

Cat owners in Saint-Laurent

Everything you need to know



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Mandatory licence

A guardian must obtain a valid licence for any cat aged three months or older. The cat must wear the licence tag at all times.

How to obtain a licence

- In person: Citizens' Office (777, boulevard Marcel-Laurin)
- By mail: Call 311 for information on the procedure

Cost of licence

The licence is free for 2011.

Cost for 2012:

- Unsterilized cats: \$10
- Sterilized cats: \$5 (proof of sterilization required)
- Replacement of a lost or destroyed licence: \$5

The licence is payable in one instalment, and cannot be refunded or discounted. The licence is valid from January 1 to December 31 and must be renewed every year.

Cat owners who do not obtain a licence for their cat may be subject to a \$250 fine, plus applicable costs.

Questions?



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Animal control

The bylaw on control of dogs, cats and other animals stipulates that:

- No one may keep within a dwelling or in any outbuilding belonging to the building in which the dwelling is located:
 - more than 2 dogs at a time;
 - more than 3 cats at a time;
 - a combination of more than 4 animals at a time (dogs and cats combined).
- Cat owners must immediately pick up excrement left by their cat while outside.

Nuisances

According to municipal bylaw, the following situations are considered nuisances and may lead to a fine:

- A cat damages the property of another resident.
- A cat is found on private property without the consent of the property owner or occupant.
- A cat howls or moans in a manner that disturbs the peace and tranquillity of one or more persons.
- A cat scratches, bites or attempts to bite a person or another animal.
- A cat rummages through household trash, spreads trash around, rips garbage bags, spills contents of trash containers or commits a similar act.
- A cat keeper fails to immediately and thoroughly pick up the excrement of a cat under his care.
- A person feeds stray cats found in the territory of the Borough of Saint-Laurent.
- A person erects temporary shelters for stray cats.

Any person who violates this bylaw is liable, on a first violation, for a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$1,000, plus applicable costs.

This basic fine will double in the case of a repeat offence or if the cat bites, attempts to bite or scratches someone.

The bylaw on control of dogs, cats and other animals is available on the Ville de Montréal website:
ville.montreal.qc.ca/reglements

IMPORTANT

All lost animals found in the Borough of Saint-Laurent, with or without a licence, will be picked up by the SPCA, which will then proceed to sterilize, vaccinate and implant a microchip in the animals before returning them to their respective owners. Owners will be responsible for paying the costs of all the aforementioned services, as well as all shelter fees incurred for the animal.

Why is a cat licence required?

- The licence can make it easier to find a lost cat's owner.
- Licencing increases the number of registered cats and can help improve animal welfare in general.
- Licencing makes it possible to more accurately assess the number of cats in Saint-Laurent and so help the borough to better plan and fund programs aimed at pets, including the sterilization of stray cats.

Have you considered adopting a cat from an animal shelter?

Cats obtained from a shelter:

- are sterilized, vaccinated and in good health;
- are implanted with a microchip;
- are saved from being euthanized;
- are licenced at no cost to the keeper during the first year of adoption.

Why sterilize your cat?

Sterilizing cats:

- makes it possible to control the cat population in the Borough of Saint-Laurent.
- helps to reduce health risks faced by cats. For example, sterilization reduces the risk of mammary-gland tumours, as well as the risk of uterine, ovarian and testicular cancer.
- eliminates behaviours cats display when in heat.
- increases the lifespan of cats that go outdoors.
- reduces cats' willingness to wander, and, as a result, reduces the risk of outdoor accidents.
- reduces the risk of contamination caused by parasites or illness.

