



TOWN POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: 2603

REFERENCE:

Resolution No. 023.02.24

ADOPTED BY:

Town Council February 7, 2024

PREPARED BY: Municipal Enforcement

DATE: January 22, 2024

TITLE: Animal Trapping, Neuter and Spay Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

A policy of the Town of Strathmore to regulate the use of animal traps, for the identification and trapping of domestic (cats) and non-domestic (skunks) animals.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Town of Strathmore.
- 1.2 "Domestic Animal" means an animal of a species of vertebrates or invertebrates that has been domesticated by humans so as to live and breed in tame conditions or depend upon humankind for survival and not classified as livestock.
- 1.3 "Municipality" means the Town of Strathmore.
- 1.4 "Non-Domestic Animal" means any wild animal, reptile, rodent or fowl which is not naturally tame or gentle, but is of a wild nature or disposition, and which, because of its size, vicious nature, or other characteristics would constitute a potential danger to human life or property.
- 1.5 "Peace Officer" means a police officer or member of a police service under the Police Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-17, or a Peace Officer appointed pursuant to the Peace Officer Act, S.A. 2006, c. P-3.5; or a person appointed as a Bylaw enforcement officer pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26.
- 1.6 "Trap, Neuter and Release" means a feral cat that is trapped, neutered/spayed and then released back to where they were trapped.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Peace Officer
 - a. To review and approve the conditions of the Animal Traps.
 - b. To recommend changes and revisions to the Animal Trap Agreements and Animal Trapping, Neuter, and Spay Policy.
 - c. To ensure that all necessary maintenance is carried out on the Animal Traps.

2.2 Administrative Services

- a. To coordinate and oversee all procedures related to the Animal Trap Agreements.
- b. To recommend changes or amendments to the Animal Trap Agreements.
- c. To refund deposits if the trap is returned, undamaged, on the due date. See Agreement.
- d. To assess costs for the return of a damaged trap.
- e. To facilitate the signing of trapping agreements.

3.0 SERVICES PROVIDED

- 3.1 The Town of Strathmore will provide Animal Traps on a first come, first served basis to residents who make a formal application through the Town Office.
- 3.2 Any resident using Animal Traps shall be required to abide by all conditions as outlined in the Agreement.
- 3.3 The Town will provide traps for the period of May 10th through October 10th. At the sole discretion of Municipal Enforcement, trapping may be extended or restricted depending on weather conditions.
- 3.4 All animals caught shall be brought to the Town Office and given directly to a Peace Officer to determine the identification of the animal and provide proper notification to the animal's owner. Animals are to only be dropped off at the Town Office during normal working hours.
- 3.5 The Town will only accept trapped animals that are brought to the Town Office:
 - a. if they are trapped within the Town of Strathmore limits; and
 - b. if the resident who delivers the animal to the Town Office puts the animal into a carrier supplied by the Town Office.
 - c. Town Office administration will not be required to handle the animal.
- 3.6 Any capture of "non-domestic" animals, excluding skunks should be immediately released from the trap. If the trapped animal poses a risk of injury or harm to a person or property it should be reported to the Town Office and or Municipal Enforcement so a Peace Officer may attend and assess the required actions.
- 3.7 The Town Office will provide skunk traps on a first come, first served basis to residents who make a formal application through the Town Office. Residents who trap a skunk will be responsible for the release of the skunk outside of the town limits and the return of the trap back to the Town Office as per the Trap Agreement.

4.0 DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS

- 4.1 If deemed necessary, the Peace Officer may deliver the animal to a local veterinary office to harbour the animal and await the appropriate time frame as set out in Bylaw No. 18-18.
- 4.2 After the appropriate waiting period as specified in the Responsible Animal Control Bylaw No. 18-18, Section 10, a Peace Officer will deliver the animal to a contracted

service provider or one of the local veterinary offices in Strathmore for adoption, euthanasia, or neuter/spay and release.

5.0 REPEAL

5.1 Animal Trapping, Neuter and Spay Policy No. 2601 is hereby repealed.

END OF POLICY

APPROVAL



Mayor



Director of Strategic, Administrative
and Financial Services