



# CONTROLLING DANGEROUS ANIMALS

**City of Saskatoon Dangerous Animals Bylaw #8176 provides controls for dangerous animals. This pamphlet outlines the rights and responsibilities of pet owners and of citizens concerned about the safety of their families.**

## **WHAT IS A DANGEROUS ANIMAL?**

By law, a court may declare an animal dangerous if the animal:

- Without provocation, in a vicious or menacing manner, chased or approached a person or domestic animal in an apparent attitude of attack;
- Is known to attack without provocation; or
- Has bitten, inflicted injury or attacked a person or domestic animal without provocation.

## **DOES AN ANIMAL HAVE TO BITE TO BE DANGEROUS?**

No. If an animal approaches you in a menacing or aggressive manner, you may make a complaint.

## **HOW DO I MAKE A COMPLAINT?**

Don't wait for a bite. If you have a complaint about a dangerous animal call the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency (SACA) at 306-385-7387. The matter will be investigated and if necessary, further action will be taken.

To make a complaint call 306-385-7387 (SACA).  
For more information call 306-975-3270 (City Solicitor).  
For Animal Services call 306-975-8478.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE COMPLAINS ABOUT MY ANIMAL?

Two things may happen:

- 1) There may be a hearing at Provincial Court to determine if the animal is dangerous. You will be served a notice of a hearing.

If the Court finds the animal to be dangerous, it will issue an order stating how you must control the animal including, but not limited to:

- Muzzle and leash the animal when removed from your property.
- Have the animal microchipped.

The Court may also order that you:

- Keep the animal in your house or outside in a locked enclosure that meets specifications.
- Display a sign, visible from the street, warning of a dangerous animal on the premises.
- Obtain and keep in effect a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance.
- Have the animal spayed or neutered.

The Court could also order the animal be destroyed or any other measures that it considers appropriate.

- 2) You may be charged with an offence under the Bylaw.

If convicted, you are liable for a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment for up to one year. You may also receive an order for confinement or destruction of your animal. Offences include, but are not limited to:

- Owning an animal that attacks, bites, injures or kills a person or domestic animal without provocation.
- Not complying with a court order.
- Owning a dog for dog fighting or training a dog to make unprovoked attacks on people or domestic animals.

## CAN I APPEAL THE COURT'S DECISION?

Yes, you may appeal the order of the Court.

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