

**TOWN OF WAINWRIGHT
RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNERSHIP BYLAW 2011-02**



SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS

An animal is defined as a dog or a cat. The new Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw 2011-02 replaces the old Dog Control Bylaw 2006-07 and Cat Bylaw 2003-06, and this new bylaw treats cats and dogs virtually the same. This bylaw does not apply to other types of domesticated household pets, such as snakes, rabbits or pigeons.

1. All dog and cat owners must obtain a license for each dog and cat over the age of 3 months that they own. Annual or lifetime tags may be purchased at Town Hall. Annual tags are \$20.00, and lifetime tags are \$60.00.
2. An owner cannot own more than 3 dogs and/or 3 cats. An owner is limited to 1 vicious dog.
3. An owner of a dog or cat is not allowed to let their dog or cat be at large. The sole exception to this rule is a dog under the care and control of its owner at Wainwright's Off-Leash Dog Park.
4. Owners of dogs and cats are required to keep their dogs and cats from barking and howling, so to not disturb other residents' peace and quiet.
5. An owner of a vicious dog is required to have the vicious dog muzzled when the vicious dog is off the property of its owner.
6. Owners are required to immediately pick up any defecation their dog or cat makes off their property, and owners are required to carry a bag with them at all times when their dog or cat is off their property to pick up defecation.
7. No person is allowed to keep a dog or cat outside the passenger cab of a motor vehicle, unless the dog or cat is in a topper, trailer, secure enclosure or tied up so that the dog or cat cannot reach the outer edges of the vehicle and is not standing on bare metal.
8. No person is allowed to keep an animal in a vehicle where there is not suitable ventilation for the animal.
9. Fines for contravening the Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw 2011-02 start at \$150.00. Any dog or cat found at large can be impounded, and the impound fee for getting a dog or cat out of the pound is \$50.00.