



Yellowhead County

Policy No.: 6300.03

Topic: Coyote Control Policy	Effective Date: April 22, 2008
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Policy Statement:

Yellowhead County residents can access information and/or appropriate control options for confirmed livestock coyote predation. Coyotes are a nuisance pest under the Agricultural Pest Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. A-8 and for the purpose of this policy Council will reference the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (184/2001) under the Agricultural Pest Act.

Purpose:

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department will work with Alberta Agriculture and Food to ensure that there are control options for livestock producers whose animals have been preyed upon by Coyotes.

Principles:

1. Yellowhead County believes that there is a need for information transfer to their residents on control options for problem wildlife.
2. Yellowhead County recognizes that agricultural producers need to take responsibility for livestock predatory losses and do everything to prevent these losses.
3. Yellowhead County believes that producers who have adopted good husbandry techniques but continue to suffer livestock losses may need additional tools to mitigate these losses.

Council Guidelines:

1. Council appoints Yellowhead County Staff as inspectors under the Agricultural Pests Act to administer this policy.



Managerial Guidelines:

1. Coyote control information will be available to all residents within Yellowhead County.
2. Control work shall be provided on a first come, first serve basis.
3. If toxicants are to be used, the proper forms supplied by Alberta Agriculture and Food shall be completed in full and signed by the landowner/lessee.
4. Toxicant Stock Record forms shall be filled out before any toxicants are removed from storage.
5. All toxicants to be used for control work shall be set according to the Coyote Predation Management Programs Operation Policy and Procedure.
6. The Agricultural Fieldman shall hold a valid Form 7 Permit under the Agricultural Pests Act.
7. The Agricultural Fieldman will instruct the resident in toxicant use. The resident will be expected to set out and supervise toxicant sets according to the Form 8 provided by the Fieldman.
8. Target and/or non-target species taken from poison baits as well as poison baits not totally consumed shall be picked up and buried by the resident.
9. The Agricultural Fieldman shall discuss prevention, control techniques, and management strategies with the resident.
10. The Agricultural Fieldman will not place the poison or fire a firearm on private land.
11. The Agricultural Fieldman will not issue toxicants if it is of their opinion that public safety could be at risk.
12. The Agricultural Fieldman may refuse to issue toxicants if in the opinion of the inspector the resident is not showing good stewardship through:
 - (i) Use of alternative methods of predator control through fencing, snaring or the use of guardian dogs.
 - (ii) Adequate safety or management of the toxicant.
13. Residents requesting toxicants shall be charged a fee of \$25.00 for inspections and tablet delivery.
14. Residents will be provided a maximum of six (6) tablets per visit or a total of eighteen (18) tablets per year.

Cross Reference to Other Policies and Bylaws:

Policy #63.04 is rescinded with the adoption of this policy.

Mayor, Gerald Soroka

April 22, 2008
Date

Chief Administrative Officer, Jack Ramme

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