

# Animal Control By-Law

Informational guide of  
by-law No. 2009-081



Township of Uxbridge

## What's the Purpose of the Animal Control By-law?

This by-law helps promote responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of animals, and the safety of both people and pets in the Township of Uxbridge. It covers licensing, behaviour expectations, limits on pet numbers, and enforcement rules.

## Key Requirements for Pet Owners

### Dog Licensing

- All dogs 12 weeks or older must be licensed annually.
- Tags must be securely attached to your dog at all times.
- Licences expire December 31 each year.
- Dogs must be microchipped if subject to an **Order to Restrain**.

\*The Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter holds microchip clinics annually to make this process easier.

### Number of Pets Allowed

- Max 2 dogs and 3 cats per household (exceptions apply in rural areas over 4 hectares).
- A third dog may be allowed on large rural properties or grandfathered if licensed prior.

### Animals at Large

- Pets must be leashed or contained at all times when off your property.
- Animals are not allowed to run loose on private property without permission or on municipal lands (parks, trails, sports fields, gardens, etc.).

### Excessive Noise

- Dogs must not bark or howl persistently in a way that disturbs others.

### Stoop & Scoop

- You must clean up after your pet in public and on other people's property.
- This rule doesn't apply to service dogs assisting people with disabilities.

### Minimum Animal Care

- Provide suitable food, clean water, shelter, and veterinary care.
- Outdoor animals require insulated shelters and humane tethering.

# Aggressive Behaviour & Orders to Restrain

If a dog bites or threatens a person or another animal:

- An **Order to Restrain** may be issued.
- The dog may need to be muzzled, microchipped, leashed, and enclosed.
- You have the right to appeal the order within 10 business days.
- Failure to comply is an offence.

# Impoundment & Reclaiming Pets

- Animals found at large may be impounded at the Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Shelter.
- Owners must pay impound fees, obtain a dog licence, and provide proof of microchip (if required).
- If not claimed within 5 days, the pet may be adopted, transferred, or humanely euthanized.



## Adoption & Surrender

- Pets may be adopted from the shelter after meeting care requirements and paying adoption fees.
- Owners can surrender pets to the shelter (subject to space and fee).

## Enforcement & Penalties

- Animal Control Officers investigate complaints and enforce the by-law.
- Fines may be issued under the Provincial Offences Act.
- Malicious or anonymous complaints may not be investigated.

## Exemptions

Some situations are exempt from the by-law, such as:

- Registered service dogs.
- Short-term visiting animals (less than 30 days).
- Licensed veterinarians with animals in care.
- Approved dogs shows.
- As listed in Schedule B of the by-law.

# Need Help or Have Questions

### Visit:

[www.uxbridge.ca/animalservices](http://www.uxbridge.ca/animalservices)

### Contact:

Uxbridge-Scugog Animal Control  
905-985-9547.

### To report a concern:

Please provide your name, address, and contact info for your complaint to be investigated.

