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**Purpose:**

To assist livestock producers in reducing or preventing predation of domestic livestock by coyotes.

**Authority:**

Under Section 6 of the *Agricultural Pest Act* the duty of the local authority shall be to take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy pests in the municipality. Coyotes are deemed a nuisance under Section 3 of the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* therefore under Section 14 a person may be issued control devices under Form 8 "Agreement to Use Nuisance Control Devices".

**Definitions:**

- "Predation" means preying of one species on another; the relationship between two groups of animals in which one species hunts, kills, and eats the other.
- "Devices" means a device that can be used to control coyotes or skunks.

**Policy Statement:**

1. The Camrose County Agricultural Service Board will undertake a coyote control program within its boundaries under the provisions of the *Agricultural Pests Act*.
2. Council appoints the Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman as inspectors under the *Agricultural Pests Act* to administer this policy.
3. The Agricultural Fieldman and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman will hold Form 7 permits and may issue Form 8 permits.

**Procedure Statements:**

1. Upon receipt of a complaint for coyote predation, the inspector will do a site investigation to determine if;
  - a. Had confirmed losses of cattle, sheep, horses or poultry,
  - b. Have a history of cattle, sheep, horses or poultry losses,
  - c. Have witnessed coyotes harassing cattle, sheep, horses or poultry.
2. If evidence suggests coyote predation, the inspector at his discretion, and if requested by the landowner, issue a limited number of or set coyote control devices in accordance with guidelines outlined by the Pest Control Branch of Alberta Agriculture.

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3. Under no circumstances will toxicants be issued simply to reduce the number of coyotes present or because a producers notices coyotes hanging around livestock.
4. The inspector will not issue any control devices if it is of their opinion that public safety could be at risk.
5. Predation on pets and unconfirmed livestock kills shall not justify the issuance of restricted devices.
6. If toxicants are to be used for control work, the proper forms supplied by Alberta Agriculture shall be completed in full and signed by the landowner or occupant.
7. Target and non-target species taken from poison baits as well as poison baits not totally consumed shall be picked up and buried by the landowner or occupant.
8. The Agricultural Fieldman shall discuss prevention, control techniques, and management strategies with the landowner or occupant. Ie: fencing or the use of a guardian animals.

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