

# **DOMESTIC PET WASTE ORDINANCE**

## **SECTION 1. Purpose**

Domestic pet waste is a threat to our public water supply, degrades our Town, and transmits disease. Leash, curb, and clean-up after your domestic pet – it is required by law. Failure to clean-up after your domestic pet falls under the Public Nuisance section of the Town by-laws pertaining to domestic pets.

## **SECTION 2. Enactment**

It shall be unlawful for a responsible party to allow, whether willfully or through failure to exercise due-care or control a domestic pet, to commit any nuisance upon: the sidewalk of any public street, roadway, municipality-owned property, or privately-owned property without the landowner's permission.

"Nuisance", for the purpose of this section, shall be defined as defecation. If a domestic pet defecates on the side of a public right-of-way or other such property, or on private property without the express or implied consent of the property owner, the responsible party shall remove the defecation and deposit it in an appropriate trash receptacle, sanitary disposal unit, or other sealed container.

## **SECTION 3. Penalties for Violation**

The Board of Selectpeople will establish the fees for all violations and may amend the fees as they deem necessary. A copy of the adopted fee schedule will be on file at the Madawaska Police Department and the Madawaska Town Office.

## **SECTION 4. Exemption**

This regulation shall not apply to a domestic pet accompanying any handicapped person who, by reason of his/her handicap, is physically unable to comply with the requirements of this ordinance.

\*Approved at the Special Town Meeting 11/13/2014