

# TOWN OF SHELLBROOK

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## RE: PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Shellbrook Citizens:

This year, the Town has received a very large increase in complaints of dogs and cats in our community running at large, defecating in neighboring yards, noise complaints and concerns of quality of care these pets are receiving from their owners.

The Town of Shellbrook does have bylaws in place as per the Animal Control Bylaw 2013-11 that is enforced by our Bylaw Officer and the Town Office.

### FINES

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Offence</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Offence</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Offence</b>
Fail to obtain a license	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 440.00
Dog/Cat runs at large	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 440.00

*Please be advised that there are additional fines included in the bylaw for a multitude of events that could occur while your pet is at large.*

### LICENCING

Every person within the Town of Shellbrook who owns, possesses or harbors an animal within the town shall obtain a licence from the Town.

<b>Annual Fees</b>	<b>Before Jan 31</b>	<b>After Jan 31</b>
Altered Dog/Cat	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Unaltered Dog/Cat	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00

**\* Dogs or Cats NOT LICENCED are subject to HEFTIER FINES once caught.**

### CREATING A NUISANCE

Should an animal repeatedly create a nuisance by barking, defecating on property without the permission of the owner, running at large, digging on property without the permission of the owner or other such actions, the Town shall be a liberty to have any other person appointed by resolution of Council, dispose of the animal.

There are **devices you can purchase** that can help with **bark control**.

For example:

- Shock Bark Collars
- Ultrasonic Bark Collars
- Bark Control Device (Outdoor Device)

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### RUNNING AT LARGE

No animal shall run at large in the Town at any time whether it is licensed or not, and for the purpose of this bylaw, an animal shall be deemed to be running at large when it is beyond the boundaries of the land occupied by the owner, possessor or harbinger of the said animal, or beyond the boundaries of any lands where it may be with the permission of the owner or occupant of the said land and when it is not under control by being:

- (a) In direct and continuous charge (on a leash or in a cage) of a person competent to control the animal; or
- (b) Securely confined within an enclosure; or
- (c) Securely fastened so that it cannot roam at will.
- (d) A person who owns, possesses or harbors an animal found running at large shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw and will be charged a penalty as set out in the attached Schedule "A".

### VICIOUS ANIMALS

It shall be the duty of the RCMP, or other persons appointed by resolution of Council, to kill any vicious animal running at large in the Town of Shellbrook regardless of whether the said animal is licensed or unlicensed.

For any concerns in regards to the care and well-being of any animal, please call 306-382-0002 or Toll Free 1-844-382-0002.

Visit <https://animalprotectionservices.ca> for more information or to report online.

Please be mindful of your neighbours and the people who use the Town community walkways, streets, parks, etc.

Sincerely,

The Town of Shellbrook