

## Bylaw 16296

A Bylaw to Amend the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw 13145

### Purpose

To amend the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw 13145.

### Readings

Bylaw 16296 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 16296 be considered for third reading.”

### Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

### Report Summary

**This amendment removes any breed specific legislation contained within the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw.**

### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the October 9, 2012, Community Services Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration prepare, for the October 17, 2012, City Council meeting, a Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 13145, based upon Attachment 4 of the October 9, 2012, Community Services report 2012CST014.

### Report

- Public consultation efforts revealed over eighty-five percent of Edmontonians identify improper training, poor supervision and

irresponsible dog owners as the main causes for dog attacks.

- After extensive data and policy research, consultation with the public, off-leash park users, and dog industry experts, there is extensive support for removal of breed specific legislation from the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw.
- Efforts are underway to enhance the current responsible pet ownership education program in conjunction with the proposed bylaw changes. Collaboration with the Edmonton Humane Society, local pet rescue groups, veterinary clinics and community groups will be undertaken. Opportunities to increase dog training and bite prevention programming will be coordinated with relevant stakeholder groups.
- Enforcement efforts will centre on holding dog owners more accountable for their dogs’ actions, increased sign use and greater education on codes of conduct in off-leash areas.
- Administration will undertake to provide Council with a one-year update on dog bite numbers, if the bylaw is amended.

### Corporate Outcomes

- The Way We Live* – Improve Edmonton’s Livability as a vibrant, connected, engaged, welcoming community and safe city.

### Attachments

- Bylaw 16296
- Summary of Proposed Amendments

**Others Reviewing this Report**

- D. H. Edey, General Manager,  
Corporate Services

## Summary of Proposed Amendments

Existing Definition - Bylaw 13145	Proposed Definition
<p>“Restricted Dog” means any dog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <i>certified by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Alberta, to be primarily of the breed Staffordshire Bull Terrier as that breed is defined by the Canadian Kennel Club;</i></li> <li>(ii) <i>certified by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Alberta, to be primarily of the breed American Staffordshire Terrier as that breed is defined by the Canadian Kennel Club;</i></li> <li>(iii) that has chased, attacked or bitten any person or animal causing physical injury and resulting in a conviction under this bylaw;</li> <li>(iv) that has chased, attacked or bitten any person or animal on more than one occasion, with or without causing physical injury, and resulting in separate convictions under this bylaw;</li> <li>(v) that has been made the subject of an order under the Dangerous Dogs Act; or</li> <li>(vi) that has been classified as a Vicious Dog under the provisions of Bylaw 10558, The Registration and Keeping of Dogs Bylaw;</li> </ul> <p><i>but does not include a dog:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vii) <i>registered, or eligible for registration, with the Canadian Kennel Club as a purebred Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier.</i></li> </ul>	<p>“Restricted Dog” means any dog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) that has chased, attacked or bitten any person or animal causing physical injury and resulting in a conviction under this bylaw;</li> <li>(ii) that has chased, attacked or bitten any person or animal on more than one occasion, with or without causing physical injury, and resulting in separate convictions under this bylaw;</li> <li>(iii) that has been made the subject of an order under the Dangerous Dogs Act; or</li> <li>(iv) that has been classified as a Vicious Dog under the provisions of Bylaw 10558, The Registration and Keeping of Dogs Bylaw.</li> </ul>