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Municipalities in Canada with *'No Roam'* Cat Bylaws



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Nature Canada is one of the oldest national nature conservation charities in Canada. Our mission is to protect, defend and restore biodiversity by engaging people and advocating on behalf of nature. Learn more by visiting our website at www.naturecanada.ca.

Outdoor, stray and feal cat predation of birds is a major cause of bird mortality in Canada's urban and rural landscapes. Every year in Canada, free-roaming and feral cats are estimated to kill between 100 and 350 million birds, not to mention that they leave orphaned baby birds behind. Outdoor cats also face a variety of threats when free-roaming such as: collisions with vehicles, fights with other cats and wildlife, the potential for being lost or trapped as well as becoming sick from diseases or parasites.

We believe that all animals are important, and humans must protect both cats and birds. Cats are at risk when they go outdoors unsupervised. Through improving our treatment of cats we, as a society, also limit their impact on the environment in general, and birds in particular. No-roam cat bylaws is one way a community can help to *'Keep Cats Safe and Save Bird Lives'*.

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BEST MUNICIPAL PRACTICES INCLUDE:

- Plans to achieve change in their community, formulated in collaboration with cat-care and nature organizations, while including strategies for pet, stray, and feral cats
- Public education campaigns about the benefits of responsible cat ownership for cats, wildlife and the wider community
- Animals adopted from shelters are spayed or neutered prior to adoption (or if the animal is too young, a voucher is provided)

BYLAWS ARE RECOMMENDED TO INCLUDE:

1. An accessible spay/neuter program
2. Mandatory licensing /permanent identification
3. A no-roam bylaw (exempting loosely owned and feral cats)
4. Enforcement and compliance promotion based on education and promise to return lost pets
5. Identification and protection of natural areas that are significant to birds and wildlife and relocation of any feral cat colonies currently within or very close to those areas
6. A feral cat-care strategy developed in concert with local organizations, with the goal of reducing the feral cat population and support for implementing the strategy
7. Public education to encourage spaying or neutering as well as the importance of keeping cats indoors, leashed or in a catio.



Municipalities in Canada with ‘No Roam’ Cat Bylaws



SAMPLE BYLAW 1:

City of Hamilton, ON. Bylaw No. 12-031 (Part 7)

7.2 For the purposes of subsection 7.3(b), "premises" does not include any part of: (a) non-residential or residential premises that serve as common areas for occupiers or owners; or (b) non-residential premises that are open to the public.

7.3 No owner of a dog, cat or other animal shall permit that the dog, cat or other animal to be at large, except when the dog, cat or other animal is: (a) on premises owned or occupied by the owner; or (b) on premises owned or occupied by a person who has given prior consent.

SAMPLE BYLAW 2:

City of Edmonton Bylaw 13145 (Part 26)

OFF PROPERTY OF OWNER 26 (1) The Owner or any other person having care or control of a Cat shall ensure the Cat does not enter onto private property other than that of the Owner.

For more information on the impact of outdoor cats on bird populations, please watch our video in collaboration with Animalogic as well as visiting our Bird Friendly City Certification Program.

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TABLE 1.

MUNICIPALITIES IN CANADA WITH 'NO ROAM' CAT BYLAWS AS OF MAY 2025

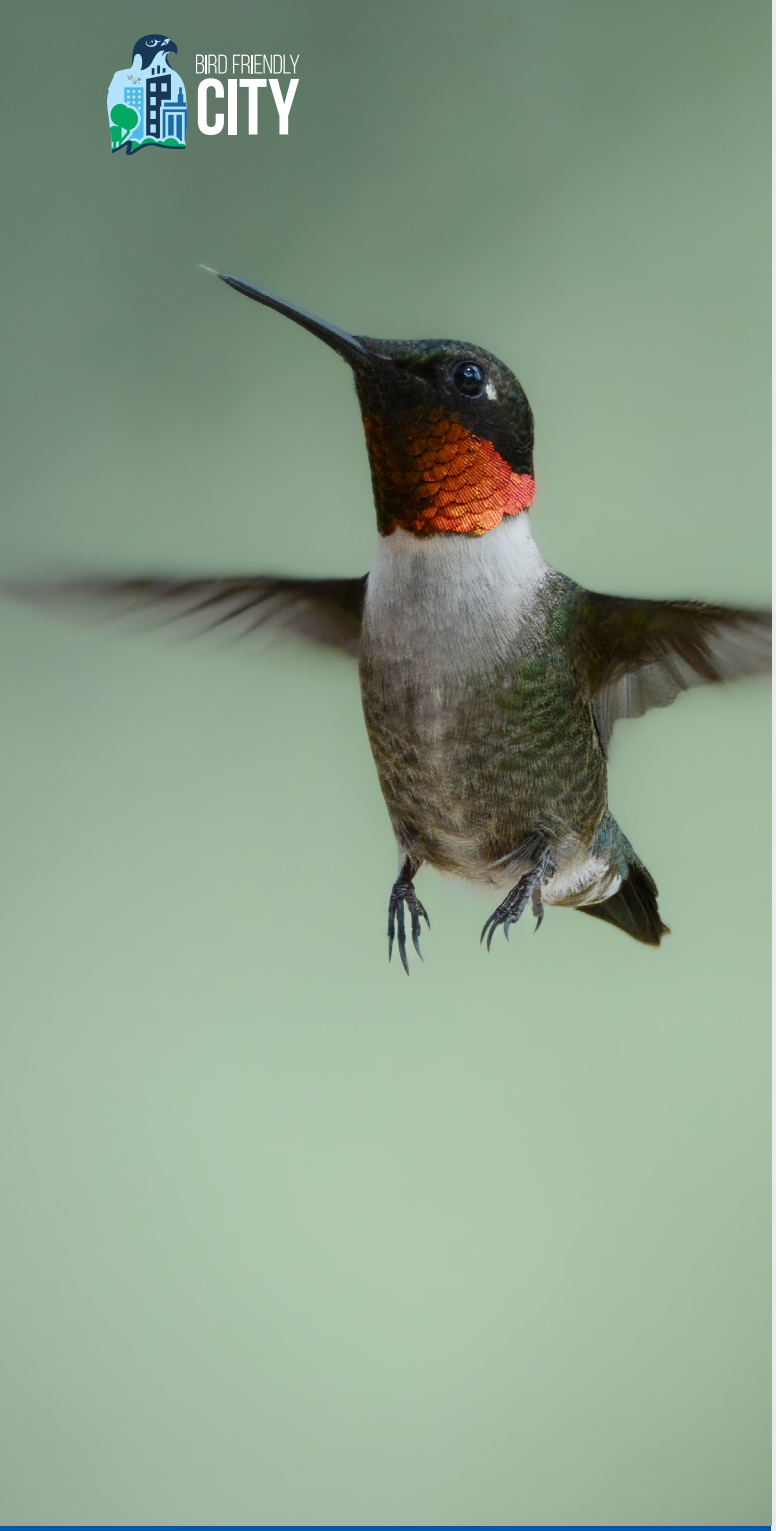
MUNICIPALITY	BYLAW POLICY DOCUMENT
ALBERTA	
Banff, AB	Bylaw 46-4 Animal Services
Calgary, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Edson, AB	NO. 2140
Edmonton, AB	Bylaw 13145
Cold-Lake, AB	Animal Care and Control
Red-Deer, AB	Cat Bylaw 3174 96
Wetaskiwin, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Clive, AB	Cat Control Bylaw
Pincher Creek, AB	Bylaw No. 1598-18, Animal Control
Spruce Grove, AB	Dog and Domestic Animal Control Bylaw
Nobbelford, AB	Bylaw 688
Provost, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Grand-Prairie, AB	Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Yellow-head County, AB	Animal Control Bylaw
Medicine Hat, AB	Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw
Wood-Buffalo, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw No. 19/025



MUNICIPALITY	BYLAW POLICY DOCUMENT
Beaumont, AB	Animal Control Bylaw
Olds, AB	Responsible Ownership Pets & Public Safety Licensing
Cochrane, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership
Strathmore, AB	Responsible Animal Control Bylaw
Drumheller, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Morinville, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Slave Lake, AB	Responsible Pet Owners By-Law
Rocky Mountain House, AB	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Spirit River, AB	Bylaw No. 930
Millet, AB	Animal Control By-Law
Redcliff, AB	Cat Bylaw
McLennan, AB	The Animal Control Bylaw
Innisfail, AB	Animal Control
BRITISH COLUMBIA	
Victoria	CAT Regulations
	Animal Responsibility Bylaw NO. 11-044
Sparwood	Animal Control Bylaw 1289, 2021



MUNICIPALITY	BYLAW POLICY DOCUMENT
Vernon	Animal Regulation and Animal Pound Bylaw #5252
Peace-River	Animal Control Bylaw
Creston	Animal Care and Responsibility Bylaw No. 1826, 2015
Qualicum Beach	Animal Control Bylaw No. 649, 2009
Oak Bay	Bylaw No. 4013
MANITOBA	
Brandon	Animal Control By-Law No. 5900/57/91
Winnipeg	Responsible Pet Ownership By-law
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	
St. John's	Animal Control Regulation
Happy Valley-Goose Bay	Animal Control Regulations
NOVA SCOTIA	
County of Kings	Animal Control By-law #12A
NUNAVUT	
Hamlet of Cambridge Bay	Animal Control Bylaw
Iqaluit	Responsible Pet Ownership By-law Domesticated Animal Control By-law



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NEW BRUNSWICK	
Campbellton	Bylaw No. S-3
Riverview	Responsible Pet Ownership
New Maryland	By-law No. 52-2006
Fredericton	By-law No. S-11
ONTARIO	
Oakville	By-Law No. 2018-006
Burlington	Animal Control By-law
Hamilton	Responsible Animal Ownership By-Law (PED09303(b))
Milton	By-law No. 137-2008
Newmarket	Animal Control By-law
Oshawa	By-law 14-2010
Whitby	Responsible Pet Ownership By-law
Belleville	By-Law No. 2012-200
Quinte-West	Animal Regulation By-law
Peterborough	Comprehensive Animal By-law



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London	Animal Control By-law PH-3
Vaughan	Consolidated Animal Control By-law
Pickering	Responsible Pet Ownership
Barrie	Animal Control Bylaw
Brampton	Animal Control By-law 261-93
Owen-sound	City of Owen Sound Cat By-law
Niagara Falls	Animal Control By-law
Kingston	Animal Control Bylaw - 2021-166
Markham	Animal Control
Mississippi Mills	By-law No. 14-21
St Thomas	By-law No. 71-2011
Penetanguishene	Cat By-law 2012-56
Clarington	Responsible Pet Owners' By-law 2013-024
Collingwood	Animal Control
Saugeen Shores	Animal Control By-law



MUNICIPALITY	BYLAW POLICY DOCUMENT
Renfrew	Animal Control By-law
Port Colborne	Cat By-law 4949/5/07
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	
Summerside	Animal Control Bylaw
QUEBEC	
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue	Reglement Numero 809
Kirkland	By-law Relating to Animals
SASKATCHEWAN	
Regina	Bylaw No. 2009-44
Saskatoon	Animal Control Bylaw, 1999
Stoughton	Animal Control Bylaw 439/17
Weyburn	Dog and Cat Bylaw
Melfort	Cat Control Bylaw
Yorkton	The Animal Control Bylaw
Prince Albert	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
Moose Jaw	Keeping of Animals Bylaw 5432



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Elrose	Animal Control Bylaw
Kipling	Dog & Cat Bylaw
Saltcoats	Cat Bylaw
North Battleford	The Animal Control & Protection Bylaw
Moonsomin	Dog and Cat Control Bylaw
Humboldt	The Dog and Cat Control Bylaw
YUKON	
Whitehorse	Animal Control Bylaw