







The Animal Protection Act requires that all animals:

-  Have adequate food and water
-  Are provided with adequate care when wounded or ill
-  Have reasonable protection from injurious heat or cold
-  Have adequate shelter, ventilation and space

It is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada if a person:

-  Willfully causes or permits unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal
-  Uses a poisonous or injurious drug on an animal kept in captivity

Failing to be a responsible animal owner could result in fines starting at \$150. If you are concerned about the welfare of an animal in our community contact the Bylaw officers at 403-529-8481.

**Medicine Hat Police Service
Municipal Bylaw & Enforcement Section**

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To learn more or to view the complete Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw, visit www.medicinehatpolice.com



Responsible
Animal
Ownership
Bylaw





**Animal
Care**










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Everyday your pet shows you love, return the favour by being a responsible animal owner. Some steps you can take to ensure that your pets live safely and in harmony with the rest of the community are:

-  License your cats and dogs. If possible have microchips implanted. Your pets will easily be identified as important family members and can be quickly returned if lost. Remember to notify the City of Medicine Hat (403.529.8481) if your contact information changes.
-  Spay or neuter your pets. You will receive a discounted license fee and pets that are spayed or neutered reduce the number of unwanted animals in our community.



-  Ensure your pets get the proper amount of exercise. Choose pets that fit your lifestyle.
-  Playing with your pets and providing socialization opportunities help to reduce behavioral problems.
-  Train dogs not to unnecessarily bark. Some barking is normal, but unnecessary barking is often offensive to neighbors and can be a sign of boredom and a need for stimulation.
-  Do not let your animals run at large. There are many hazards in the community that could cause them harm. Dogs must be on leash except when walking in designated off leash areas.
-  Ensure your dog is under control at all times. Owners are to obey all signs and posted rules.
-  Pick up after your pets both on and off your property. Animal feces are unsightly and pose health risks to people and other pets. Be prepared when walking your dog on or off leash and dispose of waste in an appropriate manner.
-  Do not leave your pets unattended in vehicles without adequate ventilation. Their movement must also be restricted to prevent access to people outside the vehicle.
-  Dogs should always be secured while in moving vehicles. For safety reasons, dogs must be secured in a kennel or other animal carrier while in the open box of a truck or trailer.
-  Provide regular veterinary care for your pets. Keep their vaccinations up to date and make sure they have regular checkups. If your pets have an infectious physical condition, they can not be in public places.



Be a responsible animal owner, know your responsibilities and obey all laws and bylaws pertaining to animal care and control. Abide by the City of Medicine Hat Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw and comply with the provisions of the Alberta Animal Protection Act and the Criminal Code of Canada.