

**Brazeau
County**

POLICY TITLE: Predator Control Policy
POLICY NUMBER: AG-4
REFERENCE: _____
APPROVED BY COUNCIL: June 21, 2004

POLICY STATEMENT

Brazeau County recognizes that livestock protection and predator prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the livestock owner or holder. The Agricultural Service Board will promote beneficial management practices and provide technical assistance to ratepayers for predator prevention and control, which may include the issue of restricted devices regulated by Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development.

POLICY

To educate, train, and if required assist livestock managers in predator management, prevention and control.

Procedure:

1. All predator reports concerning coyote predation of livestock shall be dealt with by the Agricultural Fieldman's Office.
2. Predator reports involving other predator species including (but not restricted to) wolf, fox, bear, cougar, lynx, raptors, other predatory birds, will be referred to Fish & Wildlife, Alberta Sustainable Development.
3. Interjurisdiction co-operation will be promoted whenever circumstances dictate, and is practical.
4. In situations where a ratepayer's predator management and control efforts remain unsuccessful, the Agricultural Fieldman may consider the eligibility or issue of restricted devices regulated and provided by Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development.
5. Issue of restricted devices, including predicides, snares, or M-44's shall be in compliance of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's policy and guidelines, and at the direction of the Agricultural Fieldman, satisfying the following criteria:

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- a) confirmation of livestock loss due to predation
 - b) ratepayer's preventative management and efforts to control predators is evident and acceptable
 - c) ratepayer has been instructed and trained in the safe and effective use of the restricted devices, according to Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development policy and to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Fieldman.
 - d) Permits issued for any devices may be cancelled at the discretion of the Director of Agriculture if the opinion is such that circumstances warrant.
6. If criteria cannot be satisfied, the Agricultural Fieldman may refer the ratepayer to alternate predator control services.
 7. County staff will not be directly involved in the setting of devices, except in the process of instructing the ratepayer in their safe and effective use.
 8. The ratepayer acknowledges their responsibilities and acceptance of liability in the use of these devices, in the completion of the appropriate forms described in the policy set by Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development.