

Alberta Junior Forest Warden Association



**Junior Forest Wardens
Responsible Pet Ownership
Policy
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Issues that prompted the development of this policy:

- Animals that have either threatened and/or bitten wardens

Purpose of the policy: The purpose of this policy is to respect the rights and safety of ALL members and non-members of Junior Forest Wardens (JFW).

1. There is no “off Leash area” at a JFW event.
2. The owner of an animal shall ensure that the animal does not bite, bark at or chase people, other animals, wildlife or automobiles.
3. The owner of an animal shall ensure that the animal does not enter or remain in public gathering areas, swimming areas, any building or especially areas that children are playing in.
4. Any person that approaches, teases, pokes or throws objects at an animal may be asked to leave the JFW event.
5. The animal must be restrained in a manner that prevents unwanted, unsanctioned, inappropriate contact between the animal and any member or non-member of Junior Forest Wardens.
6. The owner of an animal shall ensure that pet food is put away to prevent attracting wildlife.
7. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove feces and to dispose of it in a suitable manner.
8. Animals locked in vehicles that appear to be in distress will have the vehicle opened by whatever means necessary at the owner’s expense.
9. No person shall bring or keep a Vicious Animal to a JFW event or near its members.
10. An incident may be brought forward as an informal complaint by any person. In the event the complaint is from a 3rd party, event organizers will be tasked with investigating the validity. Results of any investigation will be documented and reported to event lead or to AJFWA Executive for further actions.
11. In the event of a formal complaint the following steps shall be taken:
 - a. Record information regarding the accused animal:
 - i. Name of owner
 - ii. Description of the accused
 - iii. Species/sub species/common name
 - iv. Name of the animal
 - v. Location of incident
 - vi. Name of event if applicable.
 - b. The owner of any animal that causes injury to another animal or human is required to provide proof of vaccination or statement of

health from a certified veterinarian within 5 days. This includes weekend and holidays.

- c. Complainant shall be advised that they have the right if concerned to make a complaint to Protective Services if they so wish.

12. All correspondence is to be in a trackable format. Due to the time sensitivity of the initial incident email is the preferred method.

13. The owner of an animal that does not comply with this policy may be asked by the Executive Team to leave the JFW event and/or may not bring the animal back to a future JFW event.

The City of Calgary Bylaw on Responsible Pet Ownership defines a "Vicious Animal" as one which has

- i. chased, injured or bitten any other Animal or human,*
- ii. damaged or destroyed any public or private property, or*
- iii. threatened or created the reasonable apprehension of a threat to a human, and*
- iv. which, in the opinion of a Justice, presents a threat of serious harm to other Animals or humans, or been previously determined to be a Vicious Animal.*

- (1) This policy is compiled and adapted from The City of Calgary Bylaw of Responsible Pet Ownership as well as the JFW National Camp Pet Policy. It should also be noted that the City of Calgary prohibits dogs from entering or remaining in or on areas where groups of children congregate which include: a School Ground, Playground, Sports Field, Wading or Swimming Area. 15. (1)