

**BYLAW NO. 1185  
OF STARLAND COUNTY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, CANADA**

A Bylaw of Starland County in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of regulating prohibited animals within the municipal boundaries of Starland County, also known as the *Prohibited Animal(s) Bylaw*.

The Council of Starland County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled enacts as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Section 7(h) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter M-26, grants authority to Council to pass bylaws respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them;

**AND WHEREAS**, Section 6 of the *Agricultural Pests Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter A-8, states that: a local authority shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, to control or destroy pests in the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of Starland County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Short Title**

1.1 That this bylaw may be cited as the "**Prohibited Animal(s) Bylaw**".

**2. Definitions**

2.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) "Chief Administrative Officer" means the chief administrative officer of the municipality appointed under the Municipal Government Act.
- b) "Municipality" means Starland County formed under the Municipal Government Act.
- c) "Council" means the municipal Council of Starland County.
- d) "Order" means an order issued under the bylaw in accordance with the Act.
- e) "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means a Community Peace Officer appointed pursuant to the Peace Officer Act, R.S.A. 2000, c P-35, as amended, for the County and/or members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- f) "Owner" shall mean:
  - a. In the case of land, any person or organization registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner of the land, or is listed on the County's assessment role as such; or
  - b. In the case of property other than land, any person or organization who is in lawful possession or control of the property.
- g) "Person" shall mean:
  - a. An individual, and the heirs, executors, administrators, or other legal representatives of an individual; or
  - b. Any business entity including a firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or society.

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- h) “Prohibited Animals” are those that are not permitted within Starland County and listed in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

**3. LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 A landowner shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, to control or destroy Prohibited Animals on their property.

**4. AUTHORIZATION**

**4.1 Agricultural Fieldman**

- 4.1.1 Under the Agricultural Service Board Act an Agricultural Fieldman is by virtue of that office an inspector under the Act.
- 4.1.2. Will supervise, direct and be responsible for other Council appointed Pest Inspectors.

**4.2 Bylaw Enforcement Officer**

- 4.2.1 Will be appointed by Council as an Inspector under the Agricultural Pests Act for the purposes of carrying out this Bylaw.
- 4.2.2 Will follow this Bylaw and other procedures as determined by the Agricultural Fieldman and Chief Administrative Officer.

**5. PROHIBITED ANIMALS**

- 5.1 This bylaw regulates Prohibited Animals upon all properties within Starland County, regardless of parcel size or Land Use District.
- 5.2 No person shall keep, either on a permanent or temporary basis, any Prohibited Animals on any property within Starland County boundaries.
- 5.3 Any persons keeping Prohibited Animals must, upon receiving written notice from an Enforcement Officer, euthanize or remove Prohibited Animals from the County within such timeframe specified in the notice.
- 5.4 The cost of removal of the Prohibited Animals will be solely the responsibility of the Owner.

**6. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

- 6.1 Any person who keeps or harbors any prohibited animals as identified in Schedule “A” of the Bylaw within the municipal boundaries is guilty of an offence.
- 6.2 Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer reasonably believes that a person has contravened any provisions of this bylaw, they may serve upon such person an offence penalty as listed in Schedule “B” of this Bylaw.
- 6.3 Section 23 of the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act states that: A person who contravenes this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.

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**7. SEVERABILITY**

Should any provision of this Bylaw be invalidated by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be severed, and the remaining portion of the Bylaw shall be maintained.

**8. REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE**


This Bylaw comes into full force and effect upon passing of the third reading.

**First Reading** on motion of Councillor Rew this 9th day of March, 2022.

**Second Reading** on motion of Councillor Landry this 9th day of March, 2022.

**Third and Final Reading** on motion of Reeve Wannstrom, done and passed in the Council of Starland County, duly assembled, this 9th day of March, 2022.

  
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Reeve: Steven Wannstrom

  
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Chief Administrative Officer  
Shirley J. Bremer



**SCHEDULE “A” – Prohibited Animals**

1. Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*). “Wild Boar” are members of the species *Sus Scrofa* but does not include a domestic pig, except where the animal is a hybrid offspring resulting from the crossing of a wild boar with a domestic pig.



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**SCHEDULE “B” – Fines**

**Fines as Per Section 6.2:**

1. Keeping or harboring any Prohibited Animals as listed in Schedule “A” will be subject to the following fines:

**i) First Offence: \$1,000.00**

For the first offence, issue of a violation ticket in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). An additional Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) will be charged per day until the prohibited animal(s) is exterminated.

**ii) Second Offence: \$2,000.00**

For the second offence, issue of a violation ticket in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). An additional Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) will be charged per day until the prohibited animal(s) is exterminated.

**iii) Third Offence: \$3,000.00**

For the third offence, issue of a violation ticket in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). An additional Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) will be charged per day until the prohibited animal(s) is exterminated.

