

# Cat keepers in Saint-Laurent

## Everything you need to know



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### Mandatory permit

A keeper must obtain a valid permit for any cat aged three months or older, for which he will obtain a tag that the cat must wear at all times.

### How to obtain a permit?

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

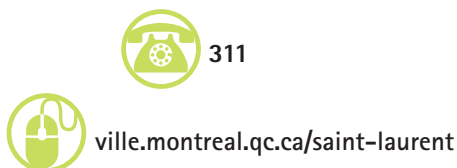
### Cost of permit

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

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

### Questions?



### Animal control

The regulation 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 dogs or cats.
- Cat keepers must immediately pick up excrement left by their cat while outside.

### Nuisances

According to regulation, 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 meows 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 regulation 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](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/reglements)

### IMPORTANT

All lost animals found in the Borough of Saint-Laurent, with or without a tag, 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 keepers. Keepers 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 permit required?

- A lost cat with a tag is only a phone call away from being returned to its keeper.
- A cat with a tag has fewer chances to be euthanized if he is lost or strays.
- Money collected by the permits enables Saint-Laurent to fund the sterilization program of stray cats, therefore helping improve animal welfare.

### 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. It also reduces the risk of contamination caused by parasites and illness;
- 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.

Saint-Laurent would like to remind you that owning a pet is a privilege that comes with a number responsibilities, including identifying your pet with a tag, having your pet sterilized, providing your pet with care, and not allowing it to become a nuisance.