

Animal Control Monthly Report

for March 2019

Summary

1 Feral cat trapped

4 Stray dogs

1 Complaint of dog fouling sidewalk

3 Complaints of cat feces on Main street

March 5&6

Received a call from [REDACTED] complaining about [REDACTED] and her dog being off leash and urinating in her front yard again. Happy to report this issue is now resolved.

March 18

Trapped a cat at the bakery and it was found to have already been neutered. This means that all the cats on that block have now been neutered or spayed, making it easier to identify new cats to the area. As yet no more cats have been seen on that block.

March 12

Received three complaints of cat feces littering the sidewalk that was becoming visible as the snow melted near the bakery from the feral cats. Public works must have been on the ball because a day later it had all been cleared up. (I assume it was public works!)

March 28

Received two calls regarding two stray dogs. One set of dogs belonged to [REDACTED], the owner of the dogs that have caused many phone calls during January and February from residents in the northeast of town. This time they were around the cemetery. Contacted [REDACTED] who came straight into town to pick them up.

The second set of dogs were spotted on the outside of town by TNT tire and were heading west out of the town limits. No action taken.

March 25

Two complaints of dog fouling around the post office. I think the 'culprit' is the dog from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] so have reminded them that if the dog fouls the sidewalk pick it up! I have noticed some residents walking their dogs around that area as well, so they may be contributing to the problem.

There have been a couple of incidents where training may have helped, and because of that, I have decided to take a course, dependent on council extending the contract.

Details of the course are:-

ADVANCED APPREHENSION & HANDLING: Level 1

One day course in Red Deer Alberta.

Each participant will receive a manual of the course, a certificate of completion, and an opportunity to experience some “hands-on” training. This course will give attendees greater ability and confidence in:

Apprehending and handling stray dogs

Remaining safe at all times

Apprehension without undue reliance on extreme measures

Dealing with the public in high-stress situations

Handling an injured dog assessment and transporting

Responding/defending a full-fledged dog attack

The course starts at 9:00 am and wraps up at 4:30 pm. Lunch break is 12-1.

Officers currently employed are encouraged to attend in uniform.

Cost: \$290/person + GST

Registration Deadline: April 29, 2019

Probably due to the cold, it was another relatively quiet month. I received another donation of cat food for the feral cat program and a bag of dog food. It's looking like the feral cat program will work as many residents seem to be in favour of the idea.

Regards

Andy Labdon.