TOWN OF MOUNT-ROYAL

CONSOLIDATION OF BY-LAW NO. 1340 CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF CATS AND DOGS

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DIVISION I

DEFINITIONS

TERMINOLOGY

1. In this by-law, the following words shall have the following meaning unless the context otherwise requires:

"Animal Control Officer": any officer of the *Service de police de la Ville de Montréal*, any officer of the Town of Mount Royal Public Security Service or any individual or legal entity to whom the Town may, from time to time, by resolution or by contract, give the responsibility of enforcing this by-law in whole or in part, as well as their representatives; (By-law No. 1340-7)

"cat": a cat (male or female) or kitten;

"dog": a dog, bitch or puppy or a dog trained to assist a disabled person and commonly called "guide dog";

"dangerous dog": *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-7)

"custodian": an individual who owns a cat or a dog, who shelters it, feeds it, stays with it or who makes for a cat or a dog one or several of the aforementioned gestures;

"**animal rescue organization**" a non-profit organization taking in animals in need with a view to transferring them to a new place of custody, and in the case where the animals taken in include cats and dogs, holding a permit issued for that purpose by the Minister under section 19 of the Animal Welfare and Safety Act, C.Q.L.R., c. B-3.1; (By-laws No. 1340-5 and 1340-7)

"park": a public place in the Town used as a green space for relaxation, walking and sports and designated as a park by a sign;

"**animal house**" a non-profit organization taking in animals with a view to transferring them to a new place of custody, and in the case where the animals taken in include cats and dogs, holding a permit issued for that purpose by the Minister under section 19 of the Animal Welfare and Safety Act, C.Q.L.R., c. B-3.1; (By-laws No. 1340-5 and 1340-7)

"dwelling unit": a single-family dwelling located in the Town and the property on which this dwelling is erected or one living unit in a building comprising more than one single-family dwelling and located in the Town as well as the property on which this building is erected.

"Town": the Town of Mount Royal or its territory.

DIVISION II

REGULATIONS

PERMITS

2. No one may keep a cat or a dog within Town limits before registering the pet with the Town and obtaining a licence in the form of a tag from the Animal Control Officer or a municipal employee hired by the Town. (By-laws No. 1340-1 1340-7)

   The first paragraph does not apply to animal businesses, be they a business which keeps pets for sale, a veterinary establishment, a pound, an animal service, an animal protection organization or a shelter. (By-law No. 1340-7)

3. Any licence issued for the first time shall be valid until December 31 of the year in which it is issued. It must then be renewed annually, in which case, it shall be valid from January 1 of the year for which it is renewed until December 31 of the same year. (By-laws No. 1340-1, 1340-2 and 1340-7)

4. In order to obtain a licence, the owner of a cat or dog must:

   (1) be at least eighteen (18) years old;

   (2) complete, for each cat or dog that he owns, a form to this effect provided by the Animal Control Officer, or a municipal employee and on which is stated all the information required on the form; (By-laws No. 1340-1 and 1340-7)

   (2.1) supply to the Town a valid document, signed by a veterinary surgeon, certifying that the dog or cat has been inoculated against rabies; (By-law No. 1340-2)

   (2.2) supply a document attesting the dog's breed; (By-law No. 1340-6)

   (3) pay the fees for the permit provided for in this by-law; and

   (4) provide a proof of neutering when the cat or dog has been neutered. (By-law No. 1340-5)

5. The cost of a license is as follows:

   (1) twenty dollars ($20) par dog, if neutered;
   (2) thirty dollars ($30) per dog;
   (3) five dollars ($5) per cat, if neutered;
   (4) ten dollars ($10) per cat.

   The license is free if it applies to a guide dog. The fee for obtaining a license issued for the first time after June 30 of the current year shall be cut by half. (By-laws No. 1340-5 and 1340-7)

6. In lieu of a licence, the owner shall receive a tag carrying a license number, the year for which the license is issued and the words "Town of Mount Royal". This tag shall be carried at all times by the cat or dog for which the license is issued. (By-laws No. 1340-1 and 1340-7)

DIVISION III
INFRACTIONS

7. The following constitutes a "nuisance" and is prohibited in the Town:

(1) The fact that a cat living in the Town does not carry at all times a valid tag in accordance with this by-law. (By-law No. 1340-7)

(2) The fact that the owner of a cat living in the Town does not have a valid license in accordance with this by-law (By-law No 1340-7);

(3) The fact that a custodian brings a cat or dog usually living outside the Town within the Town limits unless he has:

(a) a license provided for in this by-law; or

(b) a tag issued by the municipality where the cat or dog usually lives, provided that the custodian can prove the existence of a valid license corresponding to the tag;

NUMBER OF CATS AND DOGS

(4) The fact of keeping more than two (2) dogs over three (3) months old in a dwelling unit or its accessory buildings. Notwithstanding, constitutes a nuisance and is prohibited the fact of keeping more than eight (8) dogs under three (3) months old in a dwelling unit or its accessory buildings. However, the maximum number of non-sterilized dogs over three (3) months of age is one (1) per dwelling unit or its dependencies; (By-laws No. 1340-4 and 1340-5)

(5) The fact of keeping more than two (2) cats over three (3) months old in a dwelling unit or its accessory buildings. Notwithstanding, constitutes a nuisance and is prohibited the fact of keeping more than eight (8) cats under three (3) months old in a dwelling unit or its accessory buildings. However, the maximum number of non-sterilized cats over three (3) months of age is one (1) per dwelling unit or its dependencies; (By-laws No. 1340-4 and 1340-5)

(5.1) Notwithstanding subsections (4) and (5), it is permitted to keep more than one non-neutered dog or cat upon presentation of a written notice by a veterinary surgeon specifying that sterilization is not recommended for the animal considering its medical condition; (By-law No. 1340-5)

(5.2) Notwithstanding subsection (4), it is permitted to keep more than one non-neutered dog upon presentation of a proof that the animal is used for breeding; (By-law No. 1340-5)

(6) *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-7)

(7) *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-7)

(8) *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-7)

PLACES WHERE CATS AND DOGS ARE PROHIBITED

(9) The fact that a cat or dog is in a park or municipal building or on the property on which this building is erected, except with the Town's express authorization and except for guide dogs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the presence of a dog in a park does not constitute a nuisance and is not prohibited if the dog is on a leash and is on a pedestrian path; (By-law No. 1340-8)

(10) *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-7)

(11) The fact that a dog's custodian does not clean forthwith, by all appropriate means, the feces of such dog;

(12) The fact that a cat or dog pierces, tears or otherwise damages a garbage bag placed outside a building for collection, or knocks over or spreads the garbage placed in such manner;

(13) The fact that a cat or dog disturbs the peacefulness of the neighbourhood;

(14) Any dangerous or rabid cat or any cat acting like a rabid cat;

(15) *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-7)

(16) The fact that a cat or dog bites, attempts to bite a person or an animal or damages public or private property;

(16.1) Any dog of the following breeds or species: pitbull, bull-terrier, American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier or Staffordshire bull terrier; (By-law No.1340-6)

(16.2) Any dog bred from one of the breeds mentioned in Subsection (16.1) and another dog; (By-law No.1340-6)

(16.3) Owning, keeping or caring for a dog mentioned in subsections (16.1) and (16.2); (By-law No.1340-6)

(16.4) Allowing a dog mentioned in Section 7.1 to be outside the home without a muzzle, whether on private or public property; (By-law No.1340-6)

(16.5) Allowing a dog mentioned in Section 7.1 to be at a dog park; (By-law No.1340-6)

(17) The fact that an establishment specializing in the sale of animals offers for sale non-neutered dogs, cats or rabbits; (By-law No. 1340-5)

(18) The fact that an establishment specializing in the sale of animals offers for sale dogs or cats coming from other than the following sources:
(a) an animal rescue organization;
(b) an animal house. (By-law No. 1340-5)

7.1 Notwithstanding subsections (16.1), (16.2) and (16.3), of Section 7, a dog mentioned in these paragraphs is not a nuisance if the owner or custodian holds

a valid licence required by this by-law for the dog as of July 20, 2016, on the condition that the dog wear a muzzle at all times when outside the home, whether on public or private property.
(By-law No.1340-6, Minutes of correction of March 24, 2026)

DIVISION IV
PENALTIES

8. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this By-law, including the owner or custodian of a cat or dog in breach of this By-law as a prohibited breed or a nuisance, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) for breaches of subsections 16, 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.5 of Section 7, and not less than seventy-five dollars ($75) in all other cases, and not more than: (By-law No.1340-6)

   (1) for a first offence, one thousand dollars ($1,000) if the offender is a natural person or two thousand dollars ($2,000) if the offender is a legal entity, a company or an association; (By-law No.1340-6)

   (2) in the case of a subsequent offence, two thousand dollars ($2,000) if the offender is a natural person, or four thousand dollars ($4,000) if the offender is a legal entity, a company or an association; (By-law No.1340-6)

   Any continuous infraction shall constitute, day by day, a separate infraction.

   The payment of a fine imposed due to an infraction shall not release the person in question from the obligation to comply with this bay-law. (By-law No. 1385)

8.1 The Animal Control Officer or any Town employee may, in the exercise of their duties at any reasonable time, have access to any property in order to verify compliance with this by-law. (By-law No. 1340-3)

9. Without restricting the provisions of section 8, an Animal Control Officer may capture and impound or entrust to a person designated by the Town, by resolution or by contract, any cat or dog being prohibited or causing a nuisance.

10. *Repealed* (By-laws No.1340-1 and 1340-7)

11. In the case where the cat or dog captured does not carry a tag and where it is impossible for the Animal Control Officer to notify the owner that the cat or dog has been captured, such cat or dog may be given, sold or eliminated by humane euthanasia according to standards and common practice. (By-law No. 1340-1)

12. *Repealed* (By-law No. 1340-1)

13. The owner or custodian of a cat or dog may recover the cat or dog captured in accordance with section 9: (By-law No. 1340-1)

   (1) by paying to the Animal Control Officer all costs incurred for the capture, keeping, care and lodging; and (By-law No.1340-1)

   (2) if the owner of the cat or dog captured in accordance with section 9 has not obtained a license as provided for in this by-law for such cat or dog, by fulfilling the conditions mentioned in section 4 to obtain such a license;

(3) by paying the sterilization costs. The owner of the animal who does not have it sterilized by the Animal Control Officer shall use the services of a veterinarian. In that case, the animal shall be taken directly to the said animal clinic; (By-law No. 1340-5)

the whole subject to the Town's right to prosecute the owner or custodian of such cat or dog for contravening this by-law.

14. Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to eliminate, by humane euthanasia according to standards and common practice, any cat captured in accordance with section 9 if he considers such cat dangerous. If such cat is rabid or acts like a rabid cat, the Animal Control Officer is authorized to have it treated or to eliminate it by humane euthanasia, the whole as diagnosed by a specialist in the field. (By-laws No. 1340-1 and 1340-7)

15. Notwithstanding subsections (4) and (5) of section 7, any person who, before the coming into force of this by-law, owns a number of cats or dogs in excess of the number authorized by this by-law has an acquired right and may keep all those cats or dogs as long as he wants providing:

(1) that such owner complies with all other provisions of this by-law concerning his or her cats or dogs; and

(2) that within sixty (60) days from the coming into force of this by-law, such owner indicates to the Town the number of cats or dogs he owned before the coming into force of this by-law.

This acquired right subsists only for cats or dogs belonging to such owner before the coming into force of this by-law. An owner who does not comply with the conditions provided for in this section is liable to the penalties mentioned in section 8 and the Animal Control Officer is authorized to capture, at its discretion, any cat or dog in excess of the number authorized by this by-law and to give it, sell it or eliminate it by humane euthanasia. (By-law No. 1340-1)

16. Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law, a dog that attacks or is trained to attack a human being or an animal, whether this dog is rented, belongs to a Town taxpayer or is found in the Town, constitutes a nuisance and is prohibited everywhere in the Town.

17. This by-law does not apply to a dog under the Town's control for the purposes of the Public Security Patrol, a police corps, a Government security service or a Government agency.

DIVISION V
TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

18. Nothing in this by-law shall be construed as restricting the Town's rights and powers to collect, using all means conferred by law, any tax, permit or license payable under this by-law.

19. This by-law replaces By-law No. 830 concerning the Control of Dogs and its amendments, being By-laws Nos. 869, 1120 and 1222.

20. If any provision of this by-law is illegal, invalid or beyond the powers of the Town, then such provision shall be considered deleted from this by-law, which shall remain in effect as though such provision had never been included therein.

DIVISION VI
COMING INTO FORCE

21. This by-law shall come into effect according to law.