



Animal Control Draft Regulations

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Setting the Context

In 2012, a working committee had analyzed the regulations of several municipalities, consulted several bodies and drafted a regulation model for animal control.

This regulation was adopted between 2013 and 2015 by 16 districts, sometimes with a few modifications.

The recent events involving attacks by Pitbull type dogs lead the City of Montreal to revise its regulations to increase public safety.

The draft regulation proposes the implementation of rules which will prevent the largest possible number of bites, including:

- The control of all dogs;
- Closer supervision of a dog and Pit bull type dogs at risk;
- The prohibition of keeping a dangerous dog;
- A substantial increase of fines for violators.

The draft regulation therefore incorporates many articles from the regulation model with important additions found here.

Content of the Draft Regulation

Chapter I – Definitions and administration

Creating different categories of dogs:

- Pit bull type:
 - Breed American Pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier or Staffordshire Bull Terrier;
 - A cross of one of these breeds and another dog;
 - Any dog that has several morphological characteristics present from one of these breeds or crosses.

- At risk:
 - A dog that tries to bite or attack, who has bitten or attacked, which commits an act that could affect the safety of a person or an animal.

- Hazardous
 - A dog that caused the death of a person or animal;
 - A dog at risk, having been declared dangerous by the competent authority

Content of the Draft Regulation

Chapter I - Definitions and Administration (continued)

➤ Prohibited:

- A dangerous dog;
- Pit bull type dog whose guardian does not have a special pit bull license;
- A hybrid dog;
- An unsterilized dog by December 31, 2019, with the exception of a dog that cannot be sterilized on the written advice of a veterinarian or a breeding dog;
- A dog not microchipped by 31 December 2019.

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Chapter II – Animal control and nuisances

- Special license for the ownership of a Pit bull type dog:
 - Application filed before December 31, 2016 by an applicant 18 years or older;
 - Document attesting to the absence of criminal records, mainly related to violence;
 - Sterilization Proof of microchips and immunization against rabies;
 - Proof of residence in the city territory and possession of the animal at the date of regulation enforcement.

- Imposition of special conditions of custody, accompanying the special license for ownership of Pit bull type dogs:
 - Muzzled at all times outside the home;
 - Held by means of a leash no longer than a meter, except in dog park or in an area enclosed by a fence that has a minimum height of 2 meters;
 - Be under the supervision of a person 18 years or older;
 - Wear the tag.

- Termination of special license to keep a Pit bull type dog, when one of the conditions is not met (euthanasia order is issued).

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Chapter II - Animal control and nuisances (continued)

- Special provisions for the dog at risk:
 - The owner of a dog that bit must notify the competent authority of this event within 72 hours;
 - It must muzzle the animal at all times while outside home of the guardian, until further notice;
 - The dog who causes the death of a person or animal is the subject of an euthanasia order; it is considered a dangerous dog;
 - The dog that bit without causing death is subjected to an assessment as a result of which:
 - ✓ It may be declared dangerous by the competent authority and, where applicable, subject to an euthanasia order;
 - ✓ If it is not declared hazardous by the competent authority, it can be subject to special license to keep a dog at risk and stringent conditions similar to those provided to pit bull type dogs.

Termination of special license to keep a dog at risk when one of the guard conditions is not met (euthanasia order then issued).

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Chapter II - Animal control and nuisances (continued)

- Animal license required for all dogs and all cats.
- Animal license valid in the 19 boroughs.
- Limit the number of animals per unit of occupation.
- All dogs must be on a leash of up to 1.85 meters in a public place.
- In addition, dogs 20 kg and over must wear a halter or harness.

Ban on the possession of certain categories of dogs:

- Dangerous;
 - Pit bull type (if no special license was applied for before 31 December 2016 and obtained before 1 March 2017: The license must be renewed annually).
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- Sterilization and microchip of all dogs before **31 December 2019**.

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Chapter III - Criminal Provisions

- Increased to fines (minimum fine of \$ 300).
- More significant fines (from \$ 500 to \$750 for a first offense) in the case of an offense that may pose a security risk (e.g. bites, no leash) or when the citizen provides false information.

Chapter IV - Ordinance

- Power of the Ordinance of the executive committee allows for adding types of prohibited dog or requirements for special conditions of custody and prohibit the presence of dogs in locations.

Administrative measures

- Administrative measures will be in place for the homeless custodians of animal

Administrative Steps

August 2016

- GDD 1166379001:

- Under section 85.5 of the Charter of the City of Montreal, repatriation of the jurisdiction upon ' respect to the adoption of municipal regulations for dogs and other domestic animals.
- Notice of motion for the amendment of the City Council Rules of Procedure on the delegation of powers of the City council to borough councils (02-002).

-GDD 1165086003:

- Notice of motion for the adoption of the Regulation on animal control.
- Notice of motion for the amendment of the Tariff Regulations (fiscal year 2016) (15-091).

September 2016

- Adoption of the amendment of the City Council Rules of Procedure on the delegation of power of city council to borough councils (02-002).
- Adoption of the Regulation on animal control.
- Adoption of the Tariff Regulations (Fiscal 2016) (15-091).
- Entry into enforcement of regulations after publication.