

**VILLAGE OF CRAVEN
BYLAW NO 04-2026**

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROLLING,
REGULATING OF DOGS.**

The Council of the Village of Craven in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be referenced as the “Dog Control Bylaw”

2. DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of this bylaw, the expression:

- a) “Administrator” means the Administrator – CAO for the Village of Craven, or any person authorized to act on her/his behalf;
- b) “Aggressive dog” means:
 - (i) any dog that, without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chases or approaches a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
 - (ii) a dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation, cause injury or otherwise threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals;
 - (iii) a dog which has, without provocation, bitten, inflicted injury, assaulted, pursued or otherwise attacked a human or domestic animal;
 - (iv) a dog which is owned primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or has been or is being trained for dog fighting;
- c) “Council” shall mean the council of the Village of Craven;
- d) “Designated officer” shall mean a person(s) designated by the council of the municipality for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this bylaw and includes Animal Control Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or the Peace officer of the RCMP;
- e) “Diseased Animal” means any domestic animal indicating symptoms of distemper, parvovirus, rabies or other contagious disease that can be spread to human or animal populations;
- f) “dog” shall mean members of the canis genus species;
- g) “Dog Owner” means any person who owns or has in his or her possession a dog, or any person harbouring or allowing a dog to remain about his or her house or premises;
- h) “Domestic Animal” means any animal tamed and kept as a domestic pet, and includes a dog or cat but does not include a farm animal or wildlife.
- i) “Enclosure” means a fence or structure at least 1.83 metres (6.0 feet) in height suitable to confine an Aggressive dog and prevent the entry of young children;

- j) “leash” shall mean a suitable device physically connecting the dog to the owner and capable of restraining the dog; electric leashes are not permitted;
- k) “owner” shall mean:
 - i) a person, partnership, association or corporation who keeps, possesses or harbours a dog; or
 - ii) the person responsible for the custody of a minor if the minor is the owner of a dog;
- l) “municipality” shall mean the Village of Craven;
- m) “pound” shall mean a premises and facilities that has been designated by Council;
- n) “running at large” means a dog that:
 - i) is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog; or
 - ii) is beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land; and
 - iii) is not under control by being:
 - (a) in direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it; or
 - (b) securely confined within an enclosure; or
 - (c) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.

3. LICENSES

- a) Every person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog within the Village shall register the dog and obtain a licence from the Village Administrator.
- b) Licence fees shall be payable in advance as follows:
 - for each unneutered dog - \$15.00
 - for each neutered dog - \$10.00
 - for each unspayed dog - \$15.00
 - for each spayed dog - \$10.00
- c) All licences expire on December 31 following the date of issue.
- d) A sum payable for a license required after June 30th shall be 50% of the charge for a full year.
- e) Guide dogs for sightless persons shall be licensed at no charge.

4. RUNNING AT LARGE AND CONTROL OF DOGS

- a) No dog shall run at large in the Municipality, and for the purpose of this Bylaw, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when it is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbourer of the said dog or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said lands and when it is not under control by being:
 - i) In direct and continuous charge of a person competent to control it by means of a leash;
 - or

- ii) securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will; or
 - iii) securely confined within an enclosure.
- b) A person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw.
- c) Every owner of a dog shall keep the dog from trespassing upon private property whether running at large or held on a leash secured to its owner.
- d) Where the dog leaves or deposits any excrement on any public place or private property other than the property of the Owner, the Owner shall immediately take steps to remove such excrement and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- e) Every owner of an unspayed female dog in heat shall confine the dog within the Owner's premises, within premises under the Owner's possession and control, or within an Enclosure contained within the Owner's property provided that such property is fenced or secured so as to prevent any dog from gaining access to the Kennel.

5. NUMBER OF DOGS PERMITTED

- a) No person shall own, possess, harbour or maintain more than **two (2)** dogs over the age of three (3) months on the same property within the Village of Craven. This section does not apply to the following:
 - i) an animal hospital owned and operated by a licensed veterinarian and who has obtained municipal approval to operate such business;
 - ii) a kennel owner who has obtained municipal approval to operate such business.

6. THREATENING AND NUISANCE BEHAVIOUR

- a) An owner of a dog shall ensure that such dog does not:
 - i) Bite a person or another animal;
 - ii) Act aggressively and cause physical injuries to a person or another animal;
 - iii) Chase a person or another animal;
 - iv) Cause damage to property; or
 - v) Bark, howl or create a disturbance.

7. THREATENING DOG REQUIREMENTS – OFF OWNER’S PROPERTY

- a) Any owner of a dog that contravenes Clause 6(a) (i, ii or iii) shall ensure that at all times, when off the property of the owner, the dog is securely:
 - i) Muzzled;
 - ii) Harnessed or leashed on a lead which shall not exceed two meters in length and prevents the dog from chasing, injuring or biting another person or animal; and
 - iii) Is under the physical control of the person over the age of 18.

8. THREATENING DOG REQUIREMENTS – ON OWNER’S PROPERTY

- a) An owner of a dog that contravenes Clause 6(a) (i, ii or iii) shall ensure that at all times, when on the property of the owner, the dog is securely:
 - i) Kept in an enclosure, dwelling or yard that cannot be escaped; and
 - ii) Shall, take any other measures as Council sees fit, including but not limited to:
 - a) Obtain and keep in effect liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000.00, specifically covering any damages for the personal injury and property damage that may be caused by the dog,
 - b) Display signs, in a prescribed form as directed by the Designated Officer, on the owner’s property warning of the dog(s) presence and continue to display the signs in good condition so long as the dog is on the property;
 - c) Destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal at the owner’s expense.

9. AGGRESSIVE DOGS

- a) No person shall keep or own any diseased domestic animal or aggressive dog within the Municipality unless the diseased animal or aggressive dog is kept sufficiently secured so as to prevent it from endangering the safety of any person or other animal.
- b) No owner of an aggressive dog shall permit or allow the dog to be on any municipal road or in any public place or any other place that is not owned or controlled by that person, unless the dog is secured on a leash to its owner and muzzled to prevent it from biting another animal or a human.
- c) Every owner of an aggressive dog shall, at all times while the dog is on the premises owned or controlled by such person, keep the dog securely confined either indoors, or outdoors in an enclosure that is kept locked at all times except when the dog is being placed in or taken from the enclosure.

- d) Every person who owns, keeps, or has custody or control of an aggressive dog shall immediately notify the Administrator, Designated officer or the RCMP when that dog is at large.
- e) Where a Designated officer, Bylaw enforcement officer or Peace officer of the RCMP acting on behalf of the Municipality received sufficient evidence that a dog by its behaviour or temperament qualifies as an Aggressive dog as defined in this Bylaw, the Designated officer, Bylaw enforcement officer or Peace officer of the RCMP may issue a corresponding notice of designation of the Owner of the dog.
- f) Upon receipt of a notice under the preceding section, the dog owner shall comply with the provisions of this Bylaw regarding Aggressive Dogs.
- g) A written appeal to the Council of the Village of Craven or to a duly authorized subcommittee of the Council whose decision shall be final.

10. DANGEROUS DOGS

- a) Any dog may be declared as a Dangerous animal that pose a risk to public safety, as provided for in Section 375 of *The Municipalities Act* and dealt with accordingly.

11. SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT:

- a) Dogs found running at large in the municipality may be seized and impounded by a Designated Officer.
- b) Any person may restrain any dog running at large in the Village of Craven and shall deliver the dog so restrained, to the Designated Officer. Such person shall leave with the Designated Officer a statement, in writing, describing the dog restrained, the name of the owner (if known) and the place and time of restraint.
- c) A Designated Officer may enter onto the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any dog which has been observed to be running at large.
- d) No person, whether or not they are the owner of a dog which is being or has been pursued or seized, shall:
 - i) interfere with or attempt to obstruct the Designated Officer or other authorized person, who is attempting to seize or has seized any dog in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw;
 - ii) unlock, unlatch or otherwise open the vehicle or compound in which a seized dog is confined; or
 - iii) remove any dog from the possession of the Designated Officer or other authorized person

- e) For the purpose of impounding any dog found running at large within the boundaries of the Village of Craven, the pound shall be the Town Public Works Shop, unless otherwise designated by Council resolution. The municipality may enter into agreements to provide for pound services.
- f) The pound shall supply each and every dog impounded under the provisions of this bylaw, sufficient food and water during its confinement in the pound.
- g) The Designated Officer shall immediately after impounding any dog, make a reasonable effort to notify the owner by telephone. If the owner of the dog is unknown, the Designated Officer shall post a notice in the Municipal Office and on the municipality's website, stating the size, colour, sex and breed or probable breed and a picture.

12. CONFINEMENT AND RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED DOGS

- a) All dogs confined in the said pound shall be kept there for up to twenty-four (24) hours if the dog is unlicensed and up to seventy-two (72) hours if the dog is licensed, with the exclusion of statutory holidays and weekends, during which time the owner shall have the right to retrieve the dog, during normal business hours upon paying to the municipality or other authorized person, the license fee (if required) and impound fees as set out in Appendix "A" of this bylaw.
- b) Unlicensed dogs not redeemed within the first twenty-four (24) hours, or by 2:00 p.m. of the business day prior to a weekend or statutory holiday whichever comes first, will be delivered to the Regina Humane Society. Licensed Dogs not redeemed within the first seventy-two (72) hours, or by 2:00 p.m. of the business day prior to a weekend or statutory holiday whichever comes first, will be delivered to the Regina Humane Society.
- c) The owner of a dog shall be liable for all penalties and fees in accordance with this bylaw.

13. GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS

- a) Unless otherwise provided for in this bylaw, any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this bylaw or fails to comply therewith, shall be liable on summary conviction to the offence penalties set out in Appendix "B" of this bylaw.
- b) A designated officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may serve upon that person a Notice of Violation as set out in Form "A", in accordance with this section.

- c) The Notice of Violation is deemed to have been served:
 - i) On the day of delivery, if the notice is served personally;
 - ii) Ten (10) days from the date it was sent by registered mail; or
 - iii) On the day of delivery, if hand delivered and left at the last known address.
- d) The person named on the Notice of Violation may make a voluntary payment in the specified amount and within the specified time frame as set out in Appendix B of this bylaw, and upon making the voluntary payment, that person shall not be liable to prosecution for the contravention stated on the Notice of Violation.
- e) A person, to whom a Notice of Violation has been issued pursuant to this bylaw, may exercise their right to defend any charge of committing a contravention of any of the provisions of this bylaw, by written appeal to Council.
- f) A person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and if a voluntary payment is not made, may be summonsed to court and liable upon summary conviction to the penalties provided in the attached Appendix “B”.
- g) All fees, fines and voluntary payments collected under this bylaw shall be paid to the Village of Craven.

14. SEVERABILITY

- a) If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw remains valid.

15. COMING INTO FORCE

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon final passing thereof.
Bylaw No. 01-2017 is hereby repealed.

SEAL

Mayor

Administrative Officer

Certified a true copy of bylaw number 04-2026 adopted by resolution on the _____, day of
_____, 20____.

(S E A L)

ADMINISTRATOR

APPENDIX A
Bylaw No. 04-2026

Impound Fees:

Impound Type	First Offence	Second & Subsequent Offences
Impound	\$200.00	\$300.00
Veterinary expenses incurred during impound period, if applicable	At Cost	At Cost

APPENDIX B
Bylaw No. 04-2026

OFFENCE PENALTIES:

Short Form Wording - Offence	Penalty First Offense	Penalty Second & Subsequent Offenses
Running at Large	\$200.00	\$300.00
Failure to clean up after animal	\$100.00	\$200.00
Harbour more than two (2) dogs on the same property	\$200.00	\$500.00
Bite a person or another animal	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Act aggressively and cause physical injury	\$400.00	\$800.00
Chase a person or another animal	\$100.00	\$200.00
Cause damage to property	\$200.00	\$300.00
Cause a disturbance	\$200.00	\$400.00
Obstructing a designated officer	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Failure to sufficiently secure and muzzle a dog designated as aggressive.	\$600.00	\$1,000.00

Form "A"
Bylaw No. 04-2026

VILLAGE OF CRAVEN
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Owner's Name: _____
Owner's Address: _____

Date of Infraction

Year	Month	Day	Time of Infraction
			Hours

The owner of a dog described as:

Breed Type:	
Colour:	
Sex:	
Other:	

Did commit the following contravention(s) of the provisions under the dog control
bylaw:

Section	Offence	Penalty amount

Comments: _____

I, the Designated Officer, believes from personal knowledge and certifies that the above contravention(s) have been committed as specified.

Signature of Designated Officer

Printed Name

Date of Issuance

YOU MAY MAKE PAYMENT OF THE ABOVE PENALTY AT THE VILLAGE OF CRAVEN MUNICIPAL OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS OR BY MAIL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTICE OF VIOLATION. IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A VOLUNTARY PAYMENT WITHIN THE TIME SET OUT ABOVE, YOU SHALL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND, UPON SUMMARY CONVICTION, YOU SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE PENALTY AMOUNT INDICATED ON THIS NOTICE.

APPEAL: You may make an appeal to defend any charge of committing a contravention of the Dog Control Bylaw by written appeal to the Council of the Village of Craven.

Village of Craven
Box 30
Craven, SK
S0G 0W0