

## **Town of Whitby By-law # 7294-17 Responsible Pet Ownership By-law**

### **Definitions**

1.6 "colony caretaker" means a person who harbours or provides regular care for a feral cat or feral cats;

1.9. "feral cat" means a cat that lives exclusively outdoors with limited human contact and is un-socialised;

1.10. "feral cat colony" means a group

### **Licensing of Cats and Dogs**

3.1 Every owner of a cat or dog over the age of 12 weeks shall licence the animal with the Town and shall maintain the licence in good standing.

3.10 Notwithstanding Section 3.1. of this by-law, a feral cat that is part of a registered feral cat colony, spayed/neutered, ear tipped, micro-chipped, and vaccinated, including vaccination against rabies, is exempt from the licensing requirement.

### **Regulation of Cats and Dogs**

4.1. For the purpose of this section, a cat or dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the cat or dog, and not under the control of any person.

4.8 Notwithstanding Section 4.1. of this by-law, a feral cat that is part of a registered feral cat colony, spayed/neutered, ear tipped, micro-chipped, and vaccinated, including vaccination against rabies, and not interfering with a resident's enjoyment of property is not deemed to be at large.

### **Feral Cat Colonies**

7.1 A colony caretaker shall register a feral cat colony with the Town.

7.2. A colony caretaker shall complete any training or educational programs required by the town.

7.3. A colony caretaker shall only operate a feral cat colony on a property where the colony caretaker is the owner of the property or has written consent from the owner of the property to operate.