

Policy Name

Animal Welfare Concerns

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Policy Statement

The Agriculture Service Board of Brazeau County has a moral obligation to direct concerned individuals to the proper channels for handling animal welfare concerns.

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The Agriculture Service Board does not have the mandate to deal directly with the complaint and cannot enter into a judgmental role in the assessment of the individual events but can only evaluate the situations as found.

In the case that a third party contact is directed to, or received by the agriculture staff or any A.S.B. member, the concerned party shall be informed of their obligations under the Animal Protection Act, and asked to assess the situation and act accordingly. The agriculture staff and/or the A.S.B. members will keep records of these concerns and the action recommended to the concerned party.

In instances where predators other than coyote and fox are responsible (ie: bear, cougar, wolf, lynx or predatory birds), Fish & Wildlife Branch, Sustainable Resource Development shall be contacted and control measures will be at the discretion and under the supervision of the Fish & Wildlife Officer.

If the predator responsible is a dog, ownership shall be determined if possible. If ownership can be determined, the event is a civil matter and shall be treated as such with no control actions taken. If ownership cannot be established, the dog shall be classified as feral and control may begin as with coyote or fox.

In any and all instances of control work conducted by the Agricultural Services Department of Brazeau County, control devices will at all times be under the strict control and supervision of the Director of Agriculture Services. Control devices will not be issued to the public.

Livestock Care ALERT Line – 1-800-506-2273

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

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