

***Animal Control Monthly Report
for April 2020***

Summary

14 calls (6 relating to dogs- 2 cat complaints – 4 crow complaints 2-skunks' complaints.)

Received four complaints throughout April about crows, ranging from noise to the destruction by crows to songbirds' nests. No action taken as yet.

DOGS

Complaint called in with reference to dog roaming on neighbouring property. Both the claimant and do not have dog licences and asked them to call town office to purchase licence. I will check on that in two weeks. The problem here is that both neighbours have dogs but both yards are unfenced. The complainant plans to fence their yard in in the near future. So hopefully that will bring the matter to a close.

Complainant called to say there were people exercising their dogs on the elementary school playing fields and the dog was off leash which was causing her dogs that were on leash to become uncontrollable. It took about a week of patrolling before I was able to come across the couple with a dog off leash. I explained the by-law and where they could exercise the dog and they seemed happy to conform. I also plan to put up signs explaining no off leash exercising of dogs.

Two complaints about barking dogs- on going.

Call about possible animal abuse to dog. Checked on the dog. Although being chained in a back yard all day seems cruel, according to animal protection services as long as the dog has shelter and water there is nothing illegal. I will still keep checking on this dog.

Call about two dogs left alone after owner was taken to Saskatoon. (police matter) I am feeding the dogs in their own home for the time being- still on going.

CATS

The feral cat program seems to have worked. Calls for cats are on the decline but there are still calls. Received two calls about a particular feral cat- on going.

SKUNKS

Two calls. One skunk removed from residential dwelling. Called upon to check out the basement of the Bryce House for skunks. Found no skunks but saw signs they had been around. Left trap but caught nothing. Still on going.

Regards

Andy Labdon

Animal Control April 2019 report amendment.

Dogs

For council to consider.

Over the past month the number of calls received in regard to dogs chained up, barking, and aggressiveness have increased.

I have also noticed the number of dogs chained up in back yards are increasing. I have particular concern as most of these are male dogs which I presume have not been neutered. My concern is that if these dogs escape, they may cause some injury to children or other dogs.

I would like to see all dog owners have fenced in secure yards and the licence fee to be higher. There is no point in having a dog chained up in a back-yard day and night. It does nothing to deter break in's if that is the excuse for having the animal there in the first place. The town has already had one attack from a chained-up dog that got lose and I fear another will happen.