



THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

PET SHOP REGULATION BYLAW

BYLAW 6966

Effective Date – September 22, 1997

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Original Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw 6966	September 22, 1997
Amending Bylaw	Date of Adoption
Bylaw 7845	May 17, 2010

The bylaw numbers in the margin of this consolidation refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw (Pet Shop Regulation Bylaw – Bylaw 6966). The number of any amending bylaw that has been repealed is not referred to in this consolidation.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

BYLAW 6966

A bylaw to regulate the carrying on of pet shop businesses in the District of North Vancouver for the purposes of preventing cruelty to animals and protecting the public by preventing and minimizing nuisances and misleading business practices pursuant to sections 704 and 679 of the *Municipal Act* (RSBC 1996, c.323)

The Council for The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver enacts the following:

Title

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “**PET SHOP REGULATION BYLAW**”.

Interpretation

In this bylaw,

“animal” means a mammal, reptile, amphibian or bird.

“cage” means a kennel, pen, tank, or any other container or enclosure used or intended to be used to confine animals.

“inspector” means a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer or an animal welfare officer, bylaw enforcement officer, or other official or employee of the District whose designated duties include the enforcement of bylaws within the District, including, without limitation, a property use or business licence inspector or coordinator.

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“pet” means any animal kept by a person for purposes other than for food or other utility.

“pet shop” means any place where pets are sold or kept for sale.

“pet shop keeper” means any owner, operator or any other person who is in charge of a pet shop.

“veterinarian” means a person registered as such under the Veterinarians Act.

“wild animal” includes any animal, except fish, that lives in the wild, or does not customarily live and breed in captivity.

Business Licence Required

3. A pet shop keeper shall comply with, and be licenced pursuant to, the Business Licence Bylaw.

Duties of Pet Shop Keeper

4. A pet shop keeper shall
 - (a) ensure that all persons who attend to the care of animals have the skill, knowledge, ability and supplies necessary for the proper care of such animals;

- (b) protect all animals from unsupervised viewing or handling by members of the public;
- (c) provide all animals with sufficient food, water, shelter, warmth, lighting, cleaning, sanitation, exercise and any other care required to maintain the health, safety and well being of such animals.

Pet Shops & Cages

5. A pet shop and any cage used by or in a pet shop shall be:

- (a) maintained in good repair;
- (b) kept in a clean, sanitary state, free of soiled material, excrement and offensive odours;
and
- (c) well-ventilated.

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6. A cage shall

- (a) be proportionate in size to the size and species of animal and which allows room to stand to its full height, move with ease, lie in a fully extended position, and perform any other normal postural or behavioural movement;
- (b) be equipped with appropriate containers for food and water;
- (c) except for bird cages, have floors with an impermeable surface and of solid construction which will support the animal's weight without bending;
- (d) in the case of birds, have removable impermeable bottoms, and be of sufficient size to enable each bird sufficient space for full extension of its wings in all directions while all birds are perched.

Segregation of Ill or Injured Animals

7. A pet shop shall contain a suitable area for the segregation of ill or injured animals, or animals otherwise in need of special care, treatment or attention, from other animals in the pet shop.

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Veterinary Care

8. A pet shop keeper shall

- (a) in a conspicuous place accessible to all employees of the pet shop, post the name and telephone number of a veterinarian who may be contacted to provide all necessary veterinary services;
- (b) ensure the prompt examination and treatment by a veterinarian of any animal which is ill or has been injured;
- (c) segregate any ill or injured animal from other animals in the pet shop;

- (d) ensure that any necessary euthanasia and disposal of an animal is performed by a veterinarian.

Records of Purchase and Sale

- 9. A pet shop keeper shall keep and maintain, on the pet shop premises, a legible pet shop register containing a record of all transactions where animals have been acquired or disposed of by the pet shop.
- 10. Each record in the pet shop register shall
 - (a) be retained for at least 12 months from the date of the transaction;
 - (b) contain the date and time of the transaction;
 - (c) in the case of transactions involving dogs or cats, contain a description of the animal including its sex, colouring, markings, tattoos, age, breed or cross breed;
 - (d) in the case of animals other than dogs and cats, contain the number and the species of animals contained in each shipment;
 - (e) in the case of a purchase or other acquisition of an animal, contain the name and address of the supplier or person from whom the animal was otherwise obtained;
 - (f) in the case of a sale or other disposition of an animal, contain the name and address of the purchaser or person who obtained custody of the animal from the pet shop.

Inspection of Register

- 11. Upon the request of an inspector a pet shop keeper shall produce the pet shop register for inspection and shall provide copies of any entries which the inspector may require.

Information Provided to Purchasers

- 12. A pet shop keeper shall, at the time an animal is sold, provide the purchaser with a written document containing the following information:
 - (a) the date of the sale;
 - (b) the names and addresses of the pet shop and the purchaser;
 - (c) a description of the animal including its sex, age, colour and markings;
 - (d) in the case of a dog or cat, a description of any tattoo, the breed or cross breed, a record of all vaccinations up to the date of sale, and a certificate dated and signed by a veterinarian verifying the animal's health; and
 - (e) in the case of a rabbit, a copy of the certificate of neuter signed by the veterinarian that neutered the rabbit, which certificate shall specify the colour and markings of the rabbit, the name of the veterinarian and the date on which the rabbit was neutered.

Public Notices to be Posted

13. A pet shop keeper shall display, in a conspicuous place within the pet shop, a notice containing a written description of each animal kept in the pet shop, its country of origin and the name and address of the breeder and supplier. In the case of a rabbit, the notice shall also include the name of the veterinarian that neutered the rabbit and the date on which the rabbit was neutered. The original neuter certificate signed by the veterinarian must be available in the pet shop for inspection by an inspector.

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Prohibitions

14. No person shall allow

- (a) incompatible species of animals to be confined in the same cage;
- (b) any animal to be sold or offered for sale prior to its weaning age;
- (c) any animal to be sold or offered for sale if its colour has been altered or enhanced with dye, whether applied externally or by ingestion;
- (d) any animal to be sold or offered at a discounted price, as a sales promotion or as a bonus to the sale of any other goods or services;
- (e) any wild animal to be sold, offered for sale, or displayed to the public;
- (f) an animal to be sold or offered for sale if it suffers from or exhibits signs of:
 - (i) an infectious disease;
 - (ii) a nutritional deficiency; or
 - (iii) parasitism, fractures, or congenital deformities; or
- (g) any rabbit to be sold unless it has been neutered.

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Obstruction

15. An inspector may enter a pet shop at all reasonable times to ascertain whether the requirements of this bylaw are being met and no person shall interfere with, delay, obstruct or impede an inspector from entering a pet shop or from enforcing any provision of this bylaw.

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Offences and Penalties

16. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of the bylaw, is deemed to be guilty of an offence against this bylaw and is liable to a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), and each day that such violation continues constitutes a separate offence.

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Enforcement by Ticket

17. This bylaw is designated pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter* as a bylaw that may be enforced by means of a ticket in the form prescribed.

7845**Bylaw Enforcement Officers**

18. Inspectors under this bylaw are designated as Bylaw Enforcement Officers to enforce this bylaw by means of a ticket pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter*.

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19. The words or expressions listed below in the "Designated Expression" column are authorized to be used on a ticket issued pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter* to designate an offence against the respective section of this bylaw appearing opposite in the "Section" column. The amounts appearing in the "Fine" column below are the fines set pursuant to section 264 of the *Community Charter* for contravention of the respective section of this bylaw appearing opposite in the "Section" column.

Section	Designated Expression	Fine
5(a)-(c)	Pet shop/cage not maintained	\$100.00
6(a)-(d)	Inadequate cage	\$100.00
7	No segregation area	\$100.00
8(a)	Name of veterinarian not posted	\$100.00
8(b)	Fail to have animal treated	\$150.00
8(c)	Fail to segregate ill / injured animal	\$100.00
8(d)	Improper euthanasia/disposal of animal	\$150.00
9	Fail to keep/maintain pet shop register	\$100.00
10(a)-(f)	Inadequate record in pet shop register	\$100.00
11	Fail to produce pet shop register	\$100.00
12(a)-(e)	Fail to provide information to purchaser	\$100.00
13	Fail to post notice describing animals	\$100.00
14(a)	Confine incompatible species together	\$150.00
14(b)	Sell animal before weaned	\$100.00
14(c)	Sell dyed animal	\$100.00
14(d)	Animal as bonus for goods or service	\$100.00
14(e)	Sell wild animal	\$150.00
14(f)	Sell ill / injured animal	\$150.00
14(g)	Failure to neuter rabbit	\$150.00
15	Obstruct inspector	\$200.00

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