

**BY-LAW NO. 2801 OF THE  
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1**

A by-law of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 in the Province of Alberta, to amend Bylaw 2405, concerning vicious and/or restricted dogs.

**WHEREAS** the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 deemed it necessary to pass bylaw 2405 in respect to dogs that attacked persons and animals;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has caused extensive review to be undertaken and have considered submissions respecting amending wording where reference is made to vicious dogs; and

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 2405 shall be amended to insert the words "and/or Restricted Dog" in the name of the By-law.
2. That the preamble of By-law 2405 the words "and/or restricted" be inserted after each time the word "vicious" appears;
3. That Article 1 shall be amended to insert "and/or Restricted" after the word "Vicious"
4. That Article 3 be deleted and the following be inserted:

"3. *DEFINITIONS:*

- a) "Canine Good Neighbor Test" means a test which may be administered to a dog suspected or declared as vicious in nature, by a person trained and certified to conduct the test as authorized by the Canadian Kennel Club.
- b) "Peace Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; a Peace Officer appointed pursuant to the Alberta Peace Officer Act; a Special Constable; a By-law Enforcement Officer employed by the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, or an Animal Control Officer employed or contracted by the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.
- c) "Poundkeeper" means a person or persons, employed or contracted by the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, to deliver animal shelter services including, but not limited to: euthanasia, shelter, animal protection, adoption, licensing, documentation and enforcement.
- d) "Restricted dog" means any dog, whatever its age, of the following breeds or kinds:
  - i) Pit Bull Terrier;
  - ii) American Pit Bull Terrier; or
  - iii) Pit Bull
  - iv) Staffordshire Terrier

or any dog mixed breeding which can be identified through its physical characteristics as a dog partially of the above mentioned breeds or kinds by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Alberta,

unless the dog has successfully passed a canine good neighbor test on a yearly basis.

- e) "Vicious dog" means a dog of any age including a restricted dog, which when on or off the property of its owner:
  - i) shows a propensity, disposition or potential to attack or injure, without provocation, other animals or humans; or
  - ii) without provocation, chases persons who approach it; or
  - iii) is a continuing threat of serious harm to other animals or humans; or
  - iv) without provocation, has attacked persons or other animals.
- 4. That Article 5 in respect to the requirement for insurance be deleted and the following Article 5 be inserted, namely:

"A dog that has been deemed a vicious and/or restricted dog may revert to normal dog status by passing the Canadian Kennel Club canine good neighbor evaluation as administered by a trained and authorize evaluator.
- 5. That Article 6 be amended by inserting the word "vicious and/or" immediately preceding the word "restricted" as it appears throughout the Article.
- 6. That Article 7 be amended by inserting "and/or restricted" immediately following the word "vicious " as it appears throughout the Article.
- 7. That Article 7 be amended by deleting the words "a Licenced Inspector, a Special Constable or a By-law Enforcement Officer" and by inserting the words "or Peace Officer" after the word "Poundkeeper,"
- 8. Article 9 be amended by deleting item b) and renumber the remaining items.
- 9. That Article 10 be amended to remove "a Licenced Inspector, a Special Constable or a By-law Enforcement Officer" and by inserting the words "or Peace Officer" after the word "Poundkeeper,".
- 10. That Article 11 be amended to delete the words "restricted or vicious" and to insert the words "vicious and/or restricted" in all places were they appear.
- 11. That following be inserted as new Article 13, namely:


13. SEVERABILITY:

Should any provision of this By-law become invalid, void, illegal or otherwise not enforceable, it shall be considered separate and severable from the By-law and the remainder shall remain in force and be binding as though such provision had not been invalid.

and that the remaining Articles be renumbered accordingly.

12. This By-law shall come into force and effect upon the date of it finally being passed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND, BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE COUNCILLORS PRESENT, A THIRD AND FINAL TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March A.D., 2007,

  
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR