

**PUBLIC NOTICE, August 17, 2018:** Stray or feral cats have been seen roaming around town causing disturbances on people's properties. The Town is working with other parties to figure out a relocation or adoption program for stray cats. A list of possible residents who are looking to adopt cats will be compiled. Live traps from the Town will be made available. Captured cats without any valid Town of Melita license tag will undergo a health check; it will be spayed/neutered; and put up for adoption or relocation.

Residents who have been feeding stray cats will be considered owners and will have to assume accountability of said cats. They will likewise be required to register, keep vaccination records updated, and keep these cats in an enclosed area.

We urge cat owners to be responsible for their pets. Start off by obtaining a license tag from the town office. Cats privately owned would have to be confined indoors. If they are outdoors, they are required to be on a tether, a leash or are kept in an enclosed area. No cats are allowed to run at large. Similar to responsible dog owners' practices, the cat will have to be on a leash if it needs to be walked outdoors. Cat owners should not allow their cats to trespass on private property even when on a leash. Owners are reminded to clean after their cats specially when walking them outdoors.

Cat license tags are available at the town office. Fees are \$10.00 for each spayed or neutered cat and \$20.00 for each male or female cat not fixed. Licenses are to be renewed annually. Owners must bring in updated records of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian in order to obtain a license. Maximum number of cats allowed per household is at four cats over the age of three months, regardless of the number of people residing in that household. Attached is the Town of Melita Animal Control By-Law #1669 as reference.

Some key sections related to this notice:

- Part II. Definition of terms, "running at large" or "run at large" on page 4
- Part IV. Licensing of Dogs and Cats on pages 7 – 8
- Part IV. Responsibility of Owners on page 11
- Part IV. Dogs and Cats on page 12
- Part IV. Maximum Number of Dogs and Cats on page 13
- Part VIII. Offences under this By-Law on pages 21 – 22
- Part VIII. Penalties on pages 23 – 25
- Schedule A – License and Impoundment Fees