous under this bylaw may not be offered for adoption.

6. Kennels or Catteries

- (1) Every person who owns or operates a kennel or cattery shall, upon application and payment of a licence fee as set out in Appendix A and upon the approval of the municipality, obtain, no later than the date established by the municipality in each year, a licence to operate such kennel or cattery.
- (2) Every kennel or cattery licence shall be for one year.
- (3) Every person who owns or operates a kennel shall comply with the requirements set out in *A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations* (Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, September 1994).
- (4) Every person who owns or operates a kennel or cattery shall comply with the bylaws of the municipality.
- (5) Where an owner or operator of a kennel or cattery fails to comply with a bylaw of the municipality, the licence may be suspended or revoked.
- (6) Every person who owns or operates a kennel or cattery shall permit an inspector to
- (7) enter and inspect the kennel or cattery at all reasonable times, upon production of proper identification, for the purpose of determining compliance with this bylaw.
- (8) An inspector may enter and inspect the kennel or cattery under authority of a search warrant.
- (9) Where an inspector finds that the owner or operator of a kennel or cattery does not comply with any regulation in this section, he may direct that the animals be seized and impounded by the poundkeeper.

7. Traps

- (1) No person shall use, set or maintain a leghold trap, a killing trap or a snare within the Village of Rama unless specifically authorized to do so by motion of Council.

8. Other Animals as Pets

[For discussion regarding ownership of animals other than cats and dogs as pets, please refer to Appendix B.]

9. Penalties

- (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to the penalties prescribed in this section.
- (2) Each day of violation of any provision of this bylaw shall constitute a separate offence.
- (3) The levying and payment of any fines shall not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs from which he or she is liable under the provision of this bylaw.
- (4) A Provincial Court Judge, in addition to the penalties provided in this bylaw, may, if he considers the offence sufficiently serious, direct or order the owner of a dog or cat to prevent such dog or cat from doing mischief or causing the disturbance or nuisance complained of, or have the animal removed from the Village, or order the animal destroyed.
- (5) Where any person contravenes the same provision of this bylaw twice within one twelve month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the second contravention is double the amount specified in section 9(7) of this bylaw in respect of that provision.
- (6) Where any person contravenes the same provision of this bylaw three or more times within one twelve month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the third or subsequent contravention is triple the amount specified in section 9(7) of this bylaw in respect of that provision.
- (7) The penalties for violating sections of this bylaw are as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
2, 3	\$100.00
4.1 (b), (c), (e)	\$100.00
4.1 (d)	1 st offence \$500.00 and deemed a dangerous dog 2 nd offence dog must be euthanized
5	\$500.00
7	\$100.00

Coming into Force:

a• This Bylaw will come into force up on receiving its third reading in open meeting by the Village of Rama Council.

Mayor

(seal)

Administrator

Sections 8 and 374 to 380 and 381 and of *The Municipalities Act*

Read a third time and adopted
this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Appendix A
Of Bylaw NO 09-2017

Licences

Dog Licence Fees

Spayed/Neutered or under 1 year	\$25.00
Not Spayed/Neutered	\$60.00
Dangerous dog licence	\$250.00

Cat Licence Fees

Spayed/Neutered or under 1 year	\$15.00
Not Spayed/Neutered	\$60.00

Failure to Licence Dog or Cat	\$50.00
In addition to licencing fee	

Failure to Attach Valid Licence	\$50.00
When dog or cat is off the premises of the owner	

Kennel or cattery licence	\$250.00
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Impoundment Fees

\$50.00 per animal per day in addition to the fines outlined below:

First impoundment in any calendar year:	
Neutered male or spayed female dog or cat	\$200.00
Non-neutered or unspayed dog or cat	\$300.00
Dangerous dog	\$1000.00

Second impoundment in any calendar year:	
Neutered male or spayed female dog or cat	\$400.00
Non-neutered or unspayed dog or cat	\$600.00
Dangerous dog	euthanasia

Third and subsequent impoundments in any calendar year:	
Neutered male or spayed female dog or cat	\$600.00
Non-neutered or unspayed dog or cat	\$900.00
Dangerous dog	euthanasia

**The Village of Rama, Saskatchewan's
EXOTIC ANIMAL POLICY
LIST OF PROHIBITED SPECIES**

1. ALL ARTIODACTYLOUS UNGULATES,
2. ALL CANIDAE, **EXCEPT THE DOMESTIC DOG**
3. ALL CROCODYLIANS (SUCH AS ALLIGATORS AND CROCODILES)
4. ALL EDENTATES (SUCH AS ANTEATERS, SLOTHS AND ARMADILLOS)
5. ALL ELEPHANTIDAE (ELEPHANTS)
6. ALL ERINACIDAE, **EXCEPT THE AFRICAN PIGMY HEDGEHOG**
7. ALL FELIDAE, **EXCEPT THE DOMESTIC CAT**
8. ALL HYAENIDAE (HYENAS)
9. ALL MARSUPIALS, **EXCEPT SUGAR GLIDERS**
10. ALL MUSTELIDAE (SUCH AS SKUNKS, OTTERS AND WEASELS) **EXCEPT THE DOMESTIC FERRET**
11. ALL NON-HUMAN PRIMATES (SUCH AS GORILLAS AND MONKEYS)
12. ALL PINNIPEDS (SUCH AS SEALS, FUR SEALS AND WALRUSES)
13. ALL PERISSODACTYLOUS UNGULATES, **EXCEPT THE DOMESTIC HORSE AND ASS**
14. ALL PROCYONIDAE (SUCH AS RACCOONS, COATIS AND CACOMISTLES)
15. ALL PTEROPODIDAE (BATS)
16. ALL RAPTORS, DIURNAL AND NOCTURNAL (SUCH AS EAGLES, HAWKS AND OWLS)
17. ALL RATITES (SUCH AS OSTRICHES, RHEAS AND CASSOWARIES)
18. ALL URSIDAE (BEARS)
19. ALL VENOMOUS REPTILES
20. ALL VIVERRIDAE (SUCH AS MONGOOSES, CIVETS AND GENETS)
21. ALL SCOLOPENDRA (GIANT AND OTHER CENTIPEDES)

Examples of animals of a particular prohibited group are given in parentheses. They are examples only and shall not be construed as limiting the generality of the group.

*This list is subject to review according to the accepted Criteria.
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The Village of Rama, Saskatchewan's Three meter /two meter rule

When looking at reptiles, The Village of Rama, Saskatchewan adopts the three meter/ two meter rule, defined as follows: **“An adult snake’s length cannot exceed three meters and an adult lizard’s length cannot exceed two meters (snout to the tip of the tail).”**

The Village of Rama, Saskatchewan favours this rule because it is easy to apply. You only require a measuring tape to be able to enforce it. As previously stated, The Village of Rama, Saskatchewan favours a prohibited species list instead of a permitted one. However, regardless of the approach used, the more species that are added to a list, the greater the training required by the officers to properly identify them.

Based on past experience, relying on identification can be problematic. With age, the species colour patterns may change. There are also a growing number of colours available to herpetoculturists (albinos, hypomenalistic, granite, calico, etc.). Some of the species are crossbred or inbred, resulting in new sub-species. The three-meter rule takes into account all of these situations.

As a complement to this approach, The Village of Rama, Saskatchewan identifies six different species and one sub-specie of snakes that are prohibited as pets. All of them exceed three meters and are recognized for their nasty disposition. They are all members of the Family *Boidae* and are listed as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>English common Name</u>	<u>*Length</u>
D <i>Eunectes murinus</i>	Green anaconda	6 to 8 m
D <i>Eunectes notaeus</i>	Yellow anaconda	5 to 6 m
D <i>Python reticulatus</i>	Reticulated python	6 to 10 m
D <i>Python sebae</i>	African rock python	6 to 9 m
D <i>Python molurus bivittatus</i>	Burmese python	5 to 8 m
D <i>Python molurus molurus</i>	Indian python	5 to 6 m
D <i>Morelia amethystina</i>	Amethyst python	6 to 8 m

***Length suggested in literature. Snakes grow during their entire life and the total length they may reach is greatly influenced by the captive conditions in which they are kept.**

As mentioned previously, they are all covered in the three-meter/ two-meter rule. As for the two-meter rule in lizards, it basically eliminates all the nasty specimens, as well as those that are of real threat to pet owners.