

## THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY

By-law Number 2482/23

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK