

COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION - H

MISCELLANEOUS

SUBJECT: Humane Trap Policy Number H - 13

APPROVAL DATE: October 7, 2003

PREAMBLE: To provide a strategy for the residents of the Guysborough Wastewater Management District to enable the control of animals; domestic or wild.

STRATEGY: The Municipality of the District of Guysborough will provide humane traps to be used by the general public to enable the control of domestic or wild animals.

TERMS: If a resident of the Municipality has a concern regarding domestic or wild animals, the following actions shall be undertaken:

A) The concerned citizen may acquire a humane trap and training on its use from the Municipal Public Works Staff. A waiver releasing the Municipality of any and all responsibilities will also be signed. The waiver will release the Municipality of any act of cruelty of other actions made by the user of the trap.

B) If a domestic animal is captured the animal shall be returned to the Municipality. The Municipality will hold the animal for a period of seven days. It shall be the responsibility of the animal owner to make contact with the Municipality for the release of the animal. An impoundment fee of \$10.00 plus a \$3.00 per day boarding fee will also be charged to the owner upon claiming the animal. If the domestic animal is not claimed after the seven day period the Municipality will contact the SPCA for possible adoption. If adoption can not be arranged the animal may be destroyed.

C) If a wild animal is captured; the animal may be released to the wild by the trap user at a location not to cause a nuisance to any other residents of the Municipality of Guysborough. The Municipality will not accept any wild animals. The Municipal Public Works Department may dispatch an employee to assist a resident in the release of the wild animal. The resident may also call the local Department of Natural Resources for assistance in releasing the animal to the wild.

It shall be the duty of the domestic animal owner to make any and all attempts to locate the animal, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough is in no way responsible for any or all actions of the trap user, and does not take any responsibility for the safety of a captured animal.