

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD

BY-LAW 2013-09

ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

A By-law to regulate, license, and control dogs and cats and regulate and control livestock within The Township of Bonfield

WHEREAS pursuant to section 9, 10, 103, 104 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, By-laws regarding the prohibiting and control of animals may be passed by the councils of local municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001 enables a municipality to pass a By-law imposing fees or charges for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

BE IT ENACTED AS A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 1- DEFINITIONS

1. In this By-law:

“**Animal**” - means any member of the animal kingdom, other than a human;

“**Animal Control Officer**”- means a By-Law Enforcement Officer or a person or persons appointed and authorized by By-Law of the Township of Bonfield to enforce the Animal Control By-Laws;

“**Bite**” - means piercing or puncturing of the skin as a result of contact with a dog’s tooth or teeth;

“**Cat**” - means a male or female cat of the feline domestic species which is over the age of 3 months;

“**Companion animal**” - means an animal specifically trained and used as a companion animal for residents of a Health Care Facility or an Assisted Living Centre;

“**Council**” – means the Council of the Township of Bonfield;

“**Dog**” - means a male or female dog which is over the age of 3 months;

“*Dog Owners’ Liability Act*” – means the *Dog Owners’ Liability Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 16, as amended;

“**Dwelling Unit**” -. means a room or suite of two or more rooms designated or intended for residential use by a person or persons in which culinary and sanitary conveniences are provided for the exclusive use of such person or persons and having a private entrance from outside or from a common hallway or stairway inside and which is located in a residentially zoned part of the Town;

“**Keep**” - means to have temporary or permanent control or possession of an animal, and keeping has the same meaning;

“**Kennel**” - means a licensed enterprise under this By-law dealing with the business of breeding, buying, selling, boarding or fostering of dogs, cats, and other small domestic animals;

“**Killer traps**” - means devices designed to capture and kill animals for which they are set, including but not limited to Conibear traps;

“**Law Enforcement Working Dog**” - means a dog trained to assist law enforcement officers and used by such officers in the execution of their duties;

“**Leash**” - means a chain or other material or device used by a person to restrain a dog, but excludes an electronic leash;

“**Leg-hold traps**” – means devices, other than killer traps or snares, that are designed to capture an animal for which they are set by the leg or foot;

“**Licence**” means a licence issued pursuant to this By-law;

“**Livestock**” - means any domestic fowl (including chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, guinea fowl, etc.), domestic rabbits (when more than 3 rabbits are kept) horses, donkeys, mules, bulls, oxen, cows or other cattle, goats, pigs, sheep, llamas, mink, emus or ostriches used or kept for agricultural purposes;

“**Microchip**” - means an approved “Canadian Standard” encoded identification device implanted into an animal, which contains a unique code that permits or facilitates access to an owner’s name and address, which is stored in a central data base;

“Muzzle” - means a humane fastening or covering device of adequate strength placed over the mouth of an animal to prevent it from biting and the words “muzzled” and “muzzling” have a similar meaning;

“OSPCA” - means the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;

“Owner” - means any person who possesses or harbors an animal, and where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor, and includes a person who is temporarily the keeper or in control of the animal and “owns” has the same meaning;

“Park” - means a public area controlled by the Township and set aside for use by the public for rest, recreation, exercise, pleasure, amusement and enjoyment, and includes playgrounds, sports fields, wading and swimming areas, public pathways and trails;

“Personal Assistance Dog” - means a dog certified by the Canadian National Institute of the Blind, or Hearing Dogs of Canada, or a dog trained as a helper for a physically challenged person, or a dog that is regularly used as a therapy dog in institutional settings for which written confirmation required;

“Pit bull” – means “pit bull” as defined by the *Dog Owners’ Liability Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 16, as amended;

“Pound” - means such premises and facilities designated as the Township Animal Shelter and Pound which are used for the purpose of the temporary housing and care of animals that have been impounded or taken into protective care pursuant to this by-law;

“Pounds Act” means the Pounds Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 17;

“Protective Care” - means the temporary, time-limited keeping of an animal by the Township as a result of an eviction, incarceration or fire or medical emergency.

“Restrained” means being kept inside a building or house or in an enclosed pen of sufficient dimensions and strength to be humane and which prevents a dog from coming in contact with persons other than the owner of the dog;

“Restricted Pit bull” means “restricted pit bull” as defined by the *Dog Owners’ Liability Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D. 16, as amended;

“Running at large” - means being off leash and not under the control of a person and found on any other property than that of the owner of the animal, except where the owner of a property permits the animal to be on his or her property, or in a public park designated by the Township to be an off-leash park;

“Senior Citizen” - means a person who is sixty-five (65) years or older and is a resident of the Township of Bonfield;

“Set Fines” – means those fines set out in Schedule “A” attached.

“Snares” - means devices for the capturing of animals whereby they are caught in a noose;

“Tag” - means an identification tag issued by the Township which is to be affixed to the collar of the dog or cat for which it was issued;

“Township” - means the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield;

“Valid Rabies Certificate” - means a rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian certifying the dog or cat has been immunized and verifying that it will be current on the date of application for a licence or renewal licence;

“Wildlife” - means any Animal that is indigenous to North America, wild by nature or disposition (*ferae natural*), but does not include the domestic ferret;

“Wildlife Rehabilitator” - means a place where wildlife which are injured or in distress are rehabilitated by a person or persons authorized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources or Canadian Wildlife Services;

“Without provocation” - means in the absence of teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting actions upon the dog or its owner, either in the past or in the present, by the person or domestic animal which has been bitten by the dog.

SECTION 2- CARE OF ANIMAL PROVISIONS

RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR ANIMALS

- 2.1 (1) Every person who keeps an animal within the Township boundary shall provide such animal, or cause it to be provided, with a clean and sanitary environment free from an accumulation of fecal matter, with adequate and appropriate care, food, water, shelter, warmth, opportunity for physical activity, attention, veterinary care as may be required, and an environment that is appropriate to meet the physical and behavioral needs of the species.

KEEPING ANIMALS UNDER SANITARY CONDITIONS

- 2.2 (1) No person shall keep an animal within the Township in an unsanitary condition.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection 2.2(1), an animal is kept in an unsanitary condition where there is an accumulation of fecal matter, an odour, insect infestation or rodent attractants which disturbs or is likely to disturb the enjoyment, comfort, convenience of any person or that endangers or is likely to endanger the health of any person or animal, unless the activity is part of a normal farm practice carried on in accordance with the *Farming and Food Production and Protection Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 1,

TETHERS

- 2.3 (1) No person shall keep an animal tethered on a rope, chain or similar restraining device, unless:
- (a) the tether is of appropriate length for the species tethered;
 - (b) the animal has unrestricted movement within the range of such tether;
and
 - (c) the animal cannot suffer injury as a result of tethering.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection 2.3(1)(a), the minimum length of a tether for a dog shall be three (3) meters provided that the tether does not permit the dog to go beyond the limits of the person’s property.

PROTECTIVE CARE (Temporary)

- 2.4 (1) The Township is authorized to receive animals into protective care as a result of an animal owner’s eviction, incarceration, or as a result of a fire or medical emergency, or for any other situation that the Animal Control Officer deems appropriate.
- (2) Animals which are received into protective care by the Township shall only be kept on a temporary basis for up to a maximum of five days.

- (3) When the Township receives an animal into protective care, the owner of the animal shall pay to the Township the per diem sheltering fees as outlined in this By-Law and all costs incurred on behalf of such animal by the Township for all required veterinary medical care prior to redeeming the animal.
- (4) If an animal is in protective care at the end of the five-day period and the animal has not been redeemed by the owner, then the Township shall treat such animal as a day-one impounded animal pursuant to this by-law.

SECTION 3- DOGS

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS

- 3.1 (1) Every owner of a dog which is three months of age and older, shall:
- (a) within thirty (30) days of its acquisition, cause the same to be registered and licensed with the Township in accordance with this By-Law.
 - (b) until ceasing to be the owner of that dog, obtain and renew such annual license no later than March 1st of each year;
 - (c) ensure that the tag issued by the Township is securely affixed on the dog at all times; and
 - (d) obtain a replacement tag in the event that such tag is lost.
- (2) Every applicant for dog registration and license shall complete an application for a license or for the renewal of a license on the forms provided by the Township which shall include the following information:
- (a) name, address, telephone number of the dog owner;
 - (b) name, age, gender, breed and colour of dog;
 - (c) a valid rabies certificate which proves that the dog's rabies vaccination is current on the date of application or renewal of a license;
 - (d) proof of sterilization from a qualified veterinarian if applicable; and
 - (e) proof of a microchip implant, if applicable.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection 3.1(1), every owner of a dog under the age of three months which has been impounded pursuant to this By-law shall register the dog and pay an annual licence fee.
- (4) A tag issued by the Township for a dog is not transferable to another dog.
- (5) No person shall remove a tag from a dog without the consent of the owner thereof.

RUNNING AT LARGE/NUISANCE

- 3.2 (1) No owner of a dog shall cause or permit the dog to run at large in the Township.
- (2) No owner of a dog shall cause or permit the dog to be a public nuisance.

- (3) For the purpose of this section, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large if found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the animal and is off leash.
- (4) Every owner of a dog shall keep their dog under control and restrained by a leash which shall not exceed two meters in length, unless the dog is:
 - (a) on the premises of the owner;
 - (b) on private property where consent has been given by the property owner that the dog may be off-leash; or
 - (c) on parkland, or part thereof, which has been designated by a sign that a dog may be off-leash.
- (5) Law Enforcement Working Dogs are exempt from complying with the requirements of this section.

IMPOUNDMENT: Animal Control Officer

- 3.3
- (1) An Animal Control Officer may seize and impound any dog which has been found running at large or is off-leash in contravention of section 3.2 of this by-law and may cause such dog to be delivered to the Pound.
 - (2) A dog which is seized pursuant to subsection 3.3(1) shall be considered impounded at the time and place when it comes under the control of an Animal Control Officer.
 - (3) Where a dog becomes impounded the Animals Control Officer may:
 - (a) When a dog is identified with a current dog tag, provide such dog with a "free ride home"; or
 - (b) When a dog is not identified, deliver the dog to the facility designated as the Township Pound and shall place the dog under the control of the Pound Keeper.
 - (4) The Pound Keeper shall keep any impounded dog at the Pound for a minimum of three days, exclusive of the day of impoundment, statutory holidays, or days when the Pound is not open, during which time an owner shall be entitled to redeem the dog.
 - (5) In order to obtain the release of an impounded dog during the redemption period pursuant to subsection 3.3(4), the owner shall:
 - (a) pay to the Township a per diem impoundment fee in the amount set out in this By-Law;
 - (b) if the dog is unlicensed, obtain a license in accordance with this by-law;
 - (c) pay to the Township the costs incurred for veterinary care provided while the dog was impounded; and
 - (d) take such other action as the Pound Keeper deems appropriate.

- (6) If the dog is not redeemed by the owner during the time period identified in subsection 3.3(4), the dog shall become the property of the Township and the Township may:
 - (a) keep, transfer, sell or euthanize the dog in accordance with the provisions of the *Animals for Research Act* and the *Dog Owners' Liability Act*;
 - (b) put the dog up for adoption upon the payment of an adoption fee; or
 - (c) release the dog to its owner upon compliance with the requirements for release in subsection 3.3(5).
- (7) Notwithstanding subsection 3.3(4), where in the opinion of the Pound Keeper a seized and impounded dog is injured or ill and should be euthanized without delay for humane reasons, the Pound keeper may euthanize the dog without permitting any person to reclaim the dog in accordance with the *Animals for Research Act*.
- (8) Notwithstanding subsection 3.3(4), where a pit bull or restricted pit bull is impounded pursuant to the provisions of this by-law or is delivered or transferred to the Pound pursuant to the provisions of the *Dog Owners' Liability Act*, the Pound Keeper shall comply with the provisions of the *Dog Owners' Liability Act* and the *Animals for Research Act* for the purposes of the redemption of the dog by the owner and for transferring or destroying the dog.

PREVENTING DOG BITES AND ATTACKS

- 3.4 (1) No owner of a dog shall permit or encourage his or her dog to attack, with or without provocation, any person or domestic animal, or fight with another animal.
- (2) Law Enforcement Working Dogs are exempt from the requirements of this section.

BITING DOGS: Warning Notice

- 3.5 (1) Where the Animal Control Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a dog has bitten a person or domestic animal, the Animal Control Officer shall:
- (a) where the bite is the first bite on record and where the bite occurred on private property, the Township shall serve the owner with a Written Warning which shall caution the owner of the biting dog that a second bite will automatically result in the issuance of a Notice to Muzzle and possible prosecution under the *Dog Owners Liability Act*;
 - (b) where the first bite has occurred on public property, or where the bite is a second or subsequent bite on either public or private property in the Township, the Township shall serve the dog owner with a Notice to Muzzle.
- (2) When an owner is served with a Notice to Muzzle, the owner shall:
- (a) while it is on the property of the owner, the dog shall either be tethered or confined in a fenced-in area in a way that prevents the dog from escaping, or being accidentally or intentionally released;
 - (b) whenever it is off the property of the owner, the dog shall be muzzled and leashed, and shall only be under the control of a person 16 years of age or older; and

(c) within fourteen days of having been served with a Notice to Muzzle, have such dog identified with a microchip identification and shall promptly provide the Township with the microchip identification.

- (3) A Written Warning and a Notice to Muzzle may be served on the owner by:
 - (a) delivering it personally to the owner of the dog; or
 - (b) sending it by registered mail to the last known address of the owner of the dog.
- (4) Service of a Written Warning or Notice to Muzzle by registered mail is deemed to be made on the seventh day after the day of mailing.
- (5) Where the owner of a dog is served with a Notice to Muzzle, the owner may request a hearing before the Council by making such a request in writing and mailing or delivering it to the Council within 7 days after the Notice to Muzzle is served on the owner.
- (6) A request for a hearing by the owner under subsection (5) does not act as a stay of the requirements of the Notice to Muzzle.
- (7) Where a hearing date before the Council has been fixed and the owner who has been given notice of the hearing does not attend at the appointed time and place, the Council may proceed in the absence of the owner and the owner will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.
- (8) The Council has the power to:
 - (a) exempt the owner in whole or part from any requirement set out in the Notice to Muzzle;
 - (b) impose conditions on any exemption granted under subsection (a) that the Council considers appropriate; and
 - (c) confirm the requirements of the Notice to Muzzle.
- (9) The Council shall hold the hearing pursuant to the provisions of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S. 22, as amended.

STOOP & SCOOP

- 3.6 (1) Every owner of a dog shall immediately remove excrement left by such dog on any private or public property in the Township, other than on the owner's property.
- (2) Every owner of a dog shall remove and dispose of any such excrement on the Owner's property in a timely manner, and in a way that does not disturb the enjoyment, comfort, convenience of any person in the vicinity of the property.

DOGS IN PARKS

- 3.7 (1) No owner shall take a dog onto Township parkland, or any part thereof that is designated by signage as an area where dogs are prohibited either at any time, or during specific designated times, or in specific designated park areas.
- (2) No owner shall take a dog on Township parkland, or any part thereof, within five meters of:
 - (a) a play structure;
 - (b) a wading pool;

- (c) a spray pad; or
 - (d) a splash pad.
- (3) No owner shall permit a dog to be off-leash on any Township parkland or any part thereof, unless such park, or part thereof, is designated by signage that dogs may be kept off-leash, and providing that the person in control of such dog shall keep such dog in sight and under voice control at all times, and shall promptly leash such dog when confrontations with humans or other animals develop.

NUMBER OF DOGS RESTRICTED: Hamlets of Bonfield and Rutherglen

- 3.8 (1) The maximum number of dogs over 16 weeks of age permitted in the Township to be kept in or about a dwelling unit in the Hamlets of Bonfield and Rutherglen shall not exceed two (2), except where both dogs and cats are kept the maximum number of both dogs and cats permitted shall be four, with the maximum number of two dogs and two cats or one dog and three cats permitted unless the premises are licensed by the Township as a kennel.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection 3.8 (1), any person who owns more than the permitted number of dogs on the date this By-law comes into force shall be permitted to keep those dogs until they have died or are otherwise disposed of, provided that such dogs are registered and licensed with the Town in accordance with the provisions of this by-law within ninety (90) days of the date that the Bylaw comes into force.

IMPOUNDMENT FEES: Dogs

- 3.9 (1) Where a dog is impounded, the owner shall pay for each dog the following expenses to the Township of Bonfield:
- (a) \$30.00 to impound the dog;
 - (b) \$10.00 boarding fee per day and;
 - (c) any and all additional costs incurred by the Township of Bonfield for the dog, including veterinary fees.

SECTION 4 – CATS

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

- 4.1. (1) Every cat owner may voluntarily purchase a cat tag from the Municipal Office for a fee of \$3.00, and will receive a numbered tag which will be assigned to that cat.

CAT AT LARGE

- 4.2 (1) No owner of a cat within the Township shall permit his/her cat to run at large or allow such cat to cause damage or otherwise create a nuisance or disturbance either to another person, or another person's property, or to public property.
- (2) For the purpose of this section, a cat shall be deemed to be running at large if found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the animal and not under the control of any person.

CAT IMPOUNDMENT

- 4.3 (1) An Animal Control Officer may seize and impound any cat which has been found in contravention of section 4.2 except that any such cat found on private

property must be contained and confined by the property's occupant.

- (2) A cat which is seized pursuant to subsection 4.3 (1) shall be considered impounded when it comes under the control of an Animal Control Officer.
- (3) Where a cat becomes impounded, the Animal Control Officer may:
 - (a) where such cat is identified with a current licence, such cat shall be provided with a "free ride home"; or
 - (b) where such cat is not identified, such cat shall be impounded in the Pound, under the control of the Pound keeper.
- (4) The Pound Keeper shall keep any impounded cat at the pound for a minimum of three days, exclusive of the day of impoundment, statutory holidays, or days when the pound is not open, during which time an owner shall be entitled to redeem the cat.
- (5) In order to obtain the release of an impounded cat during the redemption period the owner shall:
 - (a) pay to the Township a per diem impoundment fee in the amount set out in this By-Law;
 - (b) pay to the Township the costs incurred for veterinary care provided while the cat was impounded; and
 - (c) take such other action as the Pound Keeper or the Council deems appropriate.
- (6) If the cat is not redeemed by the owner during the time period identified in subsection 4.3 (4), the cat shall become the property of the Township and the Township may:
 - (a) keep, transfer, sell or euthanize the cat in accordance with the provisions of the *Animals for Research Act*;
 - (b) put the cat up for adoption upon the payment of a adoption fee; or
 - (c) release the cat to its owner upon compliance with the requirements for release in subsection 4.3(5).
- (7) Notwithstanding subsection 4.3(4), where in the opinion of the Pound Keeper a seized and impounded cat is injured or ill and should be euthanized without delay for humane reasons, the Pound Keeper may euthanize the cat without permitting any person to reclaim the cat in accordance with the *Animals for Research Act*.

IMPOUNDMENT FEES: Cats

- 4.4 (1) Where a cat is impounded, the owner shall pay for each cat the following expenses to the Township of Bonfield:
- (d) \$30.00 to impound the cat;
 - (e) \$10.00 boarding fee per day and;
 - (f) any and all additional costs incurred by the Township of Bonfield for the cat, including veterinary fees.

NUMBER OF CATS RESTRICTED

- 4.5 (1) The maximum number of cats over of age of three months kept in or about a dwelling unit in the Hamlet's of Bonfield and Rutherglen shall not exceed four, except where both dogs and cats are kept the maximum number of both dogs and cats permitted shall be four, with the maximum number of two dogs and two cats or one dog and three cats permitted unless the premises are licensed by the Township as a kennel.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection 4.5(1), any person who owns more than the permitted number of cats on the date that this by-law comes into force shall be permitted to keep those cats until they have died or are otherwise disposed of, provided that such cats are registered with the Township within 90 days of date that this by-law comes into force

SECTION 5- KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK

- 5.1 (1) No person shall keep livestock in the Hamlets of Bonfield and Rutherglen or in any area of the Township unless the area is zoned for that purpose.
- (2) The Pound Keeper, or any person acting under the authority of the *Pounds Act*, may impound or restrain any livestock which is running at large and impound it at a place designated as the pound for that purpose.
- (3) In the event that such livestock running at large cannot be safely impounded without danger to any person or without undue damage to crops or property, the Pound Keeper may authorize the tranquilizing or euthanize the livestock.

LIVESTOCK AT LARGE

- 5.2 (1) No owner of livestock within the Township shall permit his/her livestock to run at large or allow such livestock to cause damage or otherwise create a nuisance or disturbance either to another person, or another person's property, or to public property.
- (2) For the purpose of this section, livestock shall be deemed to be running at large if found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the animal and not under the control of any person.

IMPOUNDMENT FEES: Livestock

- 5.2 (1) Where livestock is impounded, the owner shall pay for each animal the following expenses to the Township of Bonfield:
- (a) \$50.00 to impound the animal;
 - (b) \$20.00 boarding fee per day and;
 - (c) any and all additional costs incurred by the Township of Bonfield for the livestock, including veterinary fees.

SECTION 6- KEEPING OF RABBITS

- 6.1 (1) No person shall keep rabbits in the Hamlets of Bonfield and Rutherglen or in any area of the Township unless the area is zoned for that purpose unless:
- (a) no more than three (3) rabbits over the age of seven (7) weeks are kept on a property and/or in any dwelling unit;

- (b) rabbits shall be kept as pets only;
- (c) any rabbit routinely kept outside shall be kept in a properly constructed hutch or cage that is so constructed as to prevent escape by the rabbit;
- (d) a rabbit hutch shall be constructed to protect the rabbits from the elements and shall provide a warm environment;
- (e) a rabbit hutch shall be located on any property at a distance of not less than seven (7) meters from any dwelling, shop or apartment building, and at a distance of not less than three (3) meters from any adjoining property line; and
- (f) all lands and premises where rabbits are kept shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times, and all waste materials shall be disposed of in a manner that will not create a public nuisance or health hazard.

SECTION 7 - NOISE FROM ANIMALS

- 7.1 (1) No person shall keep, own, or harbour any animal in the Township which makes or causes noises that disturbs or is likely to disturb the quiet, rest, enjoyment, or comfort of:
- (a) any person in any dwelling, apartment, store or place of business;
 - (b) any person in the vicinity or neighbourhood.

SECTION 8- KENNELS: Licensing

- 8.1 (1) No person shall operate a kennel within the Township unless:
- (a) the owner or operator of the kennel has obtained a licence to operate a kennel and has paid the applicable licence fees in the amount set out in this By-Law;
 - (b) the Kennel building is a separate building and is not in, upon, under or directly attached to any building used for human habitation;
 - (c) the Kennel Building complies with applicable zoning regulations of the Township;
 - (d) the Kennel Building conforms to and is maintained in accordance with the Ontario Building Code;
 - (e) the Kennel Building is so constructed, and surrounding environs are kept in a way that prevents escape by any animal from the Kennel facility;
 - (f) the Kennel Building and all areas, premises and land where animals are kept in sanitary condition at all times, free from offensive odours, and all waste materials are disposed of in a manner that will not create a public nuisance or health hazard;
 - (g) the owner or operator of the kennel complies with all applicable sections of this By-law; and

(h) the owner or operator of the kennel shall permit animal control officers and all other designated persons authorized by the Township to inspect the premises for the purpose of determining compliance with the By-law.

KENNEL LICENCE FEES

8.2 (1) Kennel license fee: \$40.00

SECTION 9- TRAPPING OF WILDLIFE: Hamlets of Bonfield & Rutherglen

9.1 (1) No person shall use the following traps within the Hamlets of Bonfield and Rutherglen to capture animals:

- (a) killer traps;
- (b) leg-hold; and
- (c) snares.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 9.1(1), a person may use a killer trap, leg-hold trap or snare where specifically authorized by, and under the supervision of, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and in accordance with the provisions of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act 1997*, S.O. 1997, c. 41.

SECTION 10 – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

10.1 (1) The Township of Bonfield may set policies and procedures for the purposes of this By-Law.

SECTION 11- OFFENCES

11.1 (1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law, or who obstructs or attempts to obstruct a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or an employee or agent of the Corporation in carrying out his or her duties under this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a maximum fine as established pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33.

SECTION 12- REPEAL

12.1 (1) That By-law 96-08, 95-22, 2006-20 and amending By-Laws 99-10, 2001-28, 2003-07, 2004-01, 98-13, 98-21, 2001-26, 2004-42 and 2011-32 are hereby repealed by the passing of this by-law.

SECTION 13- SEVERABILITY

13.1 (1) Where a Court of competent jurisdiction declares any section or part of a section of this by-law invalid, the remainder of this by-law shall continue in force unless the Court makes an order to the contrary.

