



## LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: DOG IMPOUND AND CONTROL	POLICY NO: CM-26-002
RESOLUTION: 10.007	EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 12, 2010
LEAD ROLE: MANAGER, PROTECTIVE SERVICES	NEXT REVIEW DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: CM-26-001 ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW	AMENDMENT DATE:

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Lac La Biche County recognizes its obligation to operate an impound facility where impounded dogs can be held safely and humanely until adoption or enforcement action is secured. This will ensure proper care and handling of any dogs received into the facility.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. The Manager of Protective Services will task the Animal Control Officer, with the daily duties related to the maintenance and care of the Impound Facilities. The Manager will also task the picking up of stray dogs within the County to the Animal Control Officer and/or a Community Peace Officer, in accordance with the Animal Control Bylaw and Peace Officer Operating Procedures.
2. No dogs from outside the County boundaries will be received into the Impound Facility, unless authorized by the Manager of Protective Services and/or there designate.
3. The RCMP will be given access to the impoundment facility for the securing of dangerous dogs and dogs that are turned into the RCMP by members of the public where the Animal Control Officer or Community Peace Officer is unable to pick the dog up.
4. When a dangerous or aggressive dog is to be impounded, the Community Peace Officer may seek the assistance of the RCMP. The RCMP and Community Peace Officer is hereby given the authorization to use lethal force against any dog, which in their opinion, is an immediate danger to the public.
5. When a complaint regarding free roaming nuisance or abandoned dogs are received by the County, the Animal Control Officer or the Community Peace Officer may use any method necessary to capture or exterminate the free roaming nuisance or abandoned dogs. This includes the use of a shotgun for lethal force purposes.
6. Proper food will be provided to any dog that is held in the facility. Puppy food is to be dispersed to any dog that is less than 12 months in age. Dogs over the age of 12 months will be given adult dog food. Clean water shall also be provided.

7. No dog will be held in the facility that is in distress, injured or ill. Any dog that is in this condition may be taken to Veterinarian for medical attention or may be disposed of immediately by a Community Peace Officer. If any County employee is unsure of the physical state of a dog, the Manager of Protective Services or the Community Peace Officer on duty is to be notified immediately to determine if medical attention is needed.
8. Any dog under the age of 12 months may receive vaccinations (parvovirus and distemper) at Lakeland Animal Clinic in Lac La Biche.
9. Any dog that is impounded and is considered a hazard due to its demeanour, the Manager of Protective Services and/or the Community Peace Officer are to be notified immediately to decide the course of action in dealing with the dog. Should a dog display aggressive tendencies after impoundment, the dog is to be placed in its respective kennel apart from the other dogs. The Animal Control Officer shall notify any involved parties of the dog's behaviour to ensure that the dog is handled safely and cautiously.
10. Should the death of any dog occur while under the care of Lac La Biche County, the Manager of Protective Services and the Community Peace Officer will be notified immediately. An investigation into the death will be completed and problems rectified as seen proper by both parties within a reasonable time period of the incident.
11. Lac La Biche County will not receive the carcasses of dead dogs at the Impound Facility at any time.
12. The Impoundment Facility is considered a public facility and will be viewed by the public. Absolute cleanliness of the facility and supreme dog care is vital. The Animal Control Officer shall be responsible for creating and maintain a regular daily cleaning and feeding schedule. The use of Self Feeding systems may be used to aid in this process.
13. Any Kennel that becomes vacant must be cleaned and disinfected as well as any dishes or feeders be washed and disinfected prior to being reused.
14. Staff and public that come into contact with any dog are encouraged to wash their hands to minimize the spread of possible disease.
15. Impoundment fees for all dogs will be in accordance with the current Lac La Biche County Animal Control Bylaw. No dog will be released from the Impound Facility until all applicable fees and fines are paid by the dog owner. Should the owner of a dog that has been impounded fail to pay the costs levied and abandoned the dog in the care of Lac La Biche County, the owner will be charged accordingly under the current Animal Control Bylaw.
16. No dog shall be accepted into the Impound facility that is surrender by its owner without the owner first showing proof that the owner surrender fee has been paid.

17. Should a dog be impounded for biting or killing another animal or person(s), the dog is to be held for 10 days as per Alberta Health and Wellness Policies. The dog will be observed by the Community Peace Officer, a Veterinarian, or a certified Animal Health Technician during this period. This is also so that the dog may be observed for signs and symptoms of rabies. Should the animal be found to be a carrier, the dog is to be destroyed and the carcass turned over to Alberta Health and Wellness for confirmation.
18. After 96 hours (excluding weekends and holidays), all impounded dogs shall be disposed of if they are not able to be adopted out. This is in conjunction with the current Animal Control Bylaw in where a dog becomes the property of the County after 72 hours of impoundment. This exemption to this is for dangerous dogs, as they are to be destroyed after the 96 hours have elapsed or at the discretion of the Manager of Protective Services or Community Peace Officer.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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