



Town of
Stettler

**ALBERTA ANIMAL SERVICES
TOWN OF STETTLER**



DOG & CAT GUIDE

**Your guide to Registration and helpful
Animal Owner tips and resources**



Alberta Animal Services wants the best for our municipal animals. And, as a responsible and caring pet owner, it is important to register your dog or cat with the Town of Stettler so we can provide the best resources to our pet owners.

Registering your dog or cat helps reunite you with your pet should your pet stray rather than it being brought into the impound kennel. In addition, a portion of the registration fee is dedicated to Alberta Animal Services for Education and Enforcement, Spay and Neuter Program for unclaimed animals and finding new homes for unclaimed animals.

This animal owner's guide will give you all the information you need to register your dog or cat with your Town. It also gives you helpful tips and resources for pet owners, including rules and regulations for the Off Leash Park.

Our goal is to make registering your animal with the Town of Stettler as convenient as possible.

DOG AND CAT FRIENDLY TOWN OF STETTLER



Benefits of Dog/Cat Registration

- * License tags ensure that Animal Services can return a lost pet home as soon as possible
- * Any citizen who finds your dog/cat can simply contact Alberta Animal Services or your Municipal Office with your pets registration number (on tag). We will then reunite you with your lost pet.
- * The fee for your license helps fund your Animal Services Department and Shelter, Spay/Neuter Clinics, and stray dog/cat adoption programs.
- * Licensed pets that are taken to a Veterinarian when found injured allows them to notify you immediately to ensure your pet is given proper care and treatment as soon as possible.

Your license helps save animals

Where to purchase your dog or cat license

Licenses may be obtained by completing an application form available at the following locations:

Town of Stettler Municipal Office: 5031 50 Street, Stettler, AB.

Alberta Animal Services: 4640-61 Street, Red Deer, AB.

Annual License fees are:

If licensed *prior* to January 31 of the year:

Dog/Cat Spayed or Neutered --- \$15.00

Dog/Cat Intact --- \$40.00

If licensed *after* January 31 of the year:

Dog/Cat Spayed or Neutered --- \$25.00

Dog/Cat Intact --- \$50.00

Replacement Tags --- \$10.00



What to bring when licensing your pet:

- * Microchip identification number, or
- * Tattoo identification number
- * Spay/ Neuter certificate (if applicable)
- * Mailing address (if different from physical house address)

Animal Registration FAQ's

When does the license expire?

Dog/Cat licenses expire at the beginning of each year on January 1st. New licenses for the current year are to be obtained by January 31st.

Why Spay or Neuter my animal?

One unspayed female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in just six years. Two uncontrolled breeding cats plus all their kittens and all their kittens' kittens, if none are ever spayed or neutered, add up in 10 years to over 80 Million cats. Spayed or Neutered dogs are healthier and have fewer medical problems and can make pets less likely to run away or fight with other animals.

Through neutering, you can help your dog live a happier, healthier, longer life. Spaying a female dog eliminates the messiness associated with the heat cycle. Neutering of male dogs can prevent certain undesirable sexual behaviors, such as urine marking, humping, male aggression and the urge to roam. If you have more than one pet in your household, all the pets will generally get along better if they are neutered.

Animal shelters, both public and private, are faced with an incredible burden: What to do with the overpopulation of dogs and cats that they cannot find homes for? Approximately 3.7 million animals are euthanized at shelters each year, due to the sheer fact that there are not enough willing adopters. Having your pet spayed or neutered ensures that you will not be adding to this tremendous burden.

What is the Bylaw for the Town of Stettler?

- * The Town of Stettler Dog Bylaw #2050-14 & Cat Bylaw # 2049-14 requires all dogs and cats six (6) weeks of age or older to be licensed.
- * Residents may own a maximum of (3) dogs and (3) cats per dwelling unit.
- * Licenses are not transferable from animal to another animal but can be transferred from owner to owner.
- * Owners must be 18 years or older to apply for a license.
- * The violation fine for Failing to License an Animal is \$100.00

Note: It is an offence to provide false information when obtaining a dog or cat license.

Lost Pet Recovery

Alberta Animal Services utilizes the iShelter website (<http://www.ishelters.com/>) for the impoundment of all found animals.

All impounded animals are listed on the Alberta Animal Services website at: <http://www.albertaanimalservices.ca/foundpets.php>

If you believe your animal is listed and pictured as being impounded, please call the Alberta Animal Services office at the information listed below.

Stray Animals are taken to:

Alberta Animal Services

4640-61 Street, Red Deer, AB.

403-347-2388

info@albertaanimalservices.ca

www.albertaanimalservices.ca

Responsible Owners Stop and Scoop the Poop!

Why You Should Pick Up After Your Dog and Cat:

Of Course, it's unsightly and there's a certain odor. It doesn't instantly disintegrate and it runs off into the water system. Dogs and cats can spread diseases to each other through their feces and can attract rodents. Moreover, be considerate of your neighbors and clean up after your dog. It's the law! You can receive up to a \$100.00 fine.

Dog feces can carry zoonotic disease, which can infect humans, including:

- * Salmonella
- * Roundworm
- * Hookworm
- * Campylobacteriosis
- * Giardiasis

For the health and safety of citizens and your dog, please carry a bag with you and clean up any waste created by your dog.

On Your Own Property:

Property Owners who allow excessive amounts of defecation to accumulate can be in violation of the Dog and/or Cat Bylaw and liable to a \$100.00 fine.

Clean up and dispose of your dog's defecation every 2-3 days in order to avoid any excessive accumulation.



Town of Stettler Off Leash Park

OFF LEASH PARK:



The Town of Stettler has one Off Leash Dog Park: Directly east of the Stettler Auction Mart on the corner of 52 Avenue & 42 Street.

Dog Park Etiquette:

DOGS:

- have up-to-date vaccinations
- All dogs must wear a collar with current years license tag
- don't chase wildlife
- interact well with other dogs
- come immediately when called

DOG OWNERS:

- must accompany their dogs into the park
- keep dogs on a leash until entering the off-leash area
- have a leash in their possession at all times (one for each dog brought to the park)
- must have control of their dogs at all times. Any dog found in the park with no owner present may be impounded and/or an owner may be liable to a fine.
- remove dog defecation and fill any holes he/she digs
- remove your dog from the park at the first sign of aggression towards a person or other animal

The public is reminded that dogs are not permitted off leash at any of our other park areas such as the West Stettler Park or school grounds.

Q&A



Q: Why leash my dog when off my property?

A: Even a well trained, well socialized dog needs supervision, instruction and boundaries. Here are some reasons why leashing your dog is important:

- * prevents your dog from straying and getting lost
- * protects your dog from darting into traffic to chase something exciting or run from something scary
- * protects your dog from unseen or unknown hazards
- * prevents your dog from startling unsuspecting pedestrians, cyclists or others who may be on the public way
- * reduces the chance that a person or another dog may be bitten. Whether the dog is startled, frightened, protecting, guarding or involved in other territorial activities, a dog has the potential to bite
- * makes it easier to clean up your dogs defecation
- * reduces stress for your dog by making sure the dog understands what is expected: less stress means a healthier and happier dog
- * It's the law. A fine of \$100.00 can be issued to an owner for having a dog not on a leash in a public area.

Q: I cannot keep my animal any longer. Can I take it to Alberta Animal Services?

A: No, Alberta Animal Services does not accept surrendered animals. All the animals at the kennel are impounded under the municipal bylaws. Owners who feel they must surrender their animal should contact the Stettler Animal Haven Rescue League, Red Deer and District SPCA or other rescue agencies to locate a new home for animal.

More Q&A



Q: What happens to unclaimed animals at Alberta Animal Services?

A: When an animal comes into our kennel it is checked fully for identification (ID tags, Tattoo, Microchip) and then is imputed on the Petlynx lost and found database. If the animal has identification the owner is contacted and notified that the animal is at our facility. If the animal has no identification and no matches were made on the Petlynx site we are required under the Town Bylaw to hold the dog/cat for 3 days (72 Hours) for an owner to claim the animal. If no owner claims the animal then the animal goes through a behavior assessment and a full vet check to ensure the animal is not aggressive and is healthy to be adopted. Once the animal has passed its assessments the animal is spayed or neutered and then is put into our adoption program. Animals are adopted out of our facility and also out of our adoption centre at Red Deer Petland. We also work with several other agencies like Calgary Humane Society (Highway of Hope Transfer Program) and rescue agencies to transfer animals in order to find new loving homes for them.

Q: What is Excessive Barking?

A: It is a given fact that dogs bark. Barking is part of their normal communication process and behavior. Sometimes dogs bark for appropriate and good reasons, such as when strangers approach their house. Most of us want our dogs to be on alert to anything unusual. But dogs can also bark inappropriately. Excessive barking deprives others of the comfortable enjoyment of their homes and can lead to neighborhood disputes. When barking is loud, frequent and continues over a long period of time, it is legally defined as “Excessive Barking”.
