

Title: Coyote Predation

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Purpose: Greenview recognizes the need for control of coyotes and the requirement to follow the current registration of toxicants related to the control of coyotes.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **Greenview** shall refer to the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.2. **Livestock** shall refer to cattle, sheep, goats, confined poultry, or any commercially raised animal.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1. Greenview recognizes that livestock producers may require assistance in managing coyote predation to safeguard their livestock. This policy will provide guidelines for the control of coyote in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Act (APA) and the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (184/2001) and the Coyote Predation Management Program.

3. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. Council shall appoint staff that hold a valid Form 7 license, trained and authorized by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, to act as Pest Inspectors under the Agricultural Pest Act (APA) to distribute Compound 1080 in compliance with the products registration with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Canada. Identification of this appointment will be provided to staff.

4. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1. All coyote control work completed by Greenview shall be carried out in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Act (APA), the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (184/2001) and the Coyote Predation Management Program. In the event that Compound 1080 is used, Greenview prefers the use of small, buried baits as opposed to carcass baiting to minimize off-target poisoning potential.
- 4.2. Agricultural Services will make available information to prevent coyote predation and/or harassment to all Greenview residents.
- 4.3. When livestock predation by coyotes has been confirmed, the inspector may assist the livestock producer in the following ways:
 - A. Bait placement services
 - B. Snaring services

- C. Confirming use of mitigation measures
 - D. Site assessment
 - E. Shooting
 - F. Issuing a Form 8 permit and a maximum of 6 Compound 1080 tablets or neck snare devices as reasonable control methods when the inspector is satisfied that other controls and management options have been exhausted. These options could include but are not limited to close supervision of stock, proper carrion disposal, use of guardian animals, predator-proof barrier or electric fences, scare devices, or shooting.
- 4.4. A Form 8 permit must be completed and signed by the landowner prior to issuance of a registered controls. All parts of the PCP Act label for the poison must be reviewed with the producer.
- A. The inspector must emphasize the risk and potential hazards of using poison control methods such as; accidental poisoning and/or snaring of off-target species.
 - B. The livestock producer is responsible for informing neighbours when restricted devices are being used and must set out the provided warning posters that poison or snares have been set. Refer to Schedule A.
 - C. The inspector will issue Compound 1080 tablets to a maximum of 6 tablets at a time to any one livestock producer.
 - D. Unused compound 1080 must be returned within 15 days of issue.
 - E. It is the responsibility of the Form 8 license holder to properly dispose of baited carcasses as dictated by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Canada.
 - F. Control measures requiring the issuance of a Form 8 permit shall not be issued for instances of feelings of fear, nor for the use of control of coyote predation of unconfined poultry, pets, hobby animals, or for any other reason not directly associated with livestock predation.
- 4.5. The Annual Coyote Control Device Use report to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be completed annually and submitted to the Animal Health and Assurance Branch by the Manager of Agricultural Services.