

## Dogs and Cats

On any residential parcel LESS than 0.81 ha (2 acres) in size, you are permitted to have a maximum of four (4) household pets (dogs or cats).

On any residential parcel MORE than 0.81 ha (2 acres) in size, you are permitted to have a maximum of four (4) dogs.

## Other Animals and Birds

On residential or agricultural parcels between 0.81 ha (2 acres) and 16.1 ha (39.9 acres), additional animal/bird units will be allowed as follows:

Parcel size	# of Animal/ Bird Units
0.81 - 1.21 ha (2 - 2.99 acres)	1
1.22 - 1.61 ha (3 - 3.99 acres)	2
1.62 - 2.02 ha (4 - 4.99 acres)	3
2.03 - 2.42 ha (5 - 5.99 acres)	4
2.43 - 4.04 ha (6 - 9.99 acres)	5
4.05 ha or greater (10+ acres)*	5*

\*Plus the number of animal/bird units permitted for that portion of the parcel in excess of 4.05 ha (10 ac) i.e. 5.26 ha (13 acres) = 5 + 2 = 7 animal/bird units

One animal/bird unit means:

- Two (2) horses, donkeys, mules or asses
- Two (2) llamas, three (3) alpacas or guanaco
- One (1) cow or steer (over one year old)
- Two (2) calves up to one year old
- Fifteen (15) chickens
- Ten (10) ducks, turkeys, pheasants, geese or other similar fowl
- Three (3) sheep or goats
- Twenty (20) rabbits or other similar rodents
- Two (2) ostriches, emus or other ratites.



## Animal Control Services

Animal Control is a part of Parkland County's Enforcement Services. Animal Control provides the following services to County residents:

- Respond to and investigate dog/animal complaints
- Ensure public awareness and enforcement of all Parkland County bylaws
- Issue dog licenses
- Public education on animal care and safety
- Provide care for sheltered animals
- Provide assistance to emergency response if animals are involved
- Assist in animal adoption
- Assist ASPCA and other like agencies
- Enforce Animal Protection and Dangerous Dogs Acts

**Please contact us for more information on Animal Control Services or for a copy of the Animal Control Bylaw 28-2009:**

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Information on animal ownership in Parkland County  
Animal Control Bylaw 28-2009





## Responsibilities of Dog Owners

Parkland County bylaws and regulations ensure pets, owners and other members of the community enjoy the lifestyle they want. The following is a list of responsibilities of dog owners within Parkland County.

- Ensure your dog is not running at large within the County.
- Ensure your dog does not enter into or remain in or on a school yard or cemetery within the County.
- Confine your female dog when it is in season and for the duration of the season.
- If your dog is suffering from a communicable disease, do not allow it to come into contact with other animals or people.
- Do not allow your dog to howl or bark excessively and in such a manner that interferes with other's use and enjoyment of their property.
- Do not allow your dog to bite, attempt to bite, bark at, chase or attempt to threaten people, pets or livestock.
- Do not allow your dog to bite, bark at or chase bikes, OHVs, or other motor vehicles.
- Do not allow your dog to upset and scatter the contents of garbage cans and other waste receptacles on other people's properties.
- Purchase a dog license for your dog once it has reached the age of six (6) months and ensure the license tag is attached to your dog's collar. This will enable us to reunite you with your pet should it be found running at large.



## Vicious Dogs

Parkland County's Manager of Community & Protective Services has the authority to declare a dog to be vicious. A vicious dog is one that has exhibited any of the following behaviours:



- the dog has, without provocation, chased, injured or bitten any other domestic animal, livestock or person; or
- the dog has, without provocation, damaged or destroyed any public or private property; or
- the dog has, without provocation, threatened or created the reasonable apprehension of threat to another domestic animal, livestock or person and, in the opinion of the Manager of Community & Protective Services, poses a threat of serious harm; or
- the dog has previously been determined to be a vicious dog.

Note that your dog will not be classified as a vicious dog if its actions were to protect its owner's property including protection of livestock.

If your dog has been declared a vicious dog, there are further regulations you must follow:

When off your property:

- the dog must be harnessed or on a leash not exceeding one metre in length;
- the dog must be under care and control of a person eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
- the dog must be muzzled.

When on your property:

- Your dog must be confined indoors or in an enclosure that will not allow the dog to jump, climb, dig or force its way out and prevents other people and animals from entering the enclosure.



## Questions and Answers

***Does my dog need a tag and where would I get one?***

All dogs in Parkland County require a license. Licenses can be purchased for a one-time fee and is valid for the life of the dog. The license can be transferred to another dog or replaced for a nominal fee. License tags can be purchased from the Parkland County Animal Shelter or at the Protective Services Department at County Centre.

***How many dogs are allowed per household?***

On 2 acres or less, you are allowed a maximum of four (4) household pets (dogs and cats); on 2 acres or more, you are allowed a maximum of four (4) dogs.

***I have reached the maximum of animal/bird units for my property. How can I get permission for more animals on my property?***

The Animal Control Bylaw does not contain provisions to allow additional animals on a property. The allowable units of animal/bird units has been determined based on public feedback and past requests for additional animals.

***Does Parkland County have a cat bylaw?***

Parkland County does not have a cat bylaw with the exception of Parkland Village. Public feedback did not reflect a desire for the County to have specific cat regulations. There is also provincial legislation to deal with excessive cats on a property that are not cared for properly.

***Does the maximum animal/bird units apply to someone who wants to operate a kennel or an animal rescue shelter?***

No. These facilities are managed through the Land Use Bylaw and anyone interested in operating one of these facilities must apply for a development permit through Planning and Development Services.

