

BY-LAW ON ANIMAL CONTROL

RCM-74-2019



This by-law was adopted in October 2019. It includes provisions for cats, dogs, and other animals, but specifically aims to introduce new framework measures regarding dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs.

The by-law aims to ensure the safety of Dorval's citizens by favouring an approach centered on the accountability and awareness of owners, as well as on the importance of having good control over their animal and preventing the risks of aggression. The by-law is inspired by the best practices in animal control and was harmonized with the provincial regulation requirements in September 2020.

To view the integral version of the by-law, visit www.ville.dorval.qc.ca/en/the-city/page/municipal-by-laws.

Here are the by-law's outlines:

1. Dogs that have previously caused the death of a person or pet are considered dangerous and are prohibited on the City of Dorval's territory since July 1, 2020.
2. Dogs declared potentially dangerous due to their aggressive behaviour, a bite, an attack, or an attempt to bite or attack must wear a muzzle at all times when outside their housing unit.
 - a. A dog may be exempt from this rule if its owner provides the City with a behavioural assessment report, issued by a veterinarian who is a member of the *Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec*, demonstrating that the animal does not exhibit aggressive behaviour, predation, or a propensity to attack, based on reactivity tests.
3. Any doctor or veterinarian who provides care to a person or animal that has been injured by a dog must report it to the competent authority. This gives the latter the right to require a behavioural assessment report from the owner, a behavioural therapy, or an obedience class.

4. The registration certificate remains payable each year for dogs and every three years for cats. In both cases, the identification tags remain valid for the duration of the animal's life. To access the online pet licensing platform, visit www.city.dorval.qc.ca and click on the "Cat and Dog Licenses" button on the right-hand column.
5. Sterilization and microchipping are mandatory for both cats and dogs. This requirement will become effective **as of October 1, 2021**. Microchipping allows for the permanent registration of animals and the identification of their owner in case they are lost, without geographical limits

**Pet owners, be vigilant and respect
municipal regulations!**

