

THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY

By-law Number /23

Being a by-law to amend By-law 1396/13, a by-law relating to the regulating, licensing, restraining, governing and care of dogs, cats and other categories of animals

WHEREAS Section 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, (Act) authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws necessary or desirable for municipal purposes, and in particular by-laws respecting: the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; the protection of persons and property; and animals;

WHEREAS Subsection 8(3) of the Act provides that a by-law under Section 10 of the Act respecting a matter may regulate or prohibit, and may require a persons to do things respecting the matter;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend By-law 1396/13 in order to clarify the definition of “Kennels” and add the definition “Rescue Dog”,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of The Corporation of Haldimand County enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Section 1(r) of By-law 1396/13– “Kennel” be deleted in its entirety and be replaced by the following:
 - r) “Kennel” shall means a *Purebred Kennel* and *Commercial Kennel* and includes:
 1. any premise of such an establishment, in which more than two (2) *dogs* over sixteen (16) weeks of age, are bred, or
 2. any premise of such an establishment in which more than five (5) *dogs* are boarded or trained,
 3. any premise of such an establishment in which more than five (5) *dogs* are kept as *Rescue Dogs*,
 4. but does not include:
 - i. a veterinary clinic or veterinary hospital;
 - ii. a public *pound* or *animal* shelter used by the County for impounding *animals*;
 - iii. any *premises* licensed under any statute of the Province of Ontario or the Government of Canada, which permits the *keeping of dogs* and other *animals* under certain conditions;
 - iv. a *pet shop*;
 - v. a *dog(s)* kept as a pet(s), or as a companion *dog(s)*

2. **THAT** Section 1 of By-law 1396/13 be amended by adding the following definition:

kk) "Rescue Dog" shall mean a *dog* which has been seized from an *owner* or was otherwise homeless or abandoned, and is subsequently hosted, sheltered or harbored for sanctuary or protective care purposes

and that all other clauses of the section be renumbered accordingly.
3. **AND THAT** this by-law takes force and effect on the date of passing.

ENACTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

MAYOR

DEPUTY CLERK