



# New Bylaw

## New Regulation Regarding Cats

At the regular meeting of City Council held on February 11, the Council adopted By-law 809 regarding cats.

The purpose of this by-law is to supervise the possession of domestic cats and to limit the presence of feral cats on the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue territory.

### 3 Major Changes

- **From now on, the owner of a cat must obtain a medal issued by the city.** This license is valid for the lifetime of the cat. Anyone with custody of a cat must make sure that he or she wears the medal at all times while outdoors.

*Cost of the medal: \$20, valid for the duration of the cat's life*

- **As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the owner will have to provide proof of sterilization of the cat in order to obtain a medal.**
- **As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the owner will have to provide proof of microchipping of the cat in order to obtain a medal.**

## PROMOTION

In order to encourage citizens to obtain a medal for their cat, the City is offering a **50% discount** on the cost of the medal for the first 3 months of application of the new regulation.

Thus, if you purchase the medal before May 15, you will pay **\$10 instead of \$20**.



# Sterilization

## Why sterilize your cat?

There is consensus among animal experts that sterilization is an essential part of responsible management of pets.

In fact, the sterilization of domestic animals is the only way to reduce the overpopulation of stray animals and unnecessary suffering.

In addition, it gives benefits in terms of health and behavior of the animal.



## Benefits of Sterilization

- Avoid unwanted behaviors. A sterilized pet will have fewer hormonal behaviors such as urine marking, territorialism, homelessness and fighting
- Greatly reduces urinary marking
- Eliminates symptoms of heat in females (bleeding, meowing, agitation)
- Helps control the population by limiting unwanted litters. You should know that a cat gives birth to five or six kittens and that several gestations can occur each year. Sterilization therefore reduces the number of orphans who do not find homes for adoption and prevents them from being euthanized

If you require more information, visit the following websites:

- [SPCA website](#)
- [The many benefits of spaying pets](#)

# Microchip

## What is a Microchip?

It is a very small capsule, about the size of a grain of rice, which contains a computer chip with a unique identification number.

It is injected under the skin of the animal, between its shoulder blades, by means of a syringe.



## Why Should you Microchip your Cat?

If your cat is lost and has no ID, it is impossible for anyone to contact you or bring your pet home.

Most animals lost without ID end up in shelters and if the owner cannot be contacted, the animal may be euthanized.

All shelters and vets are equipped with microchip scanners. Thus, any stray or injured animal can be quickly identified, its owner contacted and any necessary treatment can be started without delay.

## Benefits of the Microchip

- Unique identification of the animal
- One implantation, good for the entire life of the animal
- Helps to find the animal in case of loss or theft
- Helps resolve disputes over the ownership of an animal
- Helps to avoid expenses paid for a stay in an animal shelter
- Decreases the number of unnecessary euthanasia
- Is mandatory to be able to travel to some countries with your pet

If you would like more information on microchipping, visit the following website:

- [Microchipping can help reunite owners with lost pets](#)
- [La micropuce, parce que votre animal vous est cher](#) (in French only)
- [Ville de Montréal - Clinique de micropuçage : questions fréquentes](#) (in French only)

## More Information

For more information on the new bylaw and on animal management in general, you can visit our website: [www.ville.sainte-anne-de-bellevue.qc.ca/en/296/chats](http://www.ville.sainte-anne-de-bellevue.qc.ca/en/296/chats)



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