

Animal By-Laws

- This bylaw deals with the issue of stray animals.
- According to the bylaw there is a restriction on the number of animals that can be kept in accordance with a property size, and in addition the bylaw also gives the Municipality additional powers to stipulate the number of animals on a premises.
- In addition animals are also not allowed to stray, and neither is an animal allowed to be transported without the prior written permission of the Municipal Manager.
- Should an animal be found to stray or is ownerless it may be seized.
- In this case the animal may be destroyed or impounded.
- In this respect, a member of the public may also seize an ownerless animal that is straying.
- Dogs with no tags or means of identification will be deemed to be ownerless.
- Should an animal be found to be a nuisance this may be reported to the Municipal Manager who may forthwith issue a notice to the owner.
- In the event that the nuisance continues, after the notice has been issued, the person may be guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine or imprisonment.
- The animal in this instance may be seized.
- In the event that a person wants to keep a wild animal, they would require permission from the Municipal Manager.
- The Manager may proceed to either withhold the permission or grant same with conditions.
- An appeal process in the event of the permission being withheld is applicable.
- In the event that an animal is impounded the owner upon showing rightful ownership may claim the animal.
- In the event that the animal is not claimed, the pound master has the right to dispose of the animal.
- The proceeds of any sale may be used for pound costs as well as medical expenses.
- An animal that is straying on private property may be seized by the owner and the pound master may be called to capture the animal.
- No animal that is captured may be released without the proper statutory records.
- A person on whose property an animal has been trespassing may be liable to be paid a trespass fee, as well as damages caused by the animal trespassing.
- This payment may be waived by agreement of the parties.
- If an animal that has been impounded, has not been released the pound master may apply for the sale of the animal, by proper advertising.
- The proceeds of the sale will be held by the CFO, if not claimed within a period of three months same shall be forfeited to the Municipality.
- Additional costs may also be claimed from the owner after the sale of the animal.
- If an animal is not sold it may be disposed of at the discretion of the pound master.
- Whilst an animal has been impounded the pound master has a duty of care.
- Keeping of bees is not allowed.
- Any animal may in the case of an emergency that has been created because of disease, be impounded, upon the instruction of the Municipal Manager.
- This animal may lie in a designated place for a period determined by the Municipal Manager, and may only be released upon the necessary vaccinations having been provided.

- In the event that an animal that has been impounded, is so diseased or injured, the pound master may at his discretion put down the animal with no compensation to the owner.
- The costs of destroying the animal, may be recovered by the Municipality from the owner.
- The person who seizes an animal is under no duty to trace the owner.
- An owner of an animal needs to take all reasonable steps to prevent any destruction or damage.
- Notices in terms of these bylaws must be given to the owner and can be served personally on the owner or the agent to the known address.
- The bylaw is referred to as the **ANIMAL BYLAWS**.