

DOG CONTROL BYLAW #17-20



COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

http://www.vermilion-river.com/departments/enforcement_services.html

Dogs bring a community to life and are an important part of many families residing in CVR. The Dog Control Bylaw was put in place to regulate and control dogs within CVR. This bylaw is enforced by the contract Dog Control Officer employed by CVR and our Enforcement Services.

WHY LICENSE YOUR DOG?

- A dog license with up-to-date information ensures CVR can contact you if your pet is found.
- **If you own a dog over three months of age, it must be licensed – even indoor pets. A license is \$50 (good for life of dog) and a replacement tag is \$5**
- A fillable form is on our website or stop by the CVR Office or Lloyd SPCA. Please submit application with payment to receive your tag.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- A maximum of 2 dogs (any dog over three months) are allowed per residence in a Hamlet or Subdivision
- A maximum of 4 dogs are allowed per residence on acreages or farms
- All dogs must display a County-issued license tag when off their owner's property.
- If you move, no longer have your pet, or your contact information changes, please let us know. Information can be updated in-person at the County Office or by calling 780-846-2244.

BEING A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

- **KEEP THEM CONTROLLED**
Dogs are not allowed to be loose, unless they are on your property. Dogs must always be on a leash when on public property and should be contained in a secure yard or building when on your property.
- **PREVENT EXCESSIVE BARKING**
Barking is natural for dogs when they are bored, lonely, or want to alert their owners of something, but excessive barking can disturb neighbours.
- **SCOOP THE POOP**
Pet waste can be smelly, unattractive and can even be a health issue for you and your pet. Carry a bag with you to pick up your pet's poop whenever you are off your property.
- **PROTECT THEM FROM WILDLIFE**
There are wild animals in CVR that can injure or kill dogs. Closely supervising your pet and being aware of your surroundings are the best ways to keep them safe.
- **SPAY OR NEUTER**
While spaying or neutering is not required, it is highly recommended. "Fixing" your pet prevents the birth of unwanted animals, improves overall health, and reduces aggression in dogs.

QUICK FACTS:

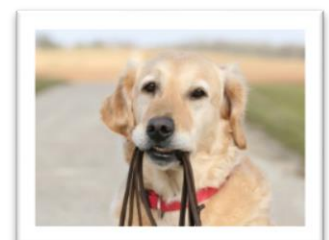
- CVR does not pick up stray or unwanted cats. You can safely trap the cat and take to SPCA or check out tips for making your property less appealing to cats on our website.
- A properly licensed dog has a 100% chance of being returned to its owner if it is turned in to the authorities – get a license and keep your contact info up to date with our office.
- Report Nuisance Dogs to our Enforcement Department at the CVR office.

RELATED ITEMS:

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WEBSITE

www.vermilion-river.com



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LOST PET/DOGS

Dogs are considered a part of our family, so when they go missing it is an anxious time for both the owner and the animal.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE LOST YOUR DOG

1. Your dog may not have wandered too far. If you live in a subdivision, hamlet or have neighbours close by look around the area and ask neighbours if they have seen your dog. Be sure to include the time and approximate place your dog went missing.
2. Contact the Lloydminster & District SPCA. Any dog that is picked up by our dog control officer is brought directly to the SPCA. Dogs may also be turned into the Vermilion Vet Clinic 780-853-5904.
3. Visit the Pet Lynx website. Here you can file a lost pet report in the system and the website will send any potential matches to your profile. Any dog that is brought to the Lloydminster SPCA is automatically put onto this website.
4. Contact Enforcement Services at 780-846-2244 or cve@county24.com with a description or picture of your dog, approximate time and place it went missing and contact information. We will be able to post information about your lost dog on the County of Vermilion River Facebook page and Twitter Account (* Note, this email is not monitored over weekends or outside business hours)
5. Check to make sure that the contact information associated with your dog license is correct. If your dog is licensed and wearing tags we will be able to contact you if your pet is picked up by our dog control officer or admitted to the Lloydminster SPCA.

If you locate your pet at the SPCA, owners are responsible for paying shelter fees and will have to pay a fine for having an animal at large. Additional charges also apply for any veterinary treatment provided. If your dog did not have a dog tag you will have to apply and pay a fee for the tag before you can take your dog home.

OFFENCES & FEES

Offences include (but are not limited to):

- Dogs at large
- Nuisance dogs (excessive barking)
- Dogs that bites, attacks, threatens or injures (people, other dogs, livestock, poultry)
- Dogs that chase vehicles, bikes, people on horseback, people walking or running
- Dogs that damage property
- Letting loose a contained dog
- Failure to pick up feces in public place or allows to accumulate on a private property
- Unattended dogs
- Allowing a female dog in "heat" to be unrestrained

\$100	•1st Offence (\$500 for a dangerous dog)
\$200	•2nd Offence (\$1,000 for a dangerous dog)
\$400	•3rd or Subsequent Offence (\$2,000 for a dangerous dog)

