



County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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SUBJECT: Skunks

REVISED DATE:

The purpose of this Policy is to deal with Skunk complaints and the related disease "Rabies".

1. All complaints involving skunks where the animal is acting abnormally will be dealt with immediately. Residents in rural areas will be encouraged to kill the skunk immediately without destroying the head or brain.
2. The investigating Officer will trap or shoot any skunk acting abnormally, should the Resident not have the means at his disposal to eliminate the animal.
3. The head from the skunk will be submitted to the A.D.R.I. as soon as possible to determine whether the animal tests positive or not, for rabies. The resident will be informed of the tests results.
4. If the test returns positive, the Agricultural Fieldman or the Assistant Fieldman in co-operation with Alberta Agriculture will depop a 5 mile radius from the site of origin. All specimens collected will be submitted for analysis to the A.D.R.I. Should another skunk then test positive, Alberta Agriculture and Animal Diseases will determine the next step(s) to be taken.
5. Live traps will be made available to residents wishing to remove nuisance skunks from their property.