

# Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

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Your Pet.

Your Responsibility.

Responsible pet owners not only look after their pet's wellbeing they also ensure their pet is a positive addition to the community.



# How Do We Encourage Responsibility



Responsible pet ownership is encouraged through:

- Licensing
- Public Education
- Enforcement



# Licensing

Not only does licensing help reconnect pets to their owners it also goes towards:

- Educating the public;
- Caring for lost animals;
- Emergency veterinary medical care for injured animals; and
- Emergency shelter after house fires, car accidents, and police incidents that require the removal and care of pets.



# Public Education

Education is the most powerful tool to change behavior.

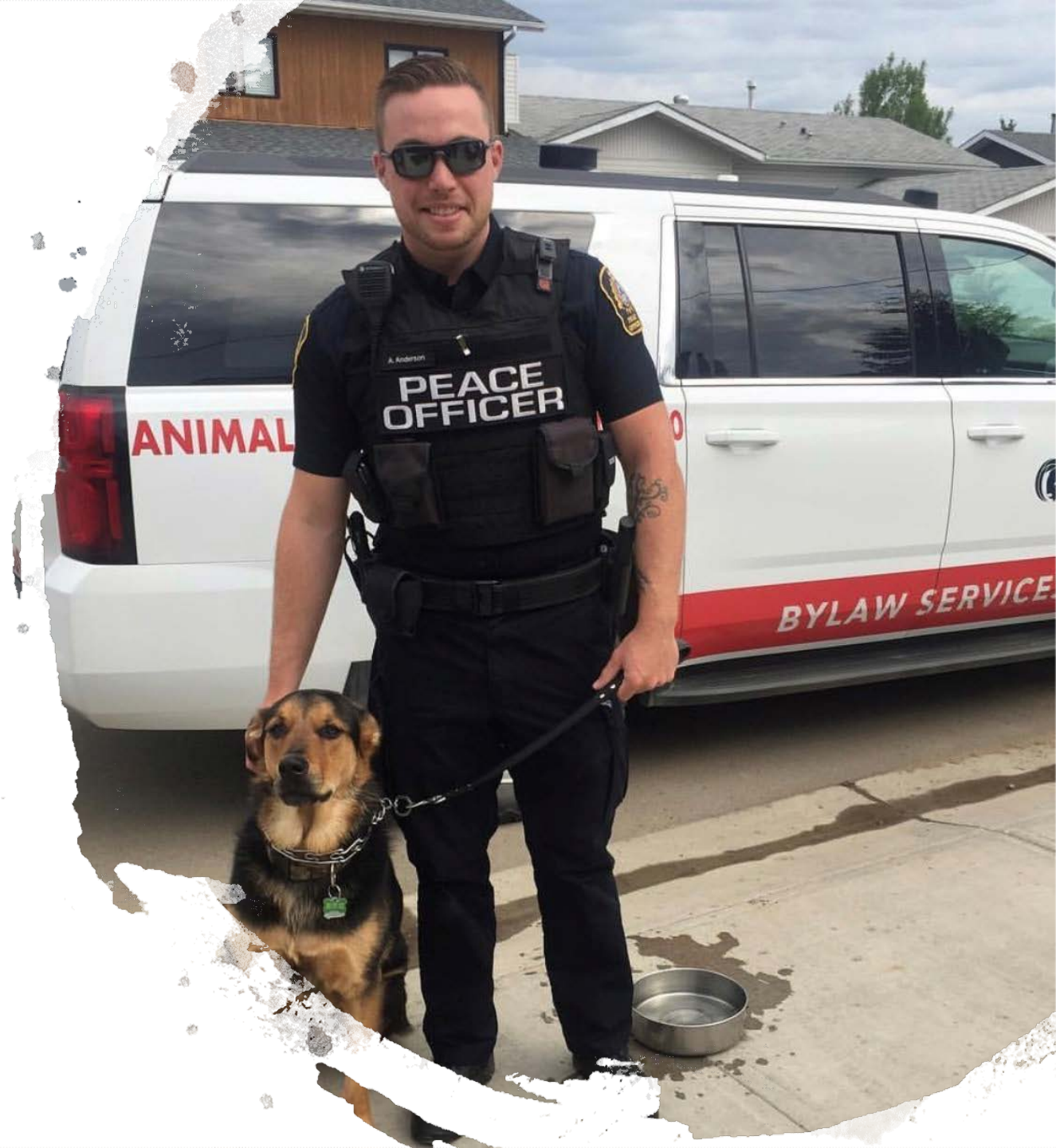
- An education campaign will be completed to:
  - Provide knowledge to citizens about the bylaw and why we have these rules.
  - Give people the correct information to support making good choices.
  - Supports procedural fairness.



# Enforcement

Enforcement is the final step in compliance and needs to be:

- Effective – setting out the consequences of getting caught;
- Provide a deterrent – the cost of non-compliance; and
- Structured to provide procedural fairness.





# Main Principles of Responsible Pet Ownership

1. Licensing dogs and cats which provides owner and animal identification for easy reunification.
2. Be a good neighbor and don't allow your pet to disturb or become a nuisance to the public.
3. Provide the basic care to pets including food, water and shelter.
4. Spay or neuter pets.



# Questions?

