

INCORPORATED HAMLET OF GJOA HAVEN

Bylaw #243 Domestic Animal

A by-law of the Municipal Corporation of Hamlet of Gjoa Haven in the Nunavut Territory, to control domestic animals, pursuant to the Hamlets Act, R.S.N.W.T., S.Nu. 2003 , Sections 115 and 116

1. Definitions

- a) "dog" includes male and female dogs over six (6) months of age any dog that is a cross between a dog and a wolf;
- b) "Council" means the Council of the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
- c) "Hamlet" means the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
- d) "muzzle" means to secure the mouth of a dog in such a fashion that it cannot bite anything;
- e) "owner" means a person who owns, harbours, possesses or has control or custody of a dog.
- f) "puppy" means a male or female dog under six (6) months of age.
- g) Running at large
 - a. For the purposes of this bylaw, a dog is running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and is not
 - i. muzzled; or
 - ii. under the physical control of a person.
- h) For the purposes of this bylaw the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven shall be deemed to consist of all that portion of the Municipality that lies within the municipal boundary.

2. OFFICERS

Appointment of officers

- a) "Dog Officer" means a person appointed by the Council of the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven to carry out the provisions of the Bylaw and includes a Bylaw Officer.
- b) Every member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) is, by virtue of his or her office, an officer under this Bylaw.

3. REGULATIONS

- a) All dog owners within the Hamlet will have their dogs over the age of six (6) months registered. Also, each registered dog must be always fitted with a collar and its registration tag.
- b) No person shall permit a dog to run at large within the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
- c) Any person who owns, possesses or harbours a dog found running at large shall be guilty of an offence.
- d) No person shall permanently secure a dog to a building, stair, hydro pole, storage or fuel tanks.
- e) No person shall permanently secure a dog in such a fashion that could cause damage, block access or block travel around a building.
- f) No person shall allow a dog to remain unfed or un-watered long enough either to amount to cruelty or to cause the dog to become a nuisance.
- g) No person shall abuse a dog in a manner or to an extent that is cruel or unnecessary.
- h) No person shall have a dog on a leash or harnessed to a sled unless the dog is under the custody and physical control of a person over 16 years of age who can ensure that the dog will not harm the public or create a nuisance.

4. CAPTURE/SURRENDER OF DOGS

- a) An officer may seize a dog from a person whom the officer
 - i. finds contravening this bylaw;
 - ii. fails to register a dog that is older than six (6) months; or
 - iii. has good cause to suspect of having contravened or being about to contravene this bylaw.
- b) If a dog owner is unable to care for his/her pets, they may be surrendered to Hamlet "dog officers" at no charge.

5. RECOVERY OR DISPOSAL OF SEIZED/SURRENDERED DOG

- a) An officer who has possession of a dog under subsection (4) may, in the officer's discretion, restore possession of the dog to its owner where
 - i. the owner claims possession of the dog within two (2) days after the date of seizure; and
 - ii. the owner pays to the officer all expenses incurred in securing, caring for and feeding the dog, or provides community service in the value of said expenses; and
 - iii. the owner resolves any damages or mess caused by their dog or pays to the officer the expenses for this work.
- b) If a dog is not returned to its owner, an officer may sell the dog by public auction, make arrangements for adoption or sale of the dog outside the community, or destroy the dog.
- c) The proceeds of a sale of a dog by shall be utilized as follows:
 - i. To cover Hamlet expenses in incurred in securing, caring for, feeding and auction of the dog;
 - ii. Any balance shall be retained by the hamlet for support of domestic animal bylaw enforcement.
- d) An officer may destroy a dog seized under this section, as soon after the seizure as the officer thinks fit, without permitting any person to claim the dog or offering it for sale by public auction, where, in the opinion of the officer, the dog
 - i. is injured; or
 - ii. should be destroyed without delay for humane reasons or for reasons of safety.
- e) No damages or compensation may be recovered on account of the destruction or disposal of a dog pursuant to this section.

6. DESTRUCTION

- a) Where an officer is unable to seize a dog that is running at large contrary to this bylaw, or an order, the officer may destroy the dog.
- b) No damages or compensation may be recovered on account of the destruction of a dog under this section.
- c) A person may kill a dog that is running at large and in the act of attacking or injuring a person
- d) A person may use non-lethal force to deter a dog that is threatening/pursuing a person, or attacking, injuring, damaging, killing or

destroying

- (a) another dog that is tethered;
- (b) a food cache, harness or other equipment; or
- (c) other domestic animals.

7. OFFENCE AND PUNISHMENT

- a) Every person who contravenes this bylaw is liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for their first offense.
- b) For a second offense, a fine may be imposed of up to three hundred dollars (\$300).
- c) An officer may revoke all dog registrations and/or refuse to register a dog to a person or household for a period of two years if that person or household has contravened this bylaw more than twice, or if the person / household is, in the opinion of an officer, likely to harm a pet, or be incapable of caring for a pet.

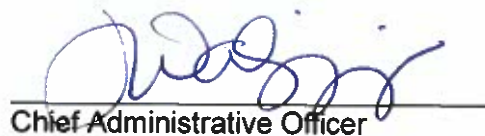
8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) The rate for registration of dogs shall be determined by the Hamlet Council rates bylaw.
- b) By-Law Number 21 is hereby repealed.

First Reading:	March 25, 2025
Community Meeting:	March 31, 2025
Second Reading:	April 15, 2025

Bylaw # 243 – Domestic Animal Bylaw has been read a third time and passed this day:
April 30, 2025


Mayor


Chief Administrative Officer

