

Town of Steady Brook **Policy Statement**

Cat Cages - 2004

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The Town Council of Steady Brook, under the 'Animal Regulations 2004", has adopted the following procedure which permits residents / animal control officer to impound roaming cats that trespass and/or deposit waste or inflict damage upon private property.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate the damage caused by roaming cats, to private property, by allowing residents / animal control officer to use cat cages.

Commentary:

Due to the natural characteristics and nocturnal habits, it is difficult for Animal Control staff to capture cats when they are roaming. Therefore residents / animal control officer is permitted to use cat cages in order to trap /catch cats which are causing damage to, or depositing waste on resident's property. Residents shall treat the cats in a humane manner, and report the capture of the animal to the Town Office at the earliest possible opportunity. The Animal Control Officer may then impound the cat and take appropriate action in accordance with the Town's Animal Regulations.

Cat cages may be used by residents / Animal Control Officer. If it has been determined by the Animal Control Officer, that a resident, while in possession of a cat cage, has treated a captured animal inhumanely, the resident may be liable to be prosecuted, and the SPCA will be notified of all incidents of suspected mistreatment of animals.

Cat cages will not be used during the winter months.

Action Required and Order of Sequence

Step 1:

When a complaint of a roaming cat is received, the Animal Control Officer will investigate the incident and, if in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer the complaint is warranted, be authorized to place a cat cage . The Animal Control Officer may also advise the property owner of the availability of cat cages.

Step 2:

The Animal Control Officer / Town Office will present to the resident, a written list of conditions for the use of the cat cage.

Conditions:

- 1 It shall be the responsibility of the resident to whom the cat cage is issued to ensure the safety and well-being of any animal captured in a cat cage.
- 2 Cat cages are to be used only between 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. From 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the cat cage shall be secured such that animals cannot enter the cage.
- 3 Cat cages shall not be kept in direct sunlight.
- 4 Cat cages shall not be utilized when the temperature is above 30 degrees celsius or below 5 degrees celsius.
- 5 Immediately upon capturing an animal, the resident shall place the animal in a secure area, protected from the elements and other animals.
- 6 Cat cages shall not be kept in an area that is accessible to dogs.
- 7 Cat cages will not be issued to residents where the resident cannot provide monitoring of the cage to ensure compliance with these conditions.
- 8 A cat cage issued to a resident, shall only be placed on the property owned or occupied by that resident. The location of the property shall be identified on the *Conditions For The Use Of Cat Cages* form.
- 9 The resident may keep the cat cage in his/her possession for a period of time of up to, but not exceeding, seven (7) consecutive days.
- 10 The Town reserves the right to, at any time, have the Animal Control Officer enter a property of any resident to whom a cat cage has been issued to ensure compliance with these conditions.

11 Where the Animal Control Officer determines that the resident has not complied with these regulations, the cat cage will be removed immediately and no further cat cages will be issued to the resident. Where the Animal Control Officer has reason to believe that an animal captured in a cat cage has been treated inhumanely, the matter will be forwarded to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals.

Step 3:

The resident shall acknowledge his/her agreement with the conditions by signing two (2) copies of the "*Conditions For The Use Of Cat Cages*" form. One copy shall be retained by the resident and the other copy shall be retained by the Animal Control Officer.

Step 4:

Upon receipt of the signed "*Conditions For The Use Of Cat Cages*" form, the Animal Control Officer shall issue a cat cage to the resident.

Step 5:

Upon capture of any animal in a cat cage, the resident shall notify the Animal Control Officer at the earliest possible time.

Step 6:

While waiting for the Animal Control Officer to arrive, the resident shall place the captured animal in a secure area, protected from the weather, and other animals, and ensure that it is kept humanely (i.e. water/food).

Step 7:

The Animal Control Officer shall impound the cat, noting the time and date of the impounding, and remove the cat cage from the property.

Step 8:

The Animal Control Officer will identify and contact the Steady Brook Town Office, who will then notify the owner of the cat, where possible. Where the owner is identified, he/she will be fined in accordance with the Animal Regulations, and pay all applicable fees. Where the owner cannot be identified, the cat shall be held and disposed of in accordance with the Animal Regulations.

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Animal Control

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date Issued: _____

Date
Returned: _____

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It is an offense under the Criminal Code of Canada to deliberately harm or mistreat an animal.

I the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the above conditions.

Resident: _____

Animal Control Officer: _____

Date: _____