THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

BY-LAW NUMBER 06-01-271

A BY-LAW TO REPEAL BY-LAW NUMBER 05-11-264 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY AND A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS, OR ANY CLASS THEREOF, THE ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, LICENCING AND THE RESTRAINT OF DOGS AND CATS AND CERTAIN OTHER ASPECTS OF ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY

WHEREAS Section 210 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M. 45, provides that Council may pass a By-Law prohibiting, regulating and restricting the keeping of animals or any class thereof, the destruction thereof and allow for a licencing and animal identification system pursuant to the Provisions thereof;

AND WHEREAS Section 20 of the Animals for Research Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A. 22, provides for the impounding and sale or destruction of any cat or dog pursuant to the provisions thereof;

AND WHEREAS the Dog Owners Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D. 16, provides for the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 15, as amended, provides that Council may appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to enforce all Municipal By-Laws;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Game and Fish Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter G.1, Section 82, provides for the prohibition of keeping or harbouring of wild animals;

AND WHEREAS the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990,c.H.7 as amended, provides the quarantine of domestic animals and immunization of rabies for animals;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **TITLE**
   (a) This By-Law shall be known and may be cited as “THE PET CONTROL BY-LAW”.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

   As used in this By-Law, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter ascribed to them:

   (a) “ANIMAL” means any member of the animal kingdom, other than a human.

   (b) “ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER” means a person appointed or employed by the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley for the purposes of supervising all animal husbandry matters within the limits of the Township of Laurentian Valley and shall also be appointed a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer responsible for the enforcement and provision of this By-Law and related Provincial Offences by authority of the Ontario Police Services Act.
(c) “ANIMAL CONTROL - MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” means a person appointed by the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this By-Law and related provincial offences by authority of the Ontario Police Services Act, 1990, Chapter P. 15, Section 15.

(d) “ANIMAL SHELTER” means any premises authorized by the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley for the purpose of impounding and caring for and lawful adoption.

(e) “AT LARGE” means any animal will be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under control of a competent person.

(f) “BITE” means an action with the mouth, of any dog or cat, on a person or animal that results in contact.

(g) “CAT” shall mean any feline over the age of three (3) months of any domesticated cat or crossbreed domesticated cat.

(h) “C.A.O.” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(i) “DOG” shall mean Canis Familiaris, male or female, over the age of three (3) months and shall not include wolf or fox or any other wild or part wild species of Canis Familiaris.

(j) “EXHIBIT” means an exhibition of animals permitted and/or prohibited by this By-Law.

(k) “FARM” shall mean land used for the tillage of soil, the raising and harvesting of field, bush, vine, forest or tree crops, the growing of vegetables, fruits, grains and other staple crops. This definition may also apply to land used for livestock raising, horses, dairying, woodlots, grazing, trapping, horticultural crops, fish farming and beekeeping and includes a farm dwelling and accessory farm buildings and uses. Farm also means land on which the predominant economic activity consists of raising chickens, turkeys or other fowl, the raising of fur bearing animals, the raising of swine or goats, the raising of cattle on feed lots or the growing of mushrooms.

(l) “GRANDFATHERED PIT BULL DOG” shall mean a defined pit bull dog for which a valid pit bull dog licence was issued by the animal control officer and was either born in Ontario between August 29th, 2005 and November 26th, 2005, or owned by a resident of Ontario on August 29th, 2005.

(m) “IMMUNIZATION” shall mean to protect against disease by annual inoculation of immunizing serums and vaccines.

(n) “KENNEL” shall mean an establishment in which greater than four dogs or domesticated animals are housed, groomed, boarded, bred or trained for gain or profit.

(o) “LEASH” includes any form of material lead or restraint which does not exceed 1.8 meters in length and has the capability to control an animal from annoying, bothering or irritating persons or other animals.

(p) “M.N.R. DOG” means a dog trained specifically for Ministry of Natural Resources duties as defined in its Act and so employed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
(q) “MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH” means the Medical Officer of Health for the County of Renfrew or authorized assistants acting under his or her authority.

(r) “MICROCHIP” shall mean an object which may be permanently implanted in a dog by injection or surgical procedure, which is programmed to store a permanent identification number and is capable of relaying stored information to a scanning device.

(s) “MUNICIPALITY” means the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(t) “MUZZLE” means a humane fastening or covering device of adequate strength placed over a dog’s mouth to prevent it from biting.

(u) “NUISANCE ANIMAL” shall mean any animal found to be causing a common nuisance, irritation, annoyance or bother to other persons or other animals.

(v) “ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE” means the Police service in affect for the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(w) “OWNER” means and includes any person who possesses, keeps, feeds or harbours an animal and “owns” or “owned” shall have a corresponding meaning.

(x) “PET” shall include cat or dog, or both, and any other common animal, fish or bird that may be kept as a pet that is not prohibited in this By-Law.

(y) “PET SHOP” shall mean any person, group of persons, partnership or corporation operating an establishment where live animals, birds and fish, other than those listed in Schedule ‘A’ of this By-Law, as prohibited animals, are kept for retail as pets.

(z) “PIT BULL DOG” means a dog that:
   (i) is of the Pit Bull Terrier breed, or
   (ii) is of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed, or
   (iii) is of the American Staffordshire Terrier breed, or
   (iv) is of the American Pit Bull Terrier breed, or
   (v) has an appearance and physical characteristics that are substantially similar to those of dogs referred to any of clauses A) to D), having regard to the breed standards established for American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or American Pit Terriers by the Canadian Kennel Club, United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club or the American Dog Breeders Association.

(aa) “POLICE DOG” means a dog trained specifically for police duties as deemed by the Ontario Provincial Police.

(bb) “PROHIBITED ANIMAL” shall mean any vicious animal as defined herein this By-Law, any animal or category of animal that is forbidden to be kept or raised in the Township of Laurentian Valley as listed in Schedule ‘A’ to this By-Law.

(cc) “PUBLIC UTILITY EMERGENCY VEHICLE” means the vehicle used by the Animal Control Officer or its designate while on duty.

(dd) “REGISTRATION PERIOD” shall mean the period from January 1 to December 31 of each year with an extended period to March 31 of the next year which shall be an extension of the prior year registration period to allow owners of animals that were registered in the prior year to purchase new pet tags.
“SERVICE DOG” means a dog trained at a recognized school for service as a guide dog for the blind or visually impaired, a guide dog for the deaf or hearing-impaired.

“STERILIZED ANIMAL” shall mean any spayed / neutered dog or cat that is in support of such certificate from a licensed veterinarian.

“VETERINARIAN” shall mean a member of the College of Veterinarian of Ontario.

“VETERINARY HOSPITAL” shall mean any establishment maintained and operated with a licensed veterinarian for the diagnosis and treatment of disease and injuries of animals and birds.

“VICIOUS ANIMAL” shall mean any animal that displays vicious tendencies such as growling, baring of teeth, charging or lunging, attacking or biting a person or other domestic animal.

3. KEEPING OF ANIMALS

(a) It is prohibited to own, keep, harbour, feed or raise any animal identified under Appendix “A” to this By-Law on any lot or in any building or structure on such lot within the limits of the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(b) It is prohibited to own, keep, harbour or possess any animal that is found to be a vicious animal or nuisance animal on any lot or in any building or structure on such lot within the limits of the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(c) Every person who keeps an animal within the Municipality shall ensure that such animal is provided with:

   (i) a clean and sanitary environment free from accumulation of fecal matter,
   (ii) adequate and appropriate care, food, water, shelter and opportunity for physical activity.

4. LICENSING AND ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

(a) The owner of every dog three (3) months of age or older, within (3) days of his / her becoming such, shall cause it to be licensed with a valid pet tag, numbered and described with the Township, which provision shall be called the Animal Identification System.

(b) The owner of every cat three (3) months of age or older, within three (3) days of his / her becoming such, shall cause it to be registered with a valid pet tag, numbered and described with the Township, which provision shall be called the Animal Identification system.

The Pet Tag, Registration and Identification Fees are as follows:

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And such license and registration shall expire on December 31st of each year.
(c) The owner of every dog or cat shall not claim such dog or cat to be sterilized when such dog or cat is not sterilized and wrongful claiming shall subject the owner or harbourer to the penalty provided for in this By-Law.

(d) Upon payment of the required fee, the owner shall be furnished with a tag for each dog or cat owned by him with a serial number and the year in which it was issued marked thereon and the owner shall keep said tag securely fixed on the dog or cat for which it was issued at all times during the year and until he procures a tag for the following year. A record shall be kept by the licencing officer showing the name and address of the owner and the serial number on the tag. In the event that a tag is lost, the person to whom it was issued shall immediately claim another from the Licence Issuer and shall pay, therefore, the sum of TWO DOLLARS ($2.00) for each tag.

(e) Every owner or harbourer of a dog or cat shall obtain a tag and keep it securely fixed on his dog or cat and shall not affix the tag upon a dog or cat other than the dog or cat for which the said tag was issued. Affixing a tag upon a dog or cat other than the dog or cat for which the said tag was issued shall subject the owner or the harbourer to the penalty provided for in this By-Law.

(f) Section 4 of this By-Law does not apply to police dogs during the course of fulfilling their duties.

(g) Section 4 of this By-Law does not apply to M.N.R. dogs during the course of fulfilling their duties.

(h) Section 4 a) d) of this By-Law does not apply to Pit Bull type dogs.

5. KENNELS

(a) Every person who owns, operates or conducts a kennel for pure breed dogs which is registered with the Canadian Kennel Club pursuant to the Statutes of Ontario enacted in that behalf, shall pay to the Township of Laurentian Valley, immediately following the first day of January in any year, a licence fee of FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00). Each dog kept shall be licenced by the Township with the exception of unweaned pups.

(b) If there is a change of ownership of a kennel during the licence year the new owner must purchase a new license.

(c) The Licencing Officer of the Township of Laurentian Valley, upon any application may issue the required license but if he/she does not issue such license at the request of the applicant, he/she shall refer the application to the Council of the Township of Laurentian Valley at it’s next regular sitting and the Council may, at it’s discretion, grant or refuse the issuing of a permit hereunder.

6. IMMUNIZATION

(a) No person who resides within the Township of Laurentian Valley shall own or harbour any dog or cat over the age of six (6) months without immunization for the rabies virus and that the immunization is current as defined by the rabies virus serim.

(b) Section 6. of this By-Law shall be jointly enforced by the Medical Officer of Health pursuant to the provisions of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990,c.H.&., as amended, and the Animal Control Officer for the Township of Laurentian Valley pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law and Section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act.
7. IMPOUNDMENT

(a) Animals found running at large shall be taken up by the agents of the Township and impounded in the pound maintained by the Animal Control Officer for the Township of Laurentian Valley and there confined during the redemption period. Animals not claimed by their owners at the expiration of the redemption period shall become the property of the Township and disposed of by the Township, except as hereinafter provided in the cases of certain animals.

(b) Sick or injured animals found at large and taken up by the agents of the Township shall not be placed into the animal shelter to save harm to other animals and possible contamination of the pound facility. A quick attempt shall be made by the agents to find the owner. If the owner is not ascertainable during the attempt the agent may seek medical attention for the animal or may have euthanasia performed to save further pain and/or suffering to the animal.

(c) Animals found at large by an appointed Agent or any Police Officer that pose a threat to the safety of persons or other domestic animals may be destroyed forthwith.

(d) Every owner of a dog or cat in the Township, which is suspected of having been exposed to the rabies virus, or which has been bitten scratched or has had other contact that may result in rabies in a person or animal, shall on demand surrender such animal to the Township to be held by the Township in quarantine, without cost to the owner, for ten (10) days from the date of contact and such animal shall not be released from such quarantine without permission from the Medical Officer of Health. At the discretion of the Medical Officer of Health, an animal may be placed in quarantine on the premises of the owner.

8. REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS

(a) The owner shall be entitled to regain possession of any impounded animal except as hereinafter provided in the cases of certain animals, upon compliance with the license or identification provisions of Section 4 of this by-law and the payment of impoundment fees set forth in Section 9 of this By-Law.

(b) Any animal impounded under the provisions of this by-law and not reclaimed by it’s owner at the expiration of the three (3) day redemption period as defined by Animals for Research Act, Chapter 22., may be destroyed by the Township or placed in the custody of some person deemed to be a responsible and suitable owner who will agree to comply with the provisions of this By-Law and such other regulations as shall be fixed by the Township.

9. IMPOUNDMENT FEES

Any animal impounded hereunder may be reclaimed as herein before provided upon payment by the owner to the Township the sum of TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS ($25.00) which shall cover the impoundment costs for the first day or partial day and the additional sum of EIGHT DOLLARS($8.00) for each additional day such animal is kept commencing the second day of confinement.

The impoundment fee of TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS ($25.00) as set forth herein shall be collected by the Township and retained by it. Additional impoundment fees of EIGHT DOLLARS per day commencing the second day of confinement shall be collected by the Animal Control Officer and retained by him to help defray the costs of keeping such animals during and beyond the redemption period set forth herein.
10. **RESTRRAINT**

(a) For the purpose of this By-Law, an animal shall be deemed to be running at large if found in any place other than that of it’s owner/keeper and not under the control of any person.

(b) No person shall allow their animal to become a common nuisance by:
   (i) barking;
   (ii) biting;
   (iii) howling;
   (iv) chasing or barking or biting at horses;
   (v) chasing or barking or biting at motor vehicles;
   (vi) chasing or barking or biting at bicycles;
   (vii) chasing or barking or biting or scaring persons walking or riding thereon any street; or;
   (viii) causing damage when running at large;
   (ix) causing damage to commonly shared property.

(c) Every person who owns or possesses any animal that is a nuisance as defined in this By-Law and has resulted in a breach or breaches of Section 10, with convictions recorded, shall be subject to the penalty provided for in this By-Law and further that the C.A.O. for Township of Laurentian Valley shall order the owner to remove such animal from the Township of Laurentian Valley. If proven that such animal has corrected the nuisance behavior by completing a behavior course from a recognized animal training facility, the C.A.O. may permit re entry into the Township of Laurentian Valley. No person shall possess such an animal in the Township of Laurentian Valley and not have permission to re-enter, and shall be subject to the penalty provided for in this By-Law.

(d) No person who owns, keeps, harbours or possesses any animal shall allow it to trespass on private property even when on a leash.

(e) No person who owns, keeps, harbours or possesses any animal shall allow it to run on Township-owned property except when on a leash.

(f) Any person:
   (i) Who owns, keeps, harbours or possesses any animal which defecates on public, commonly shared or private property, other than that of the said owner or keeper thereof, shall forthwith clean up after it.
   (ii) No person who owns, keeps, harbours or possesses any animal shall allow a build up of animal fecal matter on the property where the animal is kept and where it becomes offensive to other members of the community.

(g) No person shall control a dog while off it’s own property with a leash that:
   (i) is not held by the person in his or her hand, or
   (ii) is not securely affixed to some immovable structure from which the dog can not escape.

(h) Section 10 of this By-Law does not apply to Police Dogs during the fulfillment of their duties.

(i) Section 10 of this By-Law does not apply to M.N.R. Dogs during the fulfillment of their duties.

(j) Section 10 (f) (i) and (ii) does not apply to a handler of a service dog, where the handler is unable to remove the excrement left by such dog due to a physical disability or impediment.
11. **DANGEROUS OR VIOLENT ANIMAL RESTRICTION**

(a) Dangerous or vicious animals shall not be kept within the limits of the Township and any owner, keeper or harbourer of such animal found to be fierce, dangerous or vicious as defined in this By-Law shall be subject to the penalty provided for in this By-Law.

(b) Dangerous or vicious animals which have attacked and bitten a person or other domestic animal within the limits of the Township of Laurentian Valley where the owner, keeper or harbourer of such animal, and on completion of quarantine requirements, is not willing to hand over such animal to the Animal Control Officer for the purpose of euthanasia to save further harm to members and animals of the community, may be subject to the provisions of *The Dog Owners Liability Act*, Chapter D. 16. or under the provisions of this By-Law.

12. **REPORT OF BITE CASES**

It shall be expected that every Physician or other practitioner shall report the names and addresses of persons treated for bites inflicted by animals, together with such other information as will be helpful in rabies control to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit and Township of Laurentian Valley.

13. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF VETERINARIANS**

It shall be expected of every licensed veterinarian to report to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit his diagnosis of any animal observed by him as a rabies suspect.

14. **EXEMPTIONS**

(a) Hospitals, clinics, and other premises in operation with Licensed veterinarians for the care and treatment of animals are exempt from the provisions of this By-Law, except where such duties are expressly stated.

(b) (i) The licensing and pet identification system of this By-Law shall not apply to an animal belonging to a non-resident of the Township of Laurentian Valley and kept within the Township for not longer than thirty (30) days provided such animals shall, at all times while in the Township, be kept within a building or vehicles, or under restraint by the owner by means of a leash not measuring more than two (2) meters in length. The animal must be duly immunized for rabies within the last 12 months.

(ii) Any person who owns, keeps, harbours or possesses any non-resident animal within the limits of the Township shall ensure valid pet identification, licensing and immunization papers are kept with the animal at all times while in the Township. Should the requirements of Section 14 (b) (i) and/or (ii) be ignored, the owner, keeper, harbourer or possessor shall be subject to the penalty provided for in this By-Law.

(c) Any Farm as defined herein this By-Law and registered with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is entitled to an exemption from the provisions of Section 4. Licensing And Pet Identification System for dogs and cats numbering up to FIVE (5) in combination.

(i) Every owner of a Farm claiming the exemption of Section 14. (c) shall register the respective animals and pay an annual pet tag fee of TWENTY ($20.00) DOLLARS which shall entitle the farm to FIVE (5) pet tags for dogs and cats being kept at the site of the farm business at all times and dogs and cats over the combined number of FIVE (5) are subject to the provisions of Section 4. of this By-Law.
(ii) Any Farm as defined herein this by-law shall conform to all provisions of this By-Law other than as stated in Section 14. (c) (i), and 14. (c) (ii) of this By-Law and shall be exempt further to those entities in Category Numbers 4., 6., 8., 9., 10., and 13. of Appendix “A” to this By-Law that are not conflicting to the Ontario Game and Fish Act, Chapter G. 1. S.82.

(d) The property of the Ministry of Natural Resources including all it’s buildings, structures, lands and vehicles are exempt from the provisions of this By-Law.

15. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EXHIBITIONS, CIRCUSES OR OTHER LIKE SHOWS

Where an exhibition, circus, traveling show, petting zoo or any other like show that has prohibited animals as defined in Schedule A of this By-Law, requests entry into the Township of Laurentian Valley for the purposes of public display of such animals must:

(a) Request in writing 45 days prior to the intended date, to the C.A.O. for the Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley, for permission to enter the Township of Laurentian valley with prohibited animals for the said purpose.

(b) With written approval by the C.A.O. for the Township of Laurentian Valley be furnished with a permit from the Township of Laurentian Valley for the purpose permitted.

(c) To pay in full for such permit as required set by the C.A.O.

(d) Provide proof of a Comprehensive Policy of Public Liability and Property Damage insurance acceptable to the Corporation providing at least Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) coverage.

(e) Display at the first front entrance to the exhibition show, petting zoo or other like shows, the letter of consent from the C.A.O. and the permit issued by the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(f) Be subject to reasonable inspections before, during, and after the function concerning the animals in their containment, proximity to the public in view of the animals and any other concerns of the C.A.O. and/or Animal Control Officer for the Township of Laurentian Valley.

(g) Be in full conformance with all applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws governing the possession, keeping and transportation of the subject animals being used in the said function in the Township of Laurentian Valley as well as the location where the subject animals are being kept on a permanent basis.

(h) Be accredited by the CAZA or the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

(i) That the said function be within the Township of Laurentian Valley for a maximum of three days.

Failure to comply with all requirements of this section as well as additional requirements that may be set by the C.A.O., will result in the permit being revoked and the person/persons in possession of any animals listed in Appendix A be subject to the provisions of the By-Law.

16. PIT BULL LICENCE, CONDITIONS, PROHIBITED MATTERS AND DUTIES

16.1 Beginning January 01, 2006, no person shall own a Pit Bull dog that is not a grandfathered Pit Bull dog. Every Pit Bull owner shall forthwith make an application accompanied with the Pit Bull dog by appointment with the animal
control officer at the Township of Laurentian Valley, 460 Witt Road, Pembroke for a Pit Bull licence prior to Dec 31, 2005. Only an owner of a valid Pit Bull licence from the Township for their Pit Bull dog will be considered to have a grandfathered Pit Bull dog.

16.2 Every application for a Pit Bull licence and a renewal of a Pit Bull licence shall be accompanied by the following:

(a) a description of the Pit Bull dog including color, age, date of birth if known, place of birth if known, sex and name;

(b) a signed and sworn statement of the owner that the Pit Bull dog was owned by a resident of Ontario on August 29th, 2005, OR a signed and sworn statement by the owner that the Pit Bull dog was born in Ontario between August 29th, 2005 and November 25th, 2005;

(c) a photograph taken by the animal control officer of the Pit Bull dog and the owner of the dog;

(d) certificate satisfactory to the animal control officer that the Pit Bull dog has been sterilized, or if less than 36 weeks of age, that will be sterilized on or before the day it reaches that age, unless the Pit Bull dog is surgically unfit to be sterilized with a statement from a licenced veterinarian;

(e) certificate showing proof of immunization for rabies;

(f) proof satisfactory to the Animal Control Officer that a microchip has been implanted;

(g) evidence satisfactory to the Animal Control Officer that the owner has a valid third party insurance issued by and insurer licenced by the province of Ontario in an amount not less than $1,000,000. Such policy shall have a provision requiring that it will not be cancelled, permitted to lapse or changed to exclude injuries caused by the dog unless the insurer notifies the Animal Control Officer in writing at least 15 days prior to the date of change, cancellation or expiry; and

(h) the application and licence fee as set out in Appendix “B”.

16.3 Every Pit Bull licence issued by the animal control officer shall expire on the 15th of March of each year and shall be renewable yearly upon payment of the Pit bull licence fee as set out in Appendix “B”.

16.4 Every holder of a Pit Bull dog licence issued by the Animal Control Officer shall notify the Animal Control Officer forthwith upon the death of or change of ownership of a dog so licenced so verification of the subject Pit Bull dog can be made by the animal control officer prior to the disposal of the dog or change of ownership.

16.5 Every person wishing to transfer ownership of a Pit Bull licence shall apply to the Animal Control Officer for approval and shall comply with all aspects of Section 16.2. Every person shall notify the Animal Control Officer of the name, address and phone number of the person to whom possession of the Pit Bull dog is to be transferred to.

16.6 No owner of a grandfathered Pit Bull dog shall fail to renew a Pit Bull licence.
16.7 No owner of a grandfathered Pit Bull shall fail to affix the tag issued for the Pit Bull licence on the collar or harness worn by the Pit Bull dog for which it was issued while off its own property.

16.8 No person, group of persons, S.P.C.A, Peta or other like gatherings shall transfer a grandfathered Pit Bull dog to a resident of the township except by gift and that all aspects of Section 16.2 are complied with.

16.9 Upon issuing of the Pit Bull licence and payment of the applicable fee, the owner shall be furnished with a Pit Bull dog tag bearing the serial number of the Pit Bull licence, the words Laurentian Valley and the words Pit Bull. The Pit Bull tag will remain the property of the Township of Laurentian Valley. The Pit Bull tag must be returned to the Township upon demand. If any change of ownership or death of the Pit Bull dog occurs, the Pit Bull tag must be returned to the Township.

16.10 Where a tag has been lost, the owner shall apply forthwith to the Animal Control Officer for a new Pit Bull licence and tag. No lost tags shall be replaced. The Animal Control Officer shall cancel the licence for which there is a lost tag. The application for a new Pit Bull licence and tag shall be accompanied by proof of the licence for which there is a lost tag, in addition to the information of Section 16.2 of this bylaw, along with the application and licence fee as set out in Appendix “B”.

16.11 **Control Measures**

Every holder of a Pit Bull licence shall ensure that the following conditions are met, no Pit Bull Licence shall be obtained, renewed or continued if the all conditions are not met:

(a) the Pit Bull dog has a microchip implanted by a licenced veterinarian;
(b) the pit bull is sterilized, unless it exempted by a licenced veterinarian
(c) the Pit Bull was either owned by a resident of Ontario on August 29th, 2005 or that the Pit Bull dog was born in Ontario between August 29th,2005 and November 25th, 2005;
(d) the Pit Bull dog does not run at large;
(e) the Pit bull dog is muzzled in accordance with this bylaw;
(f) the tag issued with the Pit Bull licence is securely affixed to the Pit Bull it is issued to;
(g) the Pit Bull licence is renewed prior to the end of the registration period;
(h) the Animal Control Officer is to be provided with the new address and telephone number of the owner within two days of moving;
(i) the Animal Control Officer is to be notified immediately if the Pit Bull is running at large or has bitten or attacked any person or animal

16.12 **Control of Pit Bull Dogs**

Commencing October 28th, 2005, an owner of a Pit Bull dog shall ensure that the Pit Bull is fastened with a muzzle and secured with a leash at all times when off it’s property or exiting from a vehicle and in accordance with Subsection 2.

For the purposes of Subsection 2, a Pit Bull dog shall be equipped with a muzzle and secured with a leash in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The Pit Bull dog shall be fitted with a collar or harness that is properly fitted and attached to the dog.
(b) The movement of the Pit Bull dog shall be controlled by a person capable of restraining the Pit Bull dog by means of a leash attached to the collar or harness.
(c) the leash shall not exceed 1.8 meters in length.
(d) The collar or harness and the leash shall be strong enough to prevent the Pit Bull dog from breaking any of them.
(e) The mouth of the Pit Bull dog shall be covered by a muzzle that is humane and that is strong enough and well fitted enough to prevent the Pit Bull dog from biting. The muzzle shall not interfere with the breathing, panting or vision of the Pit Bull dog or with the Pit Bull dog’s ability to drink.

17. **PIT BULL REMOVED FROM TOWNSHIP/DESTRUCTION**

17.1 Beginning January 01, 2006 every person must comply as follows who:

(a) owns a Pit Bull dog that is not a grandfathered Pit Bull; or
(b) owns a Pit Bull dog that has bitten or attacked a domestic animal after this by-law comes into effect shall have the Pit Bull dog destroyed humanely or removed from the Township.

17.2 Where the Animal Control Officer finds a violation of section 17.1 he shall notify the owner in writing that the Pit Bull dog is ordered to be destroyed humanely or removed from the Township within 10 days of the service of notification. The owner of the Pit Bull dog shall comply with the written notification. Failure to comply will result in the seizure by search warrant (or not), of the subject dog and immediate destruction.

17.3 As of August 29th, 2005, and where the animal control officer finds a violation of section 17.1 that is or has occurred in a public place, he may exercise immediate seizure of the Pit Bull dog. (D.O.L.A section 15). The Pit bull dog may be held as evidence to the charge/s and will be considered as a prohibited dog. After completion of any quarantine so ordered by the Renfrew County Health Unit and its regulations, the subject Pit Bull dog may be destroyed forthwith.

17.4 Where the owner is required to humanely destroy a Pit bull dog, the owner is responsible for all costs. Where the Township has a Pit Bull dog destroyed, the Township may have its costs recovered by action.

17.5 The Township, its agents, employees, servants and the animal control officer shall not be held liable for damages or compensation for any dog humanely destroyed under the provisions of this by-law and damages or compensation shall not be paid to any one person.

18. **INVESTIGATION**

For the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this By-Law and to enforce it’s provisions, any agent of the Township or any Police Officer is empowered to enter upon any premises upon which a dog or animal is kept or harbour and to request the exhibition by the Owner of such dog or animal. It is further provided that any agent of the Township or any Police Officer may enter the premises where any animal is kept in a reportedly cruel or inhumane manner and request to examine such animal and to take possession of such animal to determine the validity of such complaint or report and to take appropriate corrective measures, if necessary.

19. **ENFORCEMENT**

The provisions of this By-Law shall be enforced by the Township, it’s servants, workman, employees or any of them.

20. **OFFENCES**

Any person or persons who contravene any section of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall forfeit and pay the fine for such offence as provided for under Section 61 of The Provincial Offences Act.
21. **PROHIBITION ORDER**

When a person has been convicted of an offence under this By-Law the Ontario Court of Justice and/or the Ontario Provincial Court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted, make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted.

22. **REPEALS**

By-Law Number 05-11-264 of the Township of Laurentian Valley is hereby repealed effective as of the date the fines under Section 61 of The Provincial Offences Act for this By-Law are approved.

23. **SEVERABILITY**

A decision of a competent court that one or more provisions of this By-Law are invalid in whole or in part does not affect the validity, effectiveness or enforce ability of the other provisions or part of provisions of this By-Law.

24. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This By-Law shall come into effect from the date of it’s passing by Council.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time this 3rd day of January, 2006.

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REEVE                                  CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CLERK

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY passed this 3rd day of January, 2006.

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APPENDIX “A”
TO BY-LAW NUMBER 06-01-271
RE SECTION 3 (a)

It is prohibited to keep or raise any domestic animal, farm animal, wild animal, exotic animal, amphibian, reptile, arachnid, fish or insect including any tamed or domesticated wild animal or part wild animal on any lot or in any building or structure on such lot within the limits of the Township of Laurentian Valley that is included in this Appendix hereunder and therefore it is prohibited to keep or raise:

ANY ANIMAL IN THE CATEGORY:

1. Non-humane primates (ie. Monkeys, Chimpanzee)
2. Wild Canids (ie. Foxes, Wolves, Coyotes)
3. Wild Felids (ie. Leopard, Cougar, Lynx)
4. Mustelids (ie. Mink, Skunks, Otters, Weasels, but excluding Ferrets)
5. Reptiles (ie. Snakes, Alligators)
6. Ungulates (ie. Horses, Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats, any hoofed animal)
7. Raptore (ie. Falcons, Hawks, Owls)
8. Galliformes (ie. Chickens, Quail, Pheasants, Turkeys, Guinea Fowl)
9. Anseriforms (ie. Ducks, Geese, Swans)
10. Columbiformes (ie. Pigeons)
11. Arachnids (ie. Scorpions, Spiders)
12. Dangerous Fish (ie. Piranha, Electric Eels)
13. Bees
14. Prohibited Pit Bull dog
Pit Bull Application and Licence Fee $75.00
Renewal of Pit Bull Licence $50.00
Transfer of Pit Bull Licence $25.00

Suggested Short Wordings

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Section 16.5
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAURENTIAN VALLEY**  
**BY-LAW NUMBER 06-01-271**  
**“THE ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW”**

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TO: Chief Justice

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By-Law 06-01-271 of the Township of Laurentian Valley provides an effective tool in the control and enforcement of these new amendments to the Act, and will ensure that all persons and animals in our community are treated fairly.

When required, our Municipality must take the proper corrective measures regarding Pit Bulls in our community. We believe that for the fine to be effective and a real deterrent to first time and future repeat offences the maximum set fine must be applied to only the most serious offences and that is what we are attempting to accomplish.