

Licensing

To ensure the health and safety of our Clarington residents and our pets, the Municipality has enacted the *Responsible Pet Owners' By-law 2006-227*, that requires all residents to licence their dog or cat annually.

Highlights of By-law

- all dogs must be licensed annually
- all cats must be licensed annually
- licence tags must be affixed to the animal's collar at all times
- the number of dogs and cats you may own and license is restricted
- we will contact you if your cat or dog is picked up or brought into our shelter and is wearing current identification
- all licences expire December 31 of each year
- lifetime licences are available for pets that are spayed or neutered and micro-chipped and have their rabies vaccines.

Yes, cats also require licences. We regularly send 65% of our impounded dogs home from the shelter. Unfortunately only 6% of our cats go back to their homes. Cat owners rarely keep identification on their pets, so our ability to reunite them with their owners is severely limited. We can often return pets home by telephone if they are wearing a current licence, thus saving the worried owner the impound fee.



Licensing Fees

Our licensing fees are set in an effort to provide incentives to our responsible pet owners.



Dog Licences

- \$10.00 Microchipped & spayed or neutered
- \$20.00 Spayed or neutered or microchipped
- \$35.00 Unaltered
- \$40.00 Lifetime (with proof of microchipping, altering & current rabies vaccine)

Cat Licence

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Note: There is a 10% discount for licences purchased before January 1st of the licensing year.

Points of Sale

For your convenience, our cat and dog licences may be purchased at:

- Bowmanville Veterinary Clinic
- Clarington Animal Hospital
- Clarington Animal Shelter
- Courtice Pet Clinic
- Driver & Vehicle Licence Bureau
- Durham Veterinary Clinic
- East Oshawa Animal Hospital
- Michelle's Grooming, Newcastle
- Municipal Administrative Centre
- Newcastle Veterinary Clinic
- Orono Veterinary Clinic

Care and Control

Animals are not permitted to run at large or trespass within the Municipality of Clarington. When off the owner's property, pets **MUST** be under control on a leash. Yes this also includes cats!



You must also remember to *stoop and scoop* after your pet.

Dogs must be on a leash in all parks or green areas.

There are provisions in the by-law requiring extra restraints on an animal that has an *Order to Restrain* issued following an attack or bite incident and on pit bulls.

Noise

No owner shall allow their pet to make persistent noises which may disturb other residents. There are no "okay to bark" hours as many people think. The by-law recognizes that many residents in our community work shifts and that they are also entitled to a sound sleep.

Responsible pet owners make good neighbours

If you experience a problem with persistent barking from a dog in your neighbourhood, contact our Shelter or visit our website for information on your options on resolving the problem.



Exotic Pets

To ensure the safety of our community the type of pets permitted within Clarington are restricted. By-law 93-161 lists the types of pets that are not permitted. Please be aware that venomous spiders and lizards, and venomous snakes, boas, pythons are among those prohibited within the Municipality.

Kennel Licensing

Every property owner desiring to own, operate, manage, control, supervise or have any kennel or boarding facility within the Municipality must be licensed. Kennel licences are valid from the date of issue and expire on March 31st of each year.

To qualify for a licence the owner must demonstrate the following:

- Active membership in CKC (for Commercial Breeding)
- Zoning compliance
- Kennel facility complies with specifications as set out in the Kennel By-law.
- They have never been convicted under Section 446 of the Criminal Code of Canada pertaining to animal cruelty or a similar offence in another country
- Adequate, regular supervision at the kennel
- Appropriate records are maintained in accordance with the Kennel By-law

Kennel Fees

Licence Type	First	Renewal
Commercial Boarding	\$200.00	\$150.00
Commercial Breeding	\$200.00	\$150.00

Shelter Services

Did you know?

- The Clarington Animal Shelter has historically maintained a 90% adoption rate.
- You can arrange to bring small groups of children to the Clarington Animal Shelter and our staff will be pleased to make a presentation on Dog Bite Prevention. We also arrange for “in class” presentations. Clarington Animal Shelter will issue tax receipts for donations to the shelter. People have generously donated funds to have animals spayed or neutered so they would find new homes more easily.
- We also accept donations of food, toys, carriers and knitted blankets for cat cages. If you have an idea for an event or project to raise funds that would benefit the animals, give us a call.

Shelter Business Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

The Animal Shelter is closed on Sundays and Statutory Holidays.

Emergencies

If you find a seriously injured STRAY dog or cat ONLY, with no identification, outside of our shelter's regular business hours, contact the Clarington Emergency Services Department at 905-623-5126 (NOT 911). They will contact an Animal Services Officer.

Adoptions

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Adoption Process

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4. Meet with the shelter staff to review care and nutrition.
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Adoption Fees

Dogs	\$95.00
Cats/kittens	\$130.00

If cats/kittens are too young to be altered a \$75.00 rebate certificate is provided once owners bring in proof of alteration within 120 days from the date of adoption.

Both cats and dogs have a first vaccine, are microchipped, and all cats are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Residents receive a free Clarington Municipal licence and 30-day free Shelter Care Pet Insurance.

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The Responsible Pet Owners', Kennel, and Exotic Pet By-law, were enacted to:

- mitigate animosity with your neighbours respecting pet issues, and
- assist us in returning lost pets to their homes
- advocate for the animals
- provide a safe and healthy community

Every person who contravenes any provision of the by-law is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction, is liable to a fine up to \$5000.00.

The Municipality of Clarington is very proud of the services offered by our shelter. Our friendly, caring staff are committed to making companion animals valued members of our community.

Additional Information

available at:

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- By-law 2006-228
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