

Animal Control Enforcement Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

The City of Mount Pearl shall inspect and investigate all animal-related complaints to ensure compliance with City's policies and regulations regarding animal control enforcement.

2.0 Legislative Requirements

This policy conforms with the *City of Mount Pearl Act, 1990*, the *City's Animal Control Regulations*, the provincial *Animal Health and Protection Act 2010*, and any other relevant laws, rules, or legislation.

3.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline what action the City may take when there is a violation of regulations regarding animal control.

4.0 Animal Health and Protection

Any complaints concerning animal health and welfare will be referred to Municipal Enforcement for investigation in accordance with *Animal Health and Protection Act*.

5.0 Procedures

City of Mount Pearl employees shall comply with the following procedures:

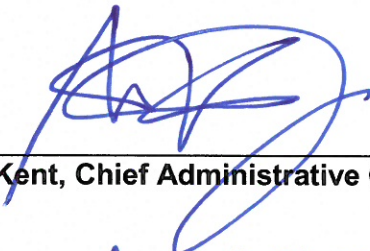
1. All complaints received from the public shall be recorded, including name, address and phone number along with a detailed report of the incident or complaint.
2. Where complaints have been received by the Animal Control Officer concerning a specific animal, the owners shall be approached on a personal basis at their place of residence. The animal owner shall be advised that the City has received a complaint(s) and an investigation is ongoing. If the complaint is found to be of a serious nature

involving the safety of residents, the Municipal Enforcement Division shall be contacted for further action.

3. Should the complaints continue:

- a. The complainant shall be informed that the owner of the animal has been contacted.
- b. The complainant shall be informed that in order to issue a written warning, the complainant must submit a written document outlining the concern.
- c. After three written/verbal notices have been issued by the animal control officer, the complaint shall be turned over to the Municipal Enforcement Division.
- d. In accordance with the *City of Mount Pearl Act 1990*, should the problem continue:
 - a) The owner of the animal may be issued a violation notice pursuant to *Sections 280.1 and 280.2*.
 - b) The owner of an animal found guilty of an offence, may be liable on summary conviction to a fine or to a period of imprisonment as specified on *Section 438*.

6.0 Approvals



Steve Kent, Chief Administrative Officer

August 7, 2018

Date