

Protective Services

LOST & FOUND DOGS:

“The MD does not require dogs to be licensed, however we highly recommend “tagging” your dog should they be lost or found. This allows us to successfully return the dog to its owner. We also partner with www.petlynx.net which is an automated licensing system that can assist as well. Please consider this valuable service.

LICENSING & KENNELS:

As noted above, we do not require dogs to be licensed. In reference to numbers of dogs permitted, you may have up to three adult dogs without any permits. Should you desire to have more, kenneling permits are required. Please contact the MD Development Department at 403-652-2341 for assistance in this matter.



Be my best friend...
Check out the Dog Control Bylaw at
www.mdfoothills.com

USEFUL CONTACT INFO:

www.petlynx.net

Heaven Can Wait
High River: 403-601-2520

Pound Rescue
Okotoks: 403-938-4890

Alberta SPCA: 403-447-3600
info@albertaspca.org

Calgary Dog Pound: 403-268-CITY (2489)

Animal Welfare

Having a duty of care for any animal that you are in charge of means you are legally obliged to care for it by providing for its needs in a reasonable way with:

- Food and water,
- Accommodation or living conditions,
- Allow expression of normal behaviour,
- Treatment of disease and injury,
- Handling of the animal.

The duty of care is based on the internationally recognized ‘five freedoms’ of animal welfare.



Protective Services
Municipal Enforcement
403-603-6300
www.mdfoothills.com



Information for Dog Owners

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Information for you and your dog(s)



KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Bylaw No. 86/2010 The Dog Control Bylaw (DCB) is intended to make the whole community a comfortable, safer and healthy place to live. The MD has passed legislation to regulate and control dogs for the purpose of public safety.

Your Responsibilities

Knowing your responsibilities will result in a higher rate of voluntary compliance, resulting in less need for enforcement and fewer community conflicts.

- **Keep your dog on your own property.** As of September 2010 it is a Dog Control Bylaw violation for dogs to run at large in the MD Foothills. Dogs that are allowed to roam loose outside their yard will expand their “territory” and will often defend it aggressively. Regardless of size or breed, all dogs can form packs and are susceptible to developing a “pack mentality” which makes them more likely to attack humans and or livestock. In addition to the possible trauma to a human being from an dog attack, the implications to the owner of the livestock can be devastating, especially in the spring, when cows are heavy in calf or calving, mares are due to foal, and young llamas & alpacas are vulnerable. Roaming dogs may also harass children at bus stops, riding horses, or bikes. Their instinct to herd or chase moving objects makes kids, bikes, cars, or livestock an attractive target.
- **Neuter your dog.** Neutering reduces aggression and the desire to roam.
- **Socialize your dog.** Be sure your dog interacts in a positive fashion with all members of the family, as well as people outside the family and other animals.
- **Train your dog.** Basic obedience training is as important for dogs living in rural areas as it is for the city dog.
- **Do not leave your dog(s) outside unattended to bark incessantly.** Be considerate of your neighbours by ensuring your dog(s) are not outside barking incessantly.



HOW TO AVOID BEING BITTEN BY A DOG:

- When approached by a strange dog, do not run away. Dogs have a natural instinct to chase and catch things.
- Do not make eye contact with the dog. If a dog rushes at you, stand very still, with your arms at your sides and back away slowly and quietly. In a loud, commanding voice, tell the dog to “go away”.
- If you are attacked, give the dog an object, such as a jacket or backpack on which to bite/chew.
- If you fall or are knocked to the ground:
 - Curl into a ball.
 - Protect your face - cover your head and neck.
 - Put your hands over your ears.

WHAT TO DO WHEN BITTEN BY A DOG:

- If possible, have someone confine the dog immediately.
- Collect as much information as possible about the dog and/or its owner (i.e., owner's name, address, telephone number, description of the dog, and its vaccination history).
- Clean the wound thoroughly using soap and water.
- Contact your physician to evaluate the seriousness of the bite.
- Photograph the site of the bite as soon as possible
- Report the dog attack to the M.D. Foothills Protective Services, and/or R.C.M.P. in your area.

It's not JUST a Dog Bite!

Statistics gathered between September 1982 and November 2006 indicate there were 2209 dog attacks causing bodily harm to human beings in Canada and the United States. Of those 2209 attacks, 264 resulted in death of the human being. One death was caused by a Pomeranian breed dog.

CONSEQUENCES AND PENALTIES

Generally fines for failing to comply with the Dog Control Bylaw range from \$150.00 - \$1,500.00.

Offence	Amount
Running at large	\$150.00
Bark, howl, or constitute a public nuisance . . .	\$150.00
Failure to properly dispose of dog waste	\$150.00
Pursue, worry, injure or destroy a domestic animal or livestock...	\$200.00
Bite or attempt to bite a person or otherwise threaten a person...	\$250.00
Keep more than 3 dogs without a kennel permit.	\$500.00
Failure to confine or control vicious dog	\$1000.00
Failure to have dog tattooed or microchipped .	\$1000.00
Vicious dog chasing, injuring, or biting a person or animal	\$1500.00

Please clean up after your dog.

For more information, as well as a copy of the Dog Control Bylaw, please locate it under Protective Services at:
www.mdfoothills.com

