



POLICY

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Policy Title Agricultural Pests - Coyote Predation Management	Date: May 9, 2017	Resolution No. 300/17

Purpose:

To establish a policy in accordance with the *Agricultural Pests Act (APA)* and the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations (406/86)* as well as the Alberta Agriculture Operations Policy and Procedures for Coyote Predation Management.

Policy Statement:

Council recognizes that livestock producers may require assistance in managing coyote predation to safe guard their livestock.

Policy Guidelines/Procedures:

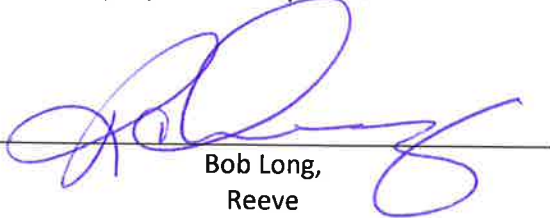
1. County Council will appoint ASB staff that are trained and authorized by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry as Kneehill County inspectors under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act.
2. Authorized inspectors holding a valid Form 7 Permit, will respond to all Coyote harassment and predation complaints as required.
3. The inspector will not issue any control material or devices if it is of their opinion that public safety could be at risk.
4. ASB staff will have information for the prevention of coyote predation or harassment available for all residents of Kneehill County.
5. When livestock predation has been confirmed, the inspector may assist a livestock producer only after all other control and management options have been exhausted, by issuing Compound 1080 Tablets or Snare Devices-as a control measure.
6. A Form 8 must be completed and signed by the landowner prior to issuance of any registered controls and all parts of the PCP Act label for the poison used must be reviewed with the landholder (and a copy given to the landholder). The inspector must emphasize to the landholder the potential hazards associated with poison use including the accidental poisoning of non-targets such as livestock or pets; dogs should be tied or confined during poison use.
7. Toxicants shall not be used where a landholder is unwilling to take measures to prevent poisoning of non-target animals.
8. The landholder is responsible for informing close neighbors when restricted devices are used and must set out the provided warning posters when poison or snares are set.
9. Unused tablets, cyanide capsules, or other devices, must be returned to the issuing municipal authority by the expiry date of the Form 8 Permit. The inspector is to collect pertinent information from the landholder for the municipal report to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.
10. The inspector shall only issue Compound 1080 tablets a maximum of two times to any one livestock producer, where after it is the responsibility of said producer to adopt new management and prevention methods against future coyote predation or harassment.

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11. If in conducting the initial investigation, the inspector determines that poor management was a contributing factor in the predation problem, they may make recommendations to the landowner on management changes that would reduce the chances of further predation. If the landowner does not implement recommendations and continue their existing management practices, the inspector shall reserve the right to refuse further assistance through the distribution of 1080 tablets.
12. As per the Alberta Agriculture & Forestry Coyote Predation Management Program Operations Policy & Procedure, control measures shall not be issued when non-predation complaints such as harassment or fear are received, or for use to control coyote predation of unconfined poultry, pets, or hobby animals, or for any other reason not directly associated with livestock predation.
13. All actions taken will be in accordance with the Alberta Agriculture Operations Policy and Procedures for Coyote Predation Management.

This policy replaces Policy #1-26



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