

SECTION: AG SERVICE BOARD POLICY	SUBJECT: VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL
----------------------------------	----------------------------------

Original Resolution No.: 97-04-05  
 Revised Resolution No.: 99-09-11  
 Revised Resolution No.: 04-07-37

**VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL**

**SKUNK COMPLAINTS**

**A. Nuisance Skunks**

1. The County of Warner No. 5 is not responsible for removal of nuisance skunks within the County unless rabies is suspected.
2. Landowners within the County of Warner No. 5 may borrow traps free of charge once a \$50 deposit has been paid to the County along with a signed and dated skunk trap deposit slip.
3. The deposit will be refunded if the trap is returned in good condition within 30 days.
4. There will be a charge of \$10 per month for any traps kept longer than 30 days.
5. If the trap is not returned within two months, the deposit will be considered payment in full for the purchase of the trap.
6. Anyone may purchase a trap for \$50 before a deposit slip is signed and implemented.

**B. Skunk Rabies Vector Control**

1. The role of the County of Warner's Agricultural Service Board will be to assist in removal of rabies suspect animals and submission to the ADRI for testing.
2. All human or domestic animal contact cases are to immediately reported to the Federal Veterinary Inspection Directorate in Lethbridge at 382-3120 for further direction.
3. All skunks along the Montana border will be routinely depopulated by Alberta Agriculture staff to prevent the ingress of rabies.
4. The Agricultural Fieldman, at his discretion, may respond to any nuisance skunk complaints within a three mile radius of where the skunk rabies was confirmed within the County of Warner No. 5 in the last five years.

Reviewed: June 4, 2004

**C. Nuisance Racoons**

1. Currently racoons are not a named nuisance under the Agricultural Pest Act, but fall under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife Act. All landowners within the County of Warner No. 5 suffering racoon damage are to be referred to the nearest Fish and Wildlife District office.
2. The County of Warner No. 5 offers live traps and egg traps for nuisance racoon complaints under the same conditions as nuisance skunk complaints. (see Nuisance Skunks)

**D. Fox**

1. Currently foxes are not a named nuisance under the Agricultural Pest Act but fall under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife Act. All landowners within the County of Warner No. 5 suffering fox damage are to be referred to the nearest Fish and Wildlife District office.

**E. Coyote Control**

1. The Agricultural Fieldman will coordinate investigations or investigate all complaints.
2. Cyanide guns or other toxicants for coyote control are only to be used by the Agricultural Fieldman or licensed employees.
3. The Agricultural Fieldman will take annual training set up by Alberta Agriculture in the area of Vertebrate Pest Control (Form B).
4. The Provincial Problem Wildlife Specialist will assist in routine predator investigations when the Agricultural Fieldman is unavailable and report all the work carried out to the Agricultural Fieldman.
5. The Agricultural Service Board will follow the guidelines as outlined in the attached Coyote and Predation Management Program, Operations Policy and Procedure as distributed by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and it is attached to this policy as Appendix A.

COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5

Agriculture Service Board

RACCOON/SKUNK TRAP DEPOSIT SLIP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

\$50.00 RECEIVED: TRAP NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHEQUE \_\_\_\_\_

TRAP PURCHASED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Nuisance Skunks

1. The County of Warner No. 5 is not responsible for removal of nuisance skunks or racoons within the County unless rabies is suspected.
2. Landowners within the County of Warner No. 5 may borrow traps free of charge once a \$50 deposit has been paid to the County along with a signed and dated skunk trap deposit slip.
3. The deposit will be refunded if the trap is returned in good condition within 30 days.
4. There will be a charge of \$10 per month for any traps kept longer than 30 days.
5. If the trap is not returned within two months, the deposit will be considered payment in full for the purchase of the trap.
6. Anyone may purchase a trap for \$50 before a deposit slip is signed and implemented.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
County of Warner No. 5  
Agriculture Service Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Returned

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit Refunded (Borrower's Signature)