

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PLEASANTDALE NO. 398

BYLAW NO. 3/2011

A BYLAW TO CONTROL STANDARDS OF SECURITY AND CONTAINMENT OF DOMESTIC FANCY RATS

THE COUNCIL FOR THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PLEASANTDALE NO. 398, IN THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions:
 - i. "Domestic Fancy Rat" shall mean a tame rat bred from domestic stock.
 - ii. "Municipality" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Pleasantdale No. 398
2. Domestic fancy rat rearing, sale, or purchase shall be a discretionary use subject to:
 - i. a development/servicing agreement caveat to the property
 - ii. issuance of a Form 5 Permit by the municipality
 - iii. any other provincial and/or municipal requirements and regulations
3. Minimum standards for security, holding, and containment for housing of breeding domestic fancy rat colony shall include:
 - i. Walls shall be of concrete or cement block construction OR must be covered with sheet metal to a height of one (1) meter above the top of the tallest holding cages.
 - ii. Floors or under flooring shall be of cement, concrete, or metal.
 - iii. Doors, including door frames, must be metal or be fitted with a metal kick plate at least one (1) meter in height. Gaps or openings around doors and windows shall be less than six (6) millimeters in width.
 - iv. Windows, drains, and metal conduits shall be fitted with metal covers or mesh with openings less than six (6) millimeters in width.
 - v. Ventilation ducts and other openings shall be covered with hardware cloth with mesh size not to exceed six (6) millimeters.
 - vi. Rats must be enclosed in "double lock" security: that is, rats shall be kept in appropriate cages, pens, or holding quarters with snap-on cage tops, hasp and lock, or similar locking device, and in a room locked at all times.

- vii. Live rats transported outside the housing facility shall be kept in “double lock” security: sturdy transport locked or sealed metal mesh cages shall be contained within a vehicle enclosure such as a cab, canopy or truck. Rats shall not be transported in the open or uncovered box of a pickup truck under any circumstances.
4. The following shall be the minimum specifications for materials used in the construction of housing facility:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
a) Sheet Metal	16 gauge or heavier Stainless steel
b) Expanded Metal	16 gauge or heavier with mesh not larger than six (6) millimeter opening, galvanized or rust resistant coating
c) Perforated Metal	16 gauge or greater, perforation not to exceed six (6) millimeter opening
d) Kick Plates	16. gauge galvanized metal
e) Iron Grills	Sufficiently heavy to be equivalent to above materials, slots not to exceed six (6) millimeters
f) Hardware Cloth	16 gauge or heavier galvanized or rust proof, not to exceed six (6) millimeters
g) Cement Mortar	1:3 mixture or stronger
h) Concrete	1:2:4 mixture or stronger

5. Additional requirements:

- i. Access to caged rats in the containment area should be restricted to as few people as possible.
- ii. Written, up-to-date, daily records must be maintained of the total number of adults, preferably recorded by sex (male, female) and the number of young still dependent on the dam. A daily visual count should be compared with the written record to determine if any animals have escaped or are missing.
- iii. No live rats may be loaned, sold, or given to another institution, breeder or individual within the municipality unless he/she is in possession of a current and valid Form 5 Permit.
- iv. Live rats shall not be turned loose under any circumstances.

- v. Missing animals shall be reported immediately to the Pest Control Officer.
 - vi. It is the responsibility of the Permit holder to recover and account for rats that have escaped, been stolen, or other are otherwise missing.
 - vii. Dead rats shall be incinerated.
 - viii. The Pest Control Officer or other authorized person of the municipality shall make periodic inspections of rat facilities.
6. Any breach of the standards and conditions specified in the Bylaw and/or Development Agreement may result in suspension or cancellation of the Form 5 Permit by the municipality.
7. The holding, raising, sale, or purchase of live "wild" Norway rats shall be prohibited within the municipality.



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Administrator, Lowell Prefontaine



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of the original.

this 23 day of Dec, 2011

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Lowell Prefontaine - Administrator

**BYLAW 3/2011
FORM 5 PERMIT**

**Rural Municipality
of Pleasantdale No. 398**

**Permit to Keep
"Domestic Fancy" Rats**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3/2011 of the Rural Municipality of Pleasantdale No. 398,
Council permits the above named to keep "Domestic Fancy" rats of the following
location:

Land Location: _____

located within the Rural Municipality of Pleasantdale No. 398, Saskatchewan.

This Permit expires _____

This Permit may be revoked by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Pleasantdale No.
398 at any time.

(Issue Date)

Administrator, RM398