

Leduc County has updated its Dog Control Bylaw to enhance the safety, health and welfare of the community, and increase the protection of both the people and properties within. The following gives a high-level description of the changes, but a full version can be read at www.leduc-county.com/bylaws.

Part 2: Dog identification

- ▶ Enforcement Services deals with a number of lost dog cases annually and strives to return them to their owners; therefore, when off the owner's property, a dog must be wearing at least one form of identification that includes the owner's current name and phone number. Forms of identification include:
 - ▶ securely fastened tags
 - ▶ collars
 - ▶ harnesses
 - ▶ a working pet microchip

Part 3: Restrictions – number of dogs

- ▶ There are now restrictions on how many dogs can be kept on a parcel of land and is as follows:
 - ▶ No more than three dogs on a parcel of land that is less than five acres in size.
 - ▶ No more than five dogs on a parcel of land that is more than five acres in size.

Part 4: Offences

- ▶ Control and noise
 - ▶ The Control and noise section of the bylaw now recognizes trained livestock dogs performing tasks to assist with livestock production.
- ▶ Hygiene
 - ▶ An owner's property shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
 - ▶ If a dog has defecated on any property other than the owner's, the owner shall remove it immediately.
 - ▶ If a female dog is in estrus (also known as "in heat"), the owner must contain or restrain the dog both on and off the owner's property.

Part 5: Aggressive dog

- ▶ The County has now improved and defined how it responds, investigates, and deems if a dog is aggressive using Dr. Ian Dunbar's Dog Aggression Scale, in efforts to enhance public safety. Refer to page 12 of the bylaw for more information and to review the scale.

Part 6: Diseases

- ▶ The County has now improved disease control measures to help reduce the spread of rabies or other communicable diseases. The owner of a dog that has is believed to have, or have been exposed to rabies or other communicable diseases, shall:
 - ▶ not permit the dog to be in any public place.
 - ▶ ensure the dog is not in contact with or in proximity to any other animal.
 - ▶ comply with any restriction or observation period imposed by the County.

Part 8: Costs, fines and penalties

- ▶ The fines and penalties section has been updated. Refer to page 11 for a breakdown of the offence and the fine associated with it.