

**SOUTH FRONTENAC TOWNSHIP  
BY-LAW 2001-13**

**A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT THE BEING AT LARGE OR TRESPASSING OF ANY ANIMAL, EXCLUDING DOGS AND CATS, WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC.**

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**WHEREAS** Section 210 (4) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. M. 45, as amended permits councils by by-law to prohibit or regulate within any part of the municipality the being at large or trespassing of animals other than dogs and cats, and to provide for impounding them and for causing them to be sold; and,

**WHEREAS** Section 210 (6) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. M. 45, as amended permits councils to pass by-laws for appraising the damages to be paid by owners of animals impounded for trespassing;

**NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC, BY ITS COUNCIL, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. No owner of any animal shall cause or permit any such animal to be at large or trespass within any area within the jurisdiction of the Township of South Frontenac or upon any highway within the Township of South Frontenac.
2. This by-law applies to all animals other than cats and dogs.
3. Any animal which is found at large or trespassing within any area within the jurisdiction of the Township of South Frontenac, including but not limited to any highway within the Township, may be taken into custody and impounded.
4. The By-law enforcement Officer, when dealing with a complaint of an animal at large, shall be directed in his actions by the policies that are attached to and form part of this by-law.
5. The pound keeper shall prepare an appraisal of damages caused by the animal while it was at large or trespassing and these damages shall be paid to the municipality prior to the release of the animal. Council may exercise its right to make grants in the amount of the damages or parts thereof to those parties who have suffered the damages.
6. The provisions of the Pounds Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. P. 17, as amended, shall apply to any animal impounded pursuant to this by-law except where those provisions have been modified by this by-law pursuant to Section 1 of the said Act.
7. Any person who contravenes any provisions of this by-law shall be guilty of an offense and on conviction shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000.00 exclusive of costs, which shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. P.33, as amended.
8. By-law 1998-76 is hereby repealed.
9. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passage.

Dated at Sunbury this 20<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2001.

Read a first and second time this 20<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2001.

Read a third time and finally passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2001.

**The Corporation of the  
Township of South Frontenac**



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**Philip Leonard, Mayor**



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**Gary Stefan, Clerk-Administrator**

## **SCHEDULE A TO BY-LAW 2001-13**

### **POLICIES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The following steps of progressive enforcement shall be followed by the By-law Enforcement Officer when dealing with a complaint of an animal at large under By-law 2001-13.

1. For the first incident, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall provide a verbal warning only and file an incident report with the Clerk-Administrator.
2. For the second incident, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall provide a written warning to the person responsible for the animal and provide advice concerning the Line Fences Act and fencing procedures. After the completion of this step, the person responsible for the animal may appeal the actions the By-law Enforcement Officer to Township Council.
3. For the third incident, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall issue a short form ticket with the value of the fine set at \$250.00.
4. For the fourth incident, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall proceed with a long form prosecution, after notice to Council.
5. The foregoing procedures shall be followed at each location where the complaints arise. In addition, the complaints must all occur within a twelve-month period, otherwise the sequence of enforcement will recommence at the first step of the enforcement policy.
6. At all times the By-law Enforcement Officer shall have due regard for those circumstances which are beyond the control of the person responsible for the animal including but not limited to the actions of third parties and the availability of materials and forces to contain the animal.
7. Where the animal is being driven along or across a highway, in the normal course of animal husbandry, under the control of a responsible person, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall have due regard for the circumstances with respect to the requirements of animal husbandry and the safety of the public.
8. Where the singular is used in this policy, the plural may also be used.