



BYLAW NO. 2026-03

A BYLAW FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND CATS

The Council of the District of Katepwa in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. **SHORT TITLE**

This Bylaw may be cited as “The *Animal Control Bylaw*.”

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- a. “**animal**” means a dog or cat, whether male or female
- b. “**owner**” means any person who owns, possesses, harbours, or has care, custody, or control of an animal
- c. “**municipality**” means the District of Katepwa
- d. “**leash**” means a physical restraint, including a rope, chain, or similar device, capable of controlling an animal.
- e. “**remote leash**” means an electronic or remote controlled training or control device, including vibration or tone-based devices, that assists in controlling an animal but does not physically restrain the animal.
- f. “**running at large**” means an animal that is off the premises of its owner and is not under control.
- g. “**under control**” means that an animal is managed in a manner that prevents it from roaming freely or creating a safety concern and includes, but is not limited to, the animal being:
 - i. securely confined or restrained;
 - ii. in the direct and continuous charge of person capable of controlling the animal; or
 - iii. restrained by a physical leash, with or without the assistance of a remote leash, when required to secure the animal, including when approaching or passing another person or animal.
- h. “**secure**” or “**secured**” means restraining an animal in a manner that prevents contact with another person or animal and includes the immediate use of a physical leash when approaching or passing another person or animal, regardless of whether a remote leash is also in use.

3. **LITTER**

- a. If a dog or cat defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall immediately remove the defecation and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- b. Owners shall regularly remove all defecation from their property and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- c. Where defecation is collected or bagged, the waste shall be placed in a receptacle intended for refuse and shall not be left on trails, roadways, boulevards, parkland, or other public or private property.

4. CONTROL OF ANIMALS

- a. No owner shall permit a dog or cat to run at large within the municipality.
- b. An owner shall ensure that a dog or cat is under control at all times when the animal is off the owner's property.
- c. When a dog or cat is off the owner's property, the owner shall carry a physical leash capable of controlling the animal.
- d. When approaching or passing another person or animal, the owner shall secure the dog or cat, including by immediately leashing the animal or otherwise restraining it to prevent contact.
- e. A remote leash may be used as a training or control aid but does not replace the requirement for a physical leash when an animal must be secured.
- f. A person who owns, possesses, or harbours a dog or cat found running at large or not under control is guilty of an offence under this bylaw.

5. PENALTIES

- a. A person found guilty of an offence under this bylaw is liable to a penalty as follows:
 - i. **First offence:** \$100.00
 - ii. **Second offence:** \$250.00
 - iii. **Third and subsequent offences:** \$500.00
- b. Each day that an offence continues constitutes a separate offence.

6. COMING INTO FORCE

- a. Bylaw No. 8-05 is hereby repealed.
- b. This Bylaw shall come into force upon final passage by District Council.

Read a first time the 20th day of January 2026.

Read a second time the 20th day January of 2026.

Read a third time and adopted the 20th day January of 2026.

(Seal)

Mayor

Administrator

**Certified a true and correct copy of Bylaw 2026-03
passed by Council of the District of Katepwa at
a meeting held on the 20th day of January 2026.**