

## ***Kitty Tips***

### **Harness Training for Cats**

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In many cities and towns, it is against the law to let a cat go unleashed off your property. Try to make your cat an indoor cat if he isn't already, or an indoor/outdoor cat that is on a leash or in a large pen.

Start training your cat at 6-7 months of age. If you have an older cat, he can also be trained but it may require more time. Have your cat spayed or neutered so he won't be tempted to roam as much. Be very patient and persistent, and reward your pet lovingly.

Purchase a lightweight "H" shaped nylon harness that buckles at the back and the stomach. It should also have a metal ring on the back portion to attach proper ID and a lightweight leash. Collars, figure "8" harnesses and harnesses with breastplates allow a cat to slip out easily. To find the correct size, measure your cat's neck and stomach and allow two fingers widths at each place.

Place the harness, with ID tag and the leash where your cat can sniff, paw and play with them. Wait for several days before you put the harness on without the leash. At this point, your cat may exhibit abnormal behaviour such as running around the room

or lying on his side and thinking he can no longer stand up. As long as your cat is in safe surroundings, leave the harness on for 5 minutes. Repeat this several times a day for a week or so.

Attach the leash when your cat is comfortable with the harness. The best results come when this is attempted just before feeding. Let your cat drag the leash around the house for several minutes at a time, several times a day, for another few days. Be sure to supervise kitty. Once your cat has accepted this part, pick up the leash. While gently pulling on the leash, offer food and say the word "come". Be patient, persistent and loving.

Remember. Cats usually will not walk on a leash like a dog. They like to run a bit, stop, roll, sniff, eat grass and then carry on. Be patient!

Never leave a harnessed or leashed cat unsupervised. Once he is tied he is totally defenceless and could fall prey to other roaming animals or become tangled or frightened.

PLEASE look after your cat so he won't dig up gardens, kill wild birds, or get lost, hurt or killed.

### **Cat at Large**

No cat shall run at large within the City of Whitehorse and are required to be on a leash.

### **Cat Licenses**

Effective January 01, 2002 all cats within the City of Whitehorse are to be licensed.

## ***Animal Control Bylaw***

### **Animal Defecation**

No owner of a cat shall allow the animal to defecate on public or private land other than his own. Where an animal does defecate on its property the owner of the animal shall regularly clean and sanitize the area and remove all excreta.



### **Number of Cats and Dogs at a residence**



A maximum of 2 dogs and 2 cats at any time shall be permitted to occupy any residence within the City of Whitehorse unless a special permit is issued. In designated country residential subdivisions a maximum of 4 dogs and 4 cats will be permitted. A special permit is available to country residential to allow up to 6 dogs and 6 cats.

## Animal Control Bylaw

### *Trapping cats and dogs*

A citizen may catch or live trap and hold any animal that is found running at large, using a trap provided by the Bylaw Department, provided that:

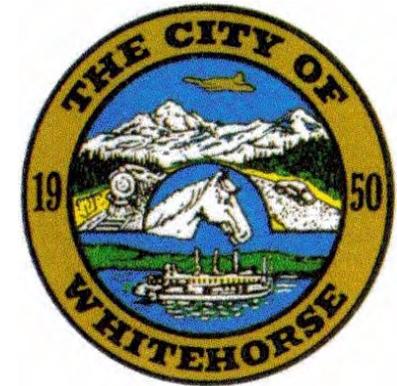
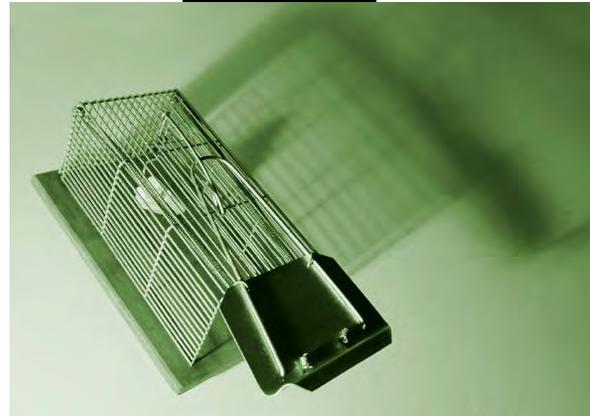
1. The citizen demonstrates proficiency in using a live trap and in the care and handling of an animal caught in a live trap; and
2. A trap is not left unattended and is checked on an hourly basis; and
3. Trapped animals are turned over to a Designated Officer forthwith.

### **Alternate Dispute Resolution**

The City of Whitehorse Bylaw Services Constables in consultation with any concerned citizen will offer to facilitate mediation between parties with interests relating to any Bylaw Services matter. This form of mediation will be of interest to citizens that are interested in meeting with each other to discuss concerns without having charges laid.



### **Cat Trap**



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## Tips For Cat Owners

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**For more information  
regarding the Animal  
Control  
Bylaw and safety  
regulations,  
please contact the  
Bylaw Services Office  
at 668-8315**

