



SQ'EWÁ:LXW FIRST NATION

SKAWAHLOOK

Summary of Information

Animal Control and Protection Law, 2018

Given the inherent right of Sq'ewá:lxw to self-government and stewardship of our lands, and as enabled by the Sq'ewá:lxw *Land Code*, and upon the advice of the Land Advisory Committee, Sq'ewá:lxw Chief and Council, has enacted the Sq'ewá:lxw *Animal Control and Protection Law 2018*. The Law was put forward for consideration at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on February 28th, 2018 and passed by Council on April 25th, 2018.

The purpose of the law is to protect the welfare of animals residing on Sq'ewá:lxw Lands and to provide measures of safety and control for the residents of Sq'ewá:lxw lands.

The law is applicable to the whole area of the reserves (Skawahlook IR# 1 and Ruby Creek IR# 2), to all Band Land, to all land held under certificate of possession, and to members and non-members.

The *Animal Control and Protection Law* allows for the:

- Prohibition of free-roaming dogs;
- Restraint, enclosure, and muzzling of vicious dogs;
- Prohibition of choke collars;
- Isolation of diseased animals;
- Limiting of ownership of the number of dogs (2) and cats (2) on a property of under 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres);
- Prohibition of poor treatment of animals through neglect and cruelty;
- Proper feeding, watering, housing, and veterinary care of animals;
- Prohibition of confining an animal in a vehicle without adequate ventilation; and
- Licensing of dogs at a future date should Sq'ewá:lxw proceed with such a program.

The law provides for a penalty of not more than \$1,000.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Animal Control and Protection Law*.

Any questions can be directed to the Lands Manager at the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation administration office.

Copies of the *Animal Control Law and Protection Law* are available on line or in hard copy at the administration office.

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