

BYLAW 1414-1

**OF THE TOWN OF WHITECOURT
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**A BYLAW IN THE TOWN OF WHITECOURT, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO
REGULATE THE CONTROL AND LICENSING OF DOGS**

WHEREAS, Council deems it expedient and proper to consolidate the Bylaws pertaining to control and licensing of dogs while making some changes.

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 1 of the Statutes of Alberta 2000, and amendments thereto, the Municipal Council of the Town of Whitecourt, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That Clause 7 (c.) under "Offences" be deleted and replaced with the following:

A person who contravenes Clause 7 (a.) of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and may be issued a fine by way of an offence ticket during any 24 month period as set out below:

First Offence	\$100.00
Second Offence	\$175.00
Third Offence	\$250.00

2. That Clause 12 under "Offences" be deleted and replaced with the following:

That upon discovery of an unlicensed dog being owned, possessed, or harboured by any person in the Town, that person may be issued a fine, by way of an offence ticket during any 24 month period and may be issued an offence ticket as set out below, and the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog shall purchase the necessary licence as outlined in Clauses 9 and 10 within 48 hours of the discovery. Failure to purchase a licence may result in assessment of the same fine noted in this clause upon expiration of each 48-hour period:

First Offence	\$ 75.00
Second Offence	\$100.00
Third Offence	\$200.00

3. That Clause 13 under "Offences" be deleted and replaced with the following:

If a dog defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its owner, the owner shall remove such defecation immediately or shall be guilty of an offence. A person who contravenes this Clause is guilty of an offence and may be issued a fine by way of an offence ticket during any 24 month period as set out below:

First Offence	\$100.00
Second Offence	\$175.00
Third Offence	\$250.00

4. That the following be added as Clause 14 under "Offences":

No person shall interfere with or attempt to obstruct a Peace Officer, Bylaw Officer or Animal Control Officer who is attempting to capture or has captured a dog. A person who contravenes this Clause is guilty of an offence and may be issued an offence ticket during any 24 month period, as set out below:

First Offence	\$250.00
Second Offence	\$500.00
Third Offence	\$750.00

5. That Clause 20 (b.) under "Impoundment of Dog(s)" be deleted and replaced with the following:


If the dog is unlicensed, upon payment of the applicable pound fee as outlined in Clause 21 and upon purchase of the necessary licence as outlined in Clause 10, and a fine as outlined in Clause 12 for harbouring an unlicensed dog, plus feeding costs as set out in the Town of Whitecourt's current Fee Policy.

6. That this Bylaw shall take effect upon the date of final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 25 day of March, 2013.

Read a second time this 25 day of March, 2013.

Read a third and final time this 8 day of April, 2013.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Signed by the Mayor and CAO this 26 day of March, 2013