

POLICY PETS ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Policy C7000



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1.0 POLICY

The Town of Banff is committed to:

- providing a safe and healthy environment for staff, facility users, and visitors; and
- practicing good stewardship of Town facilities and property.

Pursuant to this commitment, members of the public and employees may bring pets onto Town property or into Town buildings, facilities or vehicles only in accordance with the standards laid out in this policy.

2.0 PURPOSE

This policy is intended to clarify under what conditions dogs or other pets may be allowed in municipal buildings and facilities and is designed to protect Town assets, control disruption, nuisances, potential health hazards, and reduce the risk of personal injury and/or anxiety created by animals at the Town of Banff.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Pet: A companion animal owned, cared-for or under the supervision of an individual.
- 3.2 Service Animal: any professionally trained animal, including guide, hearing, and service dogs, that works in partnership with persons with disabilities to increase their independence, safety, and mobility.

4.0 SCOPE

- 4.1 This policy applies to all pets. The following animals are excluded from the scope of this policy:
- Service animals
 - Working animals used by agencies such as the RCMP.
- 4.2 Exempt Buildings and Vehicles:
- Animal Control Facility
 - Municipal Enforcement Vehicles

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 All employees and members of the public are expected to comply with this policy.
- 5.2 All employees are responsible for communicating the standards of this policy to members of the public.

- 5.3 In most cases, compliance issues should be resolved informally through discussion and education.
- 5.4 The Manager of Corporate Services is responsible for implementing, monitoring and evaluating this policy.

6.0 STANDARDS

- 6.1 Pets are prohibited from all Town buildings, facilities and vehicles except as indicated elsewhere in this policy.
- 6.2 Pets owned by the public will be permitted only at the front reception area of Town Hall and the operations administration building on a short leash and under the control of their owner/guardian while the owner/guardian is on Town business.
- 6.3 Pets must be on a leash on any Town lands, except when in an off-leash park. Pets on Town lands must be under the care and control of their owner/guardian at all times.
- 6.4 Service animals are permitted and must be allowed to accompany persons with disabilities and/or their handler in Town of Banff buildings, facilities and vehicles, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
- 6.5 Pets may be permitted in Town-owned housing units if explicitly indicated in the contract or lease agreement.
- 6.6 Exceptions to this policy may be made at the discretion of the Town Manager.
- 6.7 Owners of pets brought onto Town property accept responsibility for any related liabilities and/or costs in the event of injury or damage to persons or property.
- 6.8 The Town of Banff reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary in the enforcement of this policy.

7.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Alberta Service Dogs Act
Town of Banff Animal Services Bylaw
Town of Banff Cemeteries Bylaw

This policy shall be in effect on the date it is approved by resolution of Council.

2016.05.24

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Robert Earl
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