




A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may seize a dog and recommend that the Chief of Police declare the dog to be a vicious dog if it has:

-  Been found to chase, injure or bite a person or other animal
-  Damaged or destroyed property
-  Threatened a person or other animal

To find out more about the Vicious Dog Declaration and the added responsibilities put on the owner of a vicious dog, contact our office at 403.529.8481 or visit our website at [www.medicinehatpolice.com](http://www.medicinehatpolice.com).

In an Off Leash Area, you need to ensure your dogs are under control at all times. Owners are to obey all signs and posted rules. Remember an Off Leash Area is not an Out of Control Area. Failing to control your dogs in an Off Leash Area could result in a fine starting at \$250.

Being a responsible animal owner also means that you clean up after your pets. When your pets defecate on another person's property, you must immediately clean up the defecation and therefore must always carry a means (plastic bag) to clean up when you are out with your pets. Animal feces unsightly and pose a health risk to people and other pets. Failing to immediately clean up after your pet may result in a fine of \$350 and failing to carry a suitable means of cleaning up the defecation may result in a \$100 fine.

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To learn more or to view the complete Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw visit [www.medicinehatpolice.com](http://www.medicinehatpolice.com)



Responsible  
Animal  
Ownership  
Bylaw





**Nuisance  
Activity**











# Nuisance Activity



Being a responsible animal owner means ensuring your pets are not a nuisance to your neighbors or other community members. As an owner you need to make sure your pets do not:

-  Run at large (\$150 penalty)
-  Bite or chase a person or other animal (\$500 to \$3,500 penalty)



-  Chase any motor vehicle or bicycle (\$150 penalty)
-  Unnecessarily bark, howl or otherwise disturb any person (\$150 penalty)
-  Cause any person to fear for their physical safety (\$500 penalty)
-  Cause the death of another animal (\$2,500 penalty)
-  Cause any damage whatsoever to any property or any injury whatsoever to any person or other animal (\$500 penalty)
-  Enter the floral area of any park at any time or disturb or destroy any vegetation or animal habitat in any park (\$150 penalty)
-  At any time enter into a swimming pool, wading pool, or water park intended for public use or enter any body of water that is located in or flowing through any park (\$150 penalty)
-  At any time enter any cemetery property within the city (\$150 penalty)
-  At any time enter upon any property where the animal is prohibited as indicated by a sign or other marking (\$150 penalty)
-  Upset any waste receptacle or scatter the contents (\$150 penalty)

If you fail to be a responsible animal owner and your pets become involved in any of these nuisance activities, not only could you face fines, but your pets could be declared nuisance animals. If your pets are declared nuisance animals, you will have to pay an annual license fee of \$150 per animal and could face further restrictions in keeping them.



To report an animal nuisance activity, contact a Bylaw Enforcement Officer at **403.529.8481.**