

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HAWKESBURY

BY-LAW N° 13 -2007

A by-law prohibiting and regulating the keeping of certain animals

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, municipalities may pass by-laws pertaining to animals;

WHEREAS by-law N° 76-99 adopted in 1999 should be revised;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury enacts as follows:

1. In this by-law, "animal" includes birds and reptiles.
2. No person shall own, harbour, possess, sell or offer for sale any animal listed below as a pet or for any other purpose for any period of time:
 - a) all non-human primates (such as gorillas and monkeys)
 - b) all felids (including but not limited to lions, cougars, tigers, leopards, cheetahs but not including the domestic cat)
 - c) all canids (including but not limited to jackals, wolves and foxes but not including the domestic dog)
 - d) all mustelids (including but not limited to minks, polecats, skunks, weasels, otters, badgers, etc. but not including the domestic ferret)
 - e) all marsupials (including but not limited to kangaroos and opossums)
 - f) all bats, eagles, hawks, owls and falcons
 - g) all ursids (bear)
 - h) all hyaenas
 - i) all snapping turtles
 - j) all elephants
 - k) all snakes which reach an adult length larger than 3 metres
 - l) all poisonous or venomous snakes (including but not limited to cobras and rattlesnakes)
 - m) all the following boidae:
 - Green anaconda
 - Yellow anaconda
 - Reticulated python
 - African rock python
 - Burmese python
 - Indian python
 - Amethyst python
 - n) all song birds in the family Paradisaeidae (including but not limited to birds of paradise)
 - o) all poisonous or venomous arachnids (including but not limited to spiders)
 - p) all lizards which reach an adult length larger than 2 metres
 - q) all poisonous or venomous lizards
 - r) all crocodilians (including but not limited to alligators and crocodiles)
 - s) all endangered species as defined by the Canadian Wildlife Service and all species of animal whose ownership is already prohibited by existing Federal and Provincial legislation
 - t) all perissodactyls (including but not limited to horses, asses, donkeys, zebras, mules and ponies)
 - u) all bovines (including but not limited to cattle, goats, sheep, swine, pigs and cows)

3. Notwithstanding section 2, the prohibition shall not apply to:
 - a) circuses or other like shows and parades
 - b) any area used as a zoo
 - c) premises operated by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 - d) a veterinary hospital under the control of a licensed veterinarian
 - e) anyone holding a licence under any statute of the Legislature of Ontario or the Government, which permits the keeping of animals under stated conditions
 - f) any animal being displayed or exhibited for a set period of time in a municipality sanctioned event which is operated in accordance with all by-laws of the municipality
 - g) the premises of an Institution of Education where such animals are being kept for research, study or teaching purposes, or on premises registered as Research Facilities under the Animal for Research Act.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3, no person shall walk on or with any animals listed in section 2 in the streets of the Town including all lizards and snakes.
5. Section 2 shall not apply to prevent the owners keeping a snake being larger than the required 3m and lizards being larger than 2m if such animal was owned and kept as a pet prior to the adoption of by-law N° 76-99 adopted on December 20, 1999 and registered in accordance with said by-law.
6. Every person who owns a reptile or lizard must register their animal with the Town. An administration fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the registration of such reptiles and lizards.
7. Pet shop owners must submit to the Town of Hawkesbury each month an inventory list of all snakes and lizards purchased and sold including the purchasers' name and address.
8. No person shall keep more than six (6) guinea pigs of three months and older in any residential dwelling unit within the Town with a maximum of two (2) such guinea pigs being fully-grown.
9. No person shall keep more than six (6) rodents in any residential dwelling unit within the Town.
10. No person shall keep more than two (2) rabbits in a fenced cage in any outside area of any residential unit within the Town.
11. No person shall keep more than two (2) chicks in a fenced cage in any outside area of any residential unit within the Town until fully grown.
12. All enclosures for the animals listed in sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 shall be kept clear and sanitary at all times and shall be disposed of any excrement in a sanitary manner.
13. A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or other duly appointed officer may enter on any public property, or on private property with the consent of the owner or tenant of the property, for the purpose of verifying the size of the reptiles and lizards and also for examining the enclosures in which all animals are kept including reptiles and lizards.

14. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 33, as amended.
15. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing thereof.
16. That By-law N° 76-99 is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2007.

Clerk

Mayor