

Public Service Announcement

Adoption of Domestic Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 1018

June 12, 2025 – Iqaluit, Nunavut

The City of Iqaluit wishes to advise residents that Domestic Animal Control Amendment By-Law No. 1018 was adopted during City Council Meeting #9 on June 10, 2025.

Residents are reminded of the importance of licensing their pets. City Registration Tags help ensure pets can be identified and returned to their owners. Tags are available free of charge at the following locations:

- City Hall: Building 1085, Mivvik Street
- Municipal Enforcement Department: Building 1549, Sivumugiaq Street

Key By-Law Highlights:

- A minimum 24-hour hold period has been established for animals captured by enforcement officers. This may be extended up to 72 hours for captures occurring outside regular business hours (e.g., weekends or statutory holidays).
- During the hold period, reasonable efforts will be made to contact owners of animals wearing City Registration Tags.
- After the hold period, animals may be rehomed, transferred, fostered, or euthanized depending on circumstances. Euthanasia is permissible but not mandatory.
- Animals without attached identification may be considered unidentifiable and subject to euthanasia at any time.

The by-law grants discretion to the Chief Municipal Enforcement Officer and authorized agents to determine appropriate outcomes, balancing animal welfare, public safety, and operational capacity.

The City recognizes the community's concern for animal welfare and encourages all residents to keep their pets licensed, secured, and properly identified at all times.





To report loose or aggressive animals:

City Dispatch (24/7): 867-979-5650

Email (Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.): municipalenforcement@iqaluit.ca

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