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The following regulations have been made by the Town Council of the Town of Gander under provisions of Sections 239 and 437 or any other section found enabling, of the Municipalities Act, 1990 as amended.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Gander on the 16th day of November, 1994

Claude Elliott
Deputy Mayor

James Butler
Town Clerk

CAT REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Cat Regulations of the Town of Gander, 1994.
2. **INTERPRETATIONS**
For the purpose of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. “Act” means the Municipalities Act, Statutes of Newfoundland, Chapter M-23 (as amended from time to time).
 - b. “Animal Pound” means the facility operated by the Town of Gander for the keeping and disposition of strays and admitted animals.
 - c. “Running at Large” means to be unleashed:
 - i. In a public place; or
 - ii. On premises not owned by or in the possession of the owner of the animal; and
 - iii. Not under the control of any person when cat is not on a leash held by a person or is not otherwise physically restrained.
 - d. “Cat” means a member of any breed of domesticated feline or cross-breed of domesticated feline whether spayed or neutered.
 - e. “Council” means the Town Council of the Town of Gander.
 - f. “Impounder” means a person, including a Municipal Enforcement Officer, or person

appointed by the Town Manager and authorized to enforce the Town of Gander Cat Regulations.

- g. “Live Trap” means a cage-like device used in the capture of Cats without injury to the animal, thus enabling the impounder to remove these animals humanely.
- h. “Owner” includes a person who possesses or harbours a cat and where the owner is under 18 years of age the person responsible for the custody of the minor.
- i. “Premises” shall mean any property within the boundaries of the Town.
- j. “Town” shall mean the Town of Gander as defined by Order-in-Council dated the 16th day of December, 1958, and any amendments thereto, according to The Municipalities Act.
- k. “Town Clerk” means the Town Clerk of the Town of Gander.

3. No person shall keep any cat other than a kitten, not more than four (4) months old, within the limits of the Town, unless a licence has been issued by the Council for such cat and such cat licence is still in force, and unless such cat bears a numbered tag or plate indicating that such licence is in force for the current year.

- a. The Town shall keep a register of all cats licensed by them.
- b. Every such license from the Town shall expire on the 31st day of December next after the date of issuance and shall be non-transferrable.

4. No owner shall allow his or her cat to be at large in the Town of Gander and any cats running at large shall be liable to be captured as hereinafter provided.

5. The Impounder may seize, capture, or impound any cat found running at large contrary to regulation (3) of these regulations, and enter onto any premises for the purpose of capturing any cat.

6. The owner may recover a seized or impounded cat on such proof of his ownership of the cat as the Council may require, and upon payment of all fees in connection with the impounding.

7. The following seizing and impounding fees shall be paid by the owners of the cats seized or impounded or deducted from the proceeds of any sales of such cats:

Seizing and Impounding (1st Time)	\$25.00
Seizing and Impounding (2nd Time)	\$50.00
Daily Fee for Each Day Cat is Held in Pound	\$ 5.00

- 8. The impounder shall keep an unclaimed cat in the pound for a period of 10 days, and after the expiration of such period the cat may be sold or destroyed.
- 9. Any person who interferes with or attempts to interfere with a Municipal Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer, or their agents, in the exercise of their duties, such person shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these Regulations.
 - a. Any person who, without authority of the Municipal Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer releases any animal which has been impounded, shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these regulations.
 - b. Every person requested by the Municipal Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer shall, on request, forthwith give his/her proper name and address.

10. Fees to be paid on issue and renewal of licenses shall be as follows:

All Cats	\$15.00
All Cats-Partial Licence (6 months & under)	\$ 7.50
Replacement Tags	\$ 2.00

(Partial Licence to be issued only in cases where cats are acquired after July 1st in a given year)

- 11.
 - a. No person shall:
 - i. Tease a cat caught in a cat trap; or
 - ii. Throw or poke any object into a cat trap when a cat is caught therein.
 - b. Any person, excepting a person who has obtained a trap from the Municipal Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer for the trapping of cats, who contravenes Section 11(a) is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, shall be liable for a fine of \$500.00
 - c. When any person who contravenes Section 11(a) is a person who has obtained a trap from the Municipal Enforcement Officer/Animal Control Officer for the purpose of trapping cats, such person is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, shall be liable for a fine of \$1,000.00.
- 12. If any cat shall cause damage to any lawn, grass plot, garden, or flower bed and flower, shrub or plant, such cat shall be deemed to be a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these regulations.

13.
 - a. If any cat shall howl in such a manner as to disturb the peace or to constitute an annoyance to residents in the neighbourhood, such cat shall be deemed to be a nuisance and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of these regulations.
14. Any person who violates any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall, be liable to a minimum fine of \$20.00 for a first offence and a minimum fine of \$40.00 for a second and each subsequent offence.
15. Any person who violates any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty as prescribed by these regulations.
16. These Regulations were passed and adopted by Council on 16th day of NOVEMBER, 1994, and will come into effect on the 16th day of NOVEMBER, 1994 and may be cited as the Town of Gander (Cat) Regulations, 1994.