



## Respecting Wild (Exotic) Animals

WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the City / Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ considers that it is prudent and necessary for the protection of persons and animals to prohibit certain animals from being kept or displayed with the municipality.

The Council of the Corporation of the City / Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

### 1. DEFINITIONS

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "animal" includes mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invetebrates;
- (b) "City / Municipality" means the City / Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_;
- (c) "Council" means the Council of the Corporation of the City/ Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_;
- (d) "enclosure" means any cage, container or structure used to keep an animal confined;
- (e) "keep" means the act of having the care, custody, control or possession of an animal, whether temporary or permanent, and keeping has the same meaning;
- (f) "owner" means a person or persons who possess, harbor or have custody and control of an animal and where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor.; and
- (d) "domesticated" means an animal that has been selectively bred for domestication for more than 250 generations.

### 2. PROHIBITED ANIMALS

- (1) No person shall keep, display in public or exhibit for entertainment or educational purposes, either on a temporary or permanent basis, any prohibited animal within the city / municipality.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), prohibited animals are those animals listed in Schedule A.
- (3) Despite subsection (1) of this by-law, any person who, on the date of the passage of this by-law, was lawfully keeping any animal listed in Schedule A may keep that animal until the animal has died or has otherwise been disposed of, but only if,
  - (i) the animal has been micro-chipped (except some reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates) and registered with the City/Municipality;
  - (ii) the animal is contained according to the specific criteria set out by the City/Municipality;
  - (iii) the animal remains securely at the owner's place of residence;
  - (iv) the animal is not shown or displayed in public;
  - (v) the animal is kept from breeding with other animals;
  - (vi) the animal has been examined by a veterinarian and is free from any zoonotic disease;
  - (vii) the animal is not venomous or poisonous; and
  - (viii) the animal does not exceed 50 lbs.

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### 3. SECTION 2 DOES NOT APPLY TO:

- (1) the premises of a City / Municipality facility used for keeping impounded animals;
- (2) the premises of an affiliate or branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
- (3) the premises of any police department;
- (4) the premises of an accredited veterinary hospital under the care of a licensed veterinarian; or
- (5) the premises of a CAZA accredited zoo

### **SCHEDULE "A" PROHIBITED ANIMALS**

1. All species listed on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).
2. All marsupials (such as kangaroos and opossums)
3. All non-human primates (such as monkeys and apes)
4. All felids (such as tigers and lions) , except the domesticated cat
5. All canids (such as wolves and coyotes) , except the domesticated dog
6. All hyenas
7. All mustelids (such as weasels, badgers and skunks), except the domesticated ferret (*Mustela putorius*)
8. All viverrids (such as mongooses, civets and genets)
9. All procyonids (such as raccoons, coatimundis and cacomistles)
10. All edentates (such as anteaters, sloths and armadillos)
11. All ursids (bears)
12. All artiodactylus Ungulates, except domesticated goats, sheep, pigs or cattle
13. All perissodactylus Ungulates, except domesticated horses, donkeys or asses
14. All hyraxes
15. All erinacids (such as hedgehogs)
16. All elephants
17. All bats
18. All pinnipeds (such as seals, fur seals and walruses)
19. All cetaceans (such as dolphins and whales)
20. All ratite birds (such as ostriches, rheas and cassowaries)
21. All raptors (such as eagles, hawks and owls)
22. All venomous reptiles (such as cobras, rattlesnakes and Gila monsters)
23. Pythons and boas, such as the burmese python, reticulated python, African rock python, Indian python, Australian scrub python, boa constrictor and green anaconda.
24. All varanus (monitor) lizards
25. All crocodylians (such as alligators, crocodiles and caiman)
26. All other reptiles
27. All wild-caught animals

