

## Protective Services

### LOST & FOUND DOGS:

Foothills County 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](http://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 Foothills County Development Department at 403-652-2341 for assistance in this matter.



Be my best friend...  
Check out the Dog Control Bylaw at  
[www.foothillscountyab.ca](http://www.foothillscountyab.ca)

### USEFUL CONTACT INFO:

[www.petlynx.net](http://www.petlynx.net)

Heaven Can Wait  
High River: 403-601-2520

Pound Rescue  
Okotoks: 403-938-4890

Alberta SPCA: 1-800-455-9003

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.



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**For additional information contact  
Protective Services  
(403) 603-6300**

# DOGS

## Dog Control Bylaw



# Information for you and your dog(s)



## KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

### FOOTHILLS COUNTY DOG CONTROL BYLAW Bylaw No. 15/2019

Foothills County passed legislation to regulate and control dogs in an effort to ensure public safety and to enhance the enjoyment of both public and private properties throughout the municipality.

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

### Prevent barking or howling that constitutes a public nuisance.

Be considerate of your neighbours by ensuring your dog(s) are not left outside to bark incessantly. Obedience training, socializing, bark collars and bringing the dog indoors are all ways to ensure your dog(s) are not disturbing your neighbours.

### Keep your dog(s) on your own property.

Your dogs must not be allowed to run at large anywhere in Foothills County. Be aware that should your dog(s) be running at large they are more likely to be involved in biting incidents or chasing vehicles, people or livestock. Be aware that any dog found chasing, pursuing, worrying or attacking livestock may be shot, pursuant to the Stray Animals Act. Ensure the safety of both the public and your dog, by keeping it on your property unless it is under your control and on a leash.

### Do not exceed maximum number of 3 dogs at your property

You are permitted to have a maximum of 3 adult dogs on your property. If you wish to have more than 3 dogs, you are required to apply for a Dog Kennel Permit BEFORE you exceed the maximum number of dogs. Contact the Foothills County main office for information on the application process at 403-652-2341.

### Clean up after your dog(s)

It is your responsibility as a dog owner to ensure that feces deposited on public or private property (other than the property of the dog's owner), is picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.



### 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 Foothills County Protective Services, and/or R.C.M.P. in your area.

### *It's not JUST a Dog Bite!*

*Statistics gathered between September 1982 and December 2020 indicate there were 10,685 dog attacks causing bodily harm to human beings in Canada and the United States. Of those 10,685 attacks, 895 resulted in death of the human being.*

*One death was caused by a Pomeranian breed dog.*

## CONSEQUENCES FOR NON COMPLIANCE

Generally fines for failing to comply with the Dog Control Bylaw range from \$100.00 - \$2,000.

Offence	Amount
Running at large. . . . .	\$250.00
Animal make/cause excessive noise.....	\$250.00
Failure to properly dispose of dog waste . . . . .	\$200.00
Pursue, worry, injure or chase a domestic animal or livestock. . . . .	\$200.00
Animal growl, lunge, chase or otherwise threaten a person. . . . .	\$350.00
Keep more than 3 dogs without a kennel permit. . . . .	\$500.00
Failure to have dog tattooed or micro-chipped...	\$500.00
Failure to confine or control vicious dog. . . . .	\$1000.00
Vicious dog conducting threatening behaviour...	\$2000.00

**Please clean up after your dog.**

For a copy of the Dog Control Bylaw, please visit:  
[www.foothillscountyab.ca](http://www.foothillscountyab.ca)

