

## BYLAW NO. 5 (2024)

### A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BIENFAIT FOR THE CONTROL OF THE USE OF CAT TRAPS

Council hereby created a bylaw to:

- a) control the use of cat traps

NOW THEREFORE, The municipal Council of the Town of Bienfait enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw:

- a) **“Animal Control Officer”** means that person(s) appointed by the Mayor and Administrator for the purposes of this bylaw;
- b) **“Cat Trap Permit”** means a permit in the form set out in Form B, issued by the Animal Control Officer to a person to trap a cat being at large;
- c) **“Cats”** includes all species of the animals commonly known as cats, male or female, and of every breed or classification or mixture of breeds.

#### PART I – GENERAL

- 1. A person, who has been bothered by a cat at large, may apply to the Animal Control Officer to receive a Cat Trap Permit and a cat trap.
- 2. Where a cat trap is issues, the permittee shall:
  - a) abide by the terms of the Cat Trap Permit;
  - b) place the cat trap only on the permittee’s property located within the town;
  - c) personally check the trap at least once each hour while the trap is set;
  - d) when a cat is trapped, contact the Animal Shelter;
    - (i) immediately, if the Animal Shelter is open; or
    - (ii) as soon as the Animal Shelter re-opens;
  - e) not use the trap when the temperature is:
    - (i) 0° C or less; or
    - (ii) 28° C or more.
  - f) return the cat trap to the Animal Shelter within 72 hours of the cat trap being issued; and
  - g) pay for the cost of repair or replacement of the cat trap if the issues cat trap is damaged, lost or stolen;
- 3. a) when a cat has been trapped in a cat trap, the permittee shall:
  - (i) hold the cat for no longer than 24 hours;
  - (ii) treat the cat humanely
  - (iii) provide shelter for the cat in a warm, dry and secure area; and
  - (iv) provide water and food for the cat.

- b) If a permittee cannot comply with the conditions in subsection (i), the permittee must release the trapped cat unharmed.
- c) When a cat has been trapped in a cat trap, the permittee shall provide the Director with:
  - (i) the name of the owner of the cat, if known; and
  - (ii) the location of the cat trap when the cat was trapped

**COMING INTO FORCE**

19. This bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.

**READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME, APPROVED AND ADOPTED FOR USE BY THE TOWN OF BIENFAIT THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024**

TOWN OF BIENFAIT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

**FORM “B”**  
**CAT TRAP PERMIT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Trap #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of intended location of Trap: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, agree to the following terms and conditions:

- The cat trap will be placed only on my property within the Town of Bienfait;
- I will personally check the cat trap at least once every hour while the trap is set;
- When a cat is trapped, I will contact the Animal Shelter immediately. If the Animal Shelter is closed when the cat becomes trapped, I will not hold onto the cat for longer than 24 hours until the Animal Shelter re-opens;
- When a cat is trapped, I will treat the cat humanely; I will also provide shelter, food, and water for the trapped cat. I will leave the cat in the trap and I will place the trap in a warm, dry, secure area (such as a shed, garage or basement) with a blanket placed over the trap to pacify the cat. **If I cannot comply with these conditions, I will free the trapped cat unharmed.;**
- I will not allow harm to come to any trapped cat while in my possession including exposure to inclement weather;
- I will not use the cat trap when the temperature falls below 0°C or rises above +28°C;
- I give my permission to an Animal Control Officer to enter onto my property to ensure the cat trap is being used properly;
- I will advise the Animal Control Officer of the name and address of the owner of the cat trapped, if known;
- I will pay the cost to repair or replace the cat trap if the cat trap is damaged, lost or stolen while in my possession;
- I will not set the trap on any statutory holidays or days when the Animal Shelter is closed, and;
- I will return the cat trap to the Animal Shelter within 3 days after the cat trap was issued.

**IT IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE TO HARM ANY DOMESTIC ANIMAL**

I understand and accept all liability that may arise in connection with the use of this cat trap while it is in my possession and will save and indemnify the Town of Bienfait for all such liability.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_