

BYLAW NO. 9868

The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023*.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* by:
 - (a) adding a definition of “muzzle”;
 - (b) amending clause 8(4)(f) to clarify that dangerous animals must remain licensed;
 - (c) resolving conflicting language with regard to dangerous animal signage; and
 - (d) adding provisions clarifying the impoundment of dangerous animals.

Bylaw No. 8176 Amended

3. *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003* is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

Section 3 Amended

4. Section 3 is amended by adding the following clause after clause (d):

“(d.1) “**muzzle**” means a device which:

 - (i) covers the entirety of the jaws, mouth and nose of the animal;
 - (ii) is capable of being securely fastened to prevent it from coming loose;
 - (iii) is sufficiently strong and well-fitted to prevent the animal from biting;

(iv) is humane and permits the animal to breathe, pant, drink and see;
and

(v) is commercially or professionally made.”.

Section 8 Amended

5. (1) Subsection 8(4) is amended by adding the following clause after clause (f):

“(f.1) subject to clause (f), the owner shall maintain a valid license for the animal while the animal resides in a municipality which requires the animal to be licensed;”.

(2) Clause 8(5)(c) is repealed and replaced with the following:

“(c) the owner shall display signs in compliance with Section 20;”.

(3) The following subsection is added after subsection (6):

“(6.1) If an order has previously been made with respect to an animal pursuant to this Bylaw, the judge may issue an order pursuant to subsection (6) or vacate the previous order and issue a new order that is not less restrictive than the previous order.”.

Section 9.1 Amended

6. The following subsection is added after subsection (5):

“(5.1) If an order has previously been made with respect to an animal pursuant to this Bylaw, the judge may issue an order pursuant to subsection (5) or vacate the previous order and issue a new order that is not less restrictive than the previous order.”.

New Section 10.1

7. The following section is added after section 10:

“Impoundment of Dangerous Animals

10.1 (1) If an animal is impounded pursuant to section 327 of *The Cities Act*, the City may keep the animal impounded pending a judge’s determination with respect to the animal.

- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), when a judge makes a determination with respect to an animal impounded pursuant to subsection (1), other than an order pursuant to subsection 8(6) or 9.1(5), the owner must:
 - (a) retrieve the animal within the later of:
 - (i) 10 days after the date of the judge's determination;
 - (ii) if the animal is ordered to be impounded until a later date, three days after that date; or
 - (iii) if a judge makes the release of an impounded animal conditional upon the owner taking certain action by a certain date, such as building an enclosure for the animal, three days after the date set by the judge for completion of the action; and
 - (b) at the time of retrieving the animal, pay all fees set out in Appendix "C" as well as any other costs of impoundment, such as veterinary costs.
- (3) If a determination mentioned in subsection (2) or an order made pursuant to subsection 8(6) or 9.1(5) is appealed, the City may keep the animal impounded pending the disposition of the appeal, including any further appeal.
- (4) If an appeal mentioned in subsection (3) does not result in the destruction of the animal, the owner must:
 - (a) retrieve the animal within the later of:
 - (i) three days after the expiry of any further appeal period;
 - (ii) if the animal is ordered to be impounded until a later date, three days after that date; or
 - (iii) if a judge on appeal makes the release of an impounded animal conditional upon the owner taking certain action by a certain date, such as building an enclosure for the animal, three days after the date set by the judge for completion of the action; and
 - (b) at the time of retrieving the animal, pay all fees set out in Appendix "C" as well as any other costs of impoundment, such as veterinary costs.

- (5) If an order of a judge or an appeal mentioned in subsection (3) results in the destruction of the animal, the owner of the animal shall be responsible for payment of all fees set out in Appendix “C” as well as any other costs of impoundment, such as veterinary costs.
- (6) If the owner of an animal does not pay the fees and costs and retrieve the animal within the time period set out in subsection (2) or (4), as the case may be, the City may dispose of the animal at the City’s discretion.
- (7) Any fees or costs mentioned in this Section, including costs relating to disposal of an animal mentioned in subsection (6), are an amount owing to the City by the owner of the animal.”.

Section 11 Amended

- 8. Subsection 11(3) is repealed.

Section 12 Repealed

- 9. Section 12 is repealed.

Section 16 Amended

- 10. (1) Clause 16(c) is amended by striking out “;” and substituting “.”.
- (2) Clause 16(d) is repealed.
- (3) Clause 16(e) is repealed.

Section 20 Amended

- 11. (1) Subsection 20(1) is amended by:
 - (a) striking out “Where an animal has been declared dangerous pursuant to Section 8” and substituting “If a judge orders pursuant to clause 8(5)(c) that an owner shall display a sign in accordance with this Section”; and
 - (b) striking out “declaring the animal to be dangerous”.

