

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What happens to found dogs/cats?** Dogs/cats found are brought to the Town's Animal Control bays (adjoining the Town Office), and are kept/cared for for 72 hours. If they're not claimed in that time, they're then transferred to Red Deer SPCA until their owner comes forward, or until they're re-adopted.

**If I lose my animal, how can I find it?** Give the Town Office a call and let Town staff know it's missing. A missing animal report will be completed, and the Town will post notice of your missing animal online.

**When are licenses due, and for how long do they remain valid?** Licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31, and must be purchased annually.

**How many licenses do I need?** One for each animal. All dogs/cats must be licensed within the Town of Innisfail.

**How many animals am I allowed to have in town?** No more than three dogs and three cats.

**What do I do if my animal is bitten by another animal?** Contact the Town of Innisfail right away. The sooner we receive a report after a serious incident the better chance we have to preserve evidence and investigate in a more timely, effective manner. Take notes, photographs, and collect any documents you receive from veterinarians or doctors.

**Are complaints kept confidential?** Yes, as per Alberta's FOIP regulation, all information we receive from complainants is strictly mandated to be kept confidential.

Where can I take my dog to walk off leash? Innisfail is home to an off-leash dog park, located in the northeast portion of Centennial Park just west of the cemetery. Outside of the park, dogs must be leashed at ALL times.

**What is considered excessive barking?** When a dog barks in excess of 15 minutes or more, with no immediate apparent cause. Contact Municipal Enforcement to report such activity.



## Common Infractions

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| Fail to obtain a Dog/Cat license                | \$115.00 |
| Animal Running at Large                         | \$115.00 |
| Vicious Dog in Off Leash area                   | \$500.00 |
| Fail to immediately remove animal Defecation    | \$115.00 |
| Animal bites/chases any person/animal           | \$500.00 |
| Animal chases bicycle/motor vehicle             | \$230.00 |
| Animal barks/howls as to disturb any person     | \$115.00 |
| Animal attacks any person/animal causing injury | \$500.00 |
| Fail to provide identification to Peace Officer | \$115.00 |
| Obstructing a Peace Officer                     | \$230.00 |



## Animal Control BYLAW INFORMATION



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[www.innisfail.ca](http://www.innisfail.ca)

## Bylaws

### Part 2 - Licensing

Section 1 - Fail to obtain a dog or cat license

Section 3 - Harboring, suffering, or permitting more than three dogs, cats, or domesticated household pets at a residence

Section 5 - Fail to ensure collar and tag worn on dog or cat

### Part 3 - Responsibilities of Owner

Section 1(a) - Animal running at large

Section 1(c) - Fail to confine animal in heat

Section 2(b) - Vicious dog in Off Leash Area

Section 3(a) - Fail to immediately remove animal defecation

Section 4(a) - Animal bites or chases any person or animal

Section 4(b) - Animal chases any bicycle or motorbike

Section 4(c) - Animal barks or howls so as to disturb any person

Section 4(d) - Animal attacks any person or animal causing injury

Section 4(e) - Animal causes death of any person or another animal

Section 4(f) - Animal causes damages to public or private property

Section 4(g) - Animal is in pool, water park, playground, or sand area

Section 5(a) - Fail to provide identification to a Peace Officer

Section 5(b) - Provide false or misleading information to a Peace Officer

Section 5(c) - Obstructing a Peace Officer

Section 5(d) - Unlocking or unlatching a vehicle with an impounded animal

Section 5(e) - Removing or attempting to remove an animal from the possession of a Peace Officer

## Bylaws Continued

### Part 6 - Vicious dogs

Section 6(a) - Fail to have dog tattooed or micro chipped within 14 days

Section 6(b) - Fail to have dog spayed or neutered within 14 days

Section 7(a-d) - Vicious dog that threatens, chases, bites, or injures a person or other animal

Section 7(e) - Vicious dog that damages or destroys property

Section 8(a) - Failure to keep vicious dog under proper indoor confinement

Section 8(b) - Failure to keep vicious dog in controlled confinement

Section 9(a-b) - Failure to keep vicious dog muzzled and properly secured on a leash

Section 10 - Vicious dog running at large

Section 11 - Fail to obtain a vicious dog license

Section 12 - Fail to ensure collar and tag worn on vicious dog

### Part 7 - Livestock

Section 1 - Keep Livestock in unauthorized area

### Part 8 - Trapping

Section 1(a) - Set animal trap if below 0o C or forecast to be below 0o C over a 72 hour period

Section 1(b) - Set animal trap in un-shaded area

Section 2 - Taint animal trap with bait

## Licensing & Impound Fees

### Annual Fees:

1. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for spayed/neutered dogs/cats and Forty dollars (\$40.00) for non-spayed/non-neutered dogs/cats if purchased on or before January 31 of each year
2. Thirty dollars (\$30.00) for spayed/neutered dogs/cats and Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for non-spayed/non-neutered dogs/cats if purchased after January 31 of each year
3. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for spayed/neutered dogs/cats and forty dollars (\$40.00) for non-spayed/non-neutered dogs/cats when purchased by a new resident or new pet owner of the Town of Innisfail within the current year
4. Two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a deemed vicious dog

Replacement tags can be purchased for ten dollars (\$10.00) per tag

### Other Fees:

1. Hobby License— \$150.00 (subject to approval of application)
2. Impound Fee—non vicious dog/cat—\$50.00
3. Impound Fee—vicious dog—\$150.00
4. Veterinary Services—as incurred

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Report a lost/found pet at [www.innisfail.ca/pets](http://www.innisfail.ca/pets)

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