



## CITY OF CORNER BROOK

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<b>Title</b>	Cat Cages		<b>Policy Number</b>	01-01-12	<b>Authority</b>	Council
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### ***POLICY STATEMENT***

Pursuant to Section 263 of the City of Corner Brook Act, 1990, and under the City of Corner Brook Animal Regulations Bylaw and subsequent Amendments, the Corner Brook City Council has adopted the following procedure, which permits residents 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 to borrow and utilize City-owned cat cages.

### **Commentary**

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

Cat cages may be lent to residents at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer upon request by resident and subsequent investigation by the Animal Control Officer. If it is determined, by the Animal Control Officer that a resident, while in possession of a City-owned cat cage, has treated a captured animal inhumanely, the resident shall not be issued any further cat cages. The SPCA will be notified of all incidents of suspected mistreatment of animals.

Cat cages will only be provided between June 1st and October 31st of any calendar year.

### ***REFERENCE***

Revised & Approved: Minute 02-82 (May 22, 2002)

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Approved: Sept 2, 1998

Community Services Policy Advisory Committee: August 20, 1998

## ***DETAILED ACTION REQUIRED***

- 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, advise the property owner of the availability of cat cages.
- Step 2 The Animal Control will present to the resident, a written list of conditions for the use of the cat cage. The list of conditions shall state:
- (i) 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.
  - (ii) Cat cages are to be used only between from 7 AM to 10 PM. From 10 PM to 7 AM the cat cage shall be secured such that animals cannot enter the cage.
  - (iii) Cat cages shall not be kept in direct sunlight.
  - (iv) Cat cages shall not be utilized when the temperature is above 30 degrees Celsius or below 5 degrees Celsius.
  - (v) Immediately upon capturing an animal, the resident shall place the animal, in a secure area, protected from the elements and other animals.
  - (vi) Cat cages shall not be kept in an area that is accessible to dogs.
  - (vii) Cat cages shall not be issued to residents where the resident cannot provide monitoring of the cage to ensure compliance with these conditions.
  - (viii) 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 Cages form.
  - (ix) 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.
  - (x) The City reserves the right to, at any time, have the Animal Control Officer enter upon the property of any resident to whom a cat cage has been issued to ensure compliance with these conditions.
  - (xi) Where the Animal Control Officer determines that the resident has not complied with these conditions, the cat cage will be removed immediately and no further cat cages will be issued to that 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 to 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 elements and other animals.
- 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 owner of the cat, where possible. Where the owner is identified, he/she will be fined in accordance with the Animal Regulations. Where the owner cannot be identified the cat shall be held and disposed of in accordance with the Animal Regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this policy is sealed with the Common Seal of the City of Corner Brook.

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