



**Responsible Pet Owners
Public Engagement**

What We Heard Report



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Introduction

The Town of Edson conducted a public engagement initiative to gather feedback from residents regarding proposed changes to the town's pet ownership regulations. The current Animal Control Bylaw, enacted in July 2014, has become outdated and poses challenges for enforcement by Peace Officers. The existing bylaw places responsibility on the animal rather than the pet owner, and it lacks modern, clear language.

This phase of the engagement process included an online survey accessible to the entire community. The purpose of the survey was to assess public sentiment on key issues related to pet ownership, including concerns about domesticated animals, the licensing of animals (including cats), the number of animals allowed per residence, the issuance of cat traps, funding for the pound, municipal funding for spaying or neutering animals before transferring ownership, and the regulation of non-domesticated animals such as chickens.

This report summarizes the key findings from the survey, highlighting community preferences and concerns regarding responsible pet ownership. The results will inform future decisions to ensure the updated bylaw reflects the needs of the community while facilitating effective enforcement. A significant benefit of this process is the opportunity to identify solutions that may not have been otherwise considered. Public engagement findings will be taken into consideration with the draft Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

This "What We Heard Report" includes a comprehensive summary of the survey results, an explanation of how the data informs potential recommendations, an outline of the next steps in the process, and an appendix containing all survey responses and comments.

This consultation has provided valuable insight into the concerns and preferences of the public, which will aid in shaping future policies regarding pets and animal welfare in the Town of Edson.

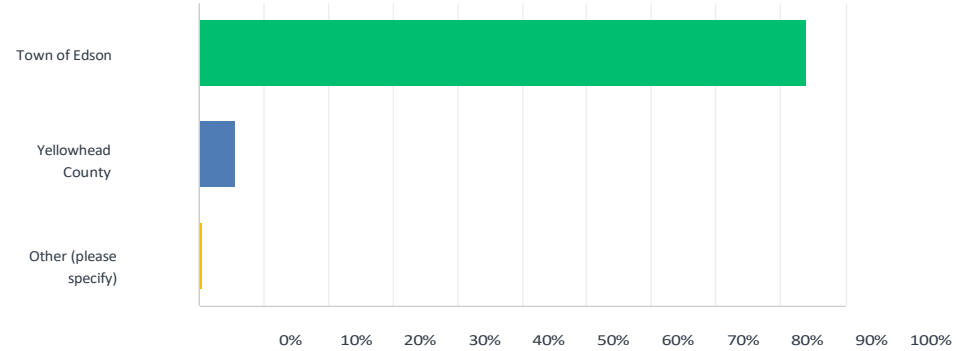
We would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey and attended the in-person consultation.



Survey Highlights

Respondents

- 267 respondents to the survey. 251 respondents self-identified as from the Town of Edson



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Town of Edson		94.01%	251
Yellowhead County		5.62%	15
Other (please specify)		0.37%	1
TOTAL			267

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	Both



Findings Summary

The survey presented different options for licensing, number of animals in a residence, registration of cats, non-domesticated animals, and cat traps.

The following common themes emerged from the analysis of the public consultation:

- Cats at Large and Property Damage:
 - 55% of respondents identified cats at large as a major problem within the town, followed by 49% concerned about cats defecating on private property.
- Excessive Dog Barking:
 - 35% of respondents reported issues with dogs excessively barking.
- Licensing Procedures:
 - 45% of respondents expressed a desire to change the current licensing procedures, while only 13% suggested eliminating licensing altogether.
- Cat Licensing:
 - 67% of respondents indicated that cats should be licensed in a manner similar to dogs, while 33% were opposed to licensing for cats.
- Limits on Pets:
 - 81% of respondents favored setting separate limits for cats and dogs, with a maximum number of pets allowed per dwelling:
 - 3 animals (combined total of cats and dogs) were the most suggested limit.
 - Some respondents advocated for a limit of 2 animals per household, while a few suggested the possibility of having more than 3 animals.

When asked about the ideal number of dogs per household:

- 38% indicated 2 dogs.
- 37% indicated 3 dogs.
- 11% indicated 4 dogs.
- 31% indicated 5 dogs.
- 11% suggested other amounts.

When asked about the ideal number of cats per household:

- 35% indicated 2 cats.
- 35% indicated 3 cats.
- 12% indicated 4 cats.
- 4% indicated 5 cats.
- 14% suggested other amounts.

- Cat Traps:
 - The opinion on whether the town should provide cat traps or allow private-owned traps was split 50/50.
 - A majority of respondents indicated that the town should remain responsible for cats that are trapped.



Next Steps

1. Present What We Heard Report to Council.
2. Compile information from survey and consultation with Council into a draft bylaw.
3. Present a final-draft bylaw for Council consideration.
4. After first and subsequent readings have passed, enact the bylaw and provide an education component on the new bylaw.



Consultation Timeline

To ensure a thorough and inclusive process, the following timeline was established for community engagement and decision-making regarding the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw:

December 10th, 2024: Council presentation with an initial consultation.

December 15th, 2024: Online survey launch asking residents on their perceptions regarding pet ownership and animal control within the community.

January 15th, 2025: Survey completed.

January 20th, 2025: Consultation information sent to Edson Animal Rescue Society (EARS) for feedback.

February 11th, 2025: What We Heard Report presentation to Council

March 4th, 2025: Return to Council Meeting for first and subsequent readings

Advertising and Social Media Promotion

To maximize community engagement in the consultation process for the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw as implemented:

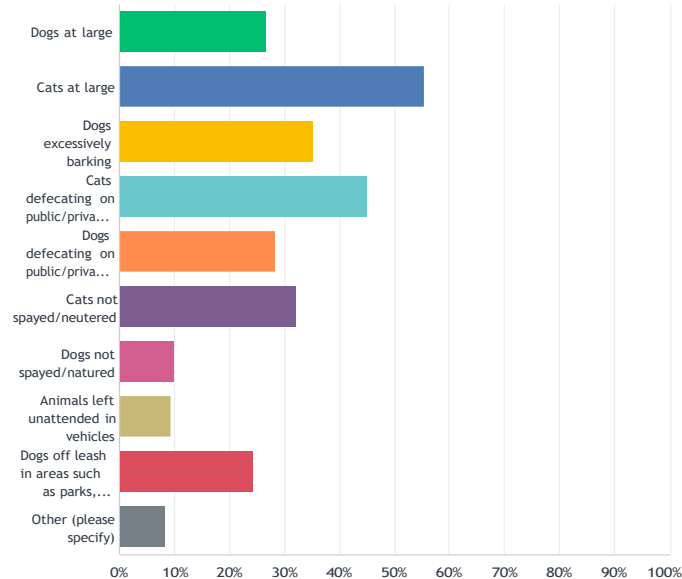
- **Social Media Campaign:** The Town used its social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, to promote the Responsible Pet Ownership Survey. Posts were strategically timed to ensure maximum exposure to the residents.



Survey Results

Question Two:

What do you perceive as the three biggest concerns regarding domesticated animals?



Analysis:

- The most frequently cited concerns involve cats roaming freely, pets not being spayed or neutered, and pet owners not managing their animals responsibly.

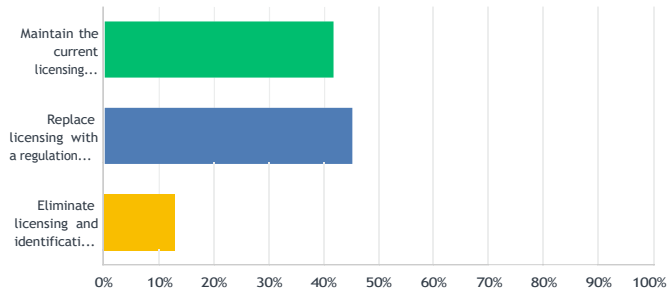
Comments Summary:

- Cats at Large is the most significant concern (55.43% - 148 responses).
- Dogs Excessively Barking (35.21% - 94 responses) and Cats Defecating on Public/Private Property (44.94% - 120 responses) are notable concerns.
- Cats Not Spayed/Neutered (32.21% - 86 responses) is another concern, while Dogs Not Spayed/Neutered (10.11% - 27 responses) is less significant.
- Dogs at Large (26.59% - 71 responses) and Dogs Defecating on Public/Private Property (28.46% - 76 responses) also generate notable issues.
- Dogs Off Leash in Public Areas (24.34% - 65 responses) is an additional issue.
- Animals Left Unattended in Vehicles (9.36% - 25 responses) is less of a concern.
- Other specified concerns were not of identified by respondents as a broad concern (8.24% - 22 responses). Additional self-identified concerns include:
 - Issues with chicken coops and chicken farming in town.
 - The euthanasia policy of healthy animals.
 - Problems with repeated offenders of wandering dogs.
 - The euthanasia policy of healthy animals and insufficient licensing for cats.
 - Complaints about pet owners not cleaning up after their animals.
 - Criticisms of local animal control policies and the treatment of surrendered/impounded animals.



Question Three:

Currently, the Town of Edson requires municipal licensing of dogs. What statement would you most support?



Analysis:

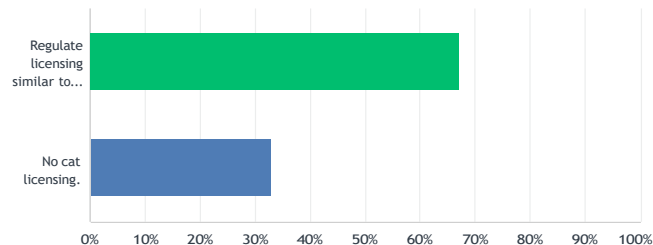
- Respondents are split on replacing current licensing with a regulation requiring identification for animals.

Comments Summary:

- Maintain current licensing requirements: 41.76% (109 responses) support keeping the existing system.
- Replace licensing with a regulation for approved identification (e.g., microchip, tattoo, or tag): 45.21% (118 responses) favor this option, which would require identification for animals off-property.
- Eliminate licensing and identification requirements altogether is not a preferred alternative - 13.03% (34 responses) are in favor of removing these requirements.

Question Four:

Currently, the Town of Edson does NOT require licensing of cats, with no licensing requirements for cats this is an enforcement challenge due to not knowing how many cats are associated with a dwelling. What statement would you most support?



Analysis:

- Most respondents favor the introduction of licensing for cats.
- The survey results on cat licensing show that a significant majority of respondents support regulating cat licensing similar to dogs, with 67.18% (174 responses) in favor of expanding pet registration to include cats.
- Meanwhile, 32.82% (85 responses) oppose the idea of cat licensing.

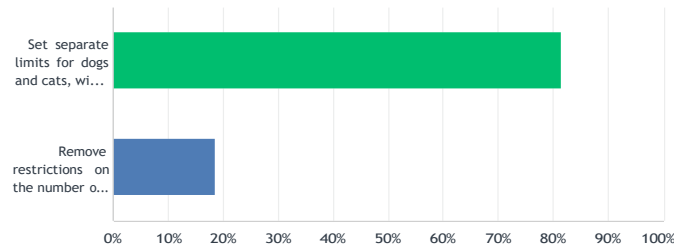
Comments Summary:

- Many respondents believe cats, especially those that spend time outdoors, should be licensed and identified through microchips or tags to help with identification and return lost cats to their owners. Some argue that indoor cats should be exempt, while others propose one-time fees for outdoor cats or higher fines for unlicensed ones. However, concerns include the challenge of enforcing licensing and tracking cats without collars, as well as objections about imposing the same requirements on indoor cats.



Question Five:

Currently, there is a limit of 3 dogs or 3 cats per household, over 6 months of age. This does not restrict commercial animal kennels or veterinary operations. What statement would you most support?



Analysis:

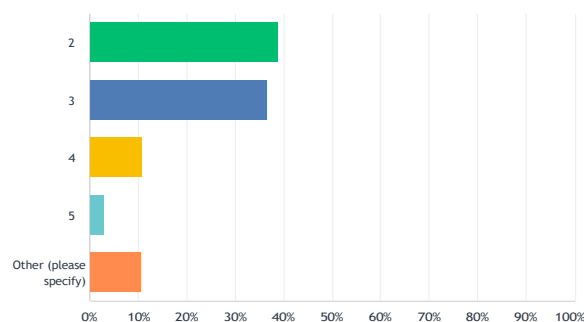
- Most respondents support maintaining or reducing the number of animals per household to prevent overcrowding and potential welfare issues
- A smaller number advocates for more flexibility based on responsible ownership or housing conditions.

Comments Summary:

- Many of the respondents (81.35%) support setting separate limits for dogs and cats with a maximum total number of animals per dwelling, while 18.65% advocate for removing animal limits altogether.
- Many respondents support limiting households to a maximum of 3 pets, with some suggesting even stricter limits or specific combinations of animals to prevent hoarding and ensure responsible care. There is concern that without limits, pet welfare could suffer, with animals being poorly cared for. However, a few believe the limit should be higher or more flexible, based on factors like house size and the owner's ability to care for the animals. Some argue that the focus should be on ensuring animals are well cared for, regardless of the number of pets in a household.

Question Six:

Currently, there is a limit of 3 dogs per household, over 6 months of age. (This does not restrict commercial animal kennels or veterinary operations.) What do you believe is a responsible number of DOGS permitted? per household in Town?



Analysis:

- Respondents are split between 2 and 3 dogs.
- Small percentage advocate for larger limit of 4 or 5 dogs

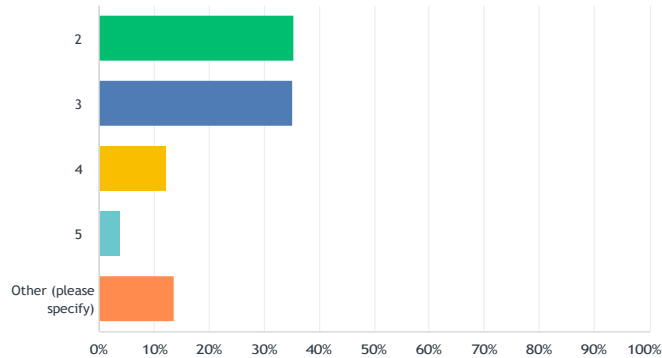
Comments Summary:

- Many of the respondents (38.87%, 103 responses) prefer a limit of 2 animals, followed by 36.60% (97 responses) supporting a limit of 3 animals, with smaller percentages advocating for limits of 4 or 5 animals, and 10.57% providing other suggestions.



Question Seven:

Currently, there is a limit of 3 cats per household, over 6 months of age. (This does not restrict commercial animal kennels or veterinary operations.) What do you believe is a responsible number of CATS permitted per household in Town?



Analysis:

- Respondents are split between 2 and 3 cats.
- Smaller percentages were in favor of 4 to 5 cats.

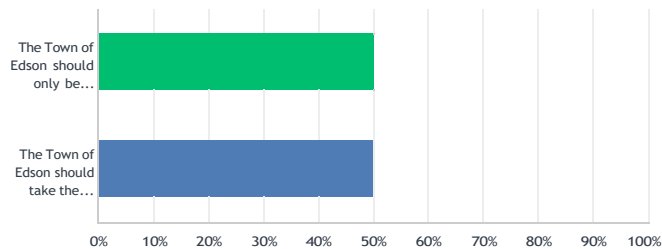
The survey results show that 35.47% support a limit of 2 animals, 35.09% prefer 3 animals, 12.08% favor 4 animals, 3.77% support 5 animals, and 13.58% provided other suggestions.

Comments Summary:

- Many Respondents concerns regarding the number of cats in households mostly emphasize limiting cats to one per household, particularly indoor-only cats, with some suggesting restrictions based on the owner's ability to care for them, the size of the property, or the presence of outdoor space. Many respondents' express concerns about cats creating messes, causing environmental damage, and spreading parasites. Some also highlight the importance of responsible ownership, including spaying/neutering and keeping cats confined to their property.

Question Eight:

Currently, the Town of Edson takes possession of cats that are caught in personal traps. What statement would you most support?



Analysis:

- Respondents were split in relation to cat traps.

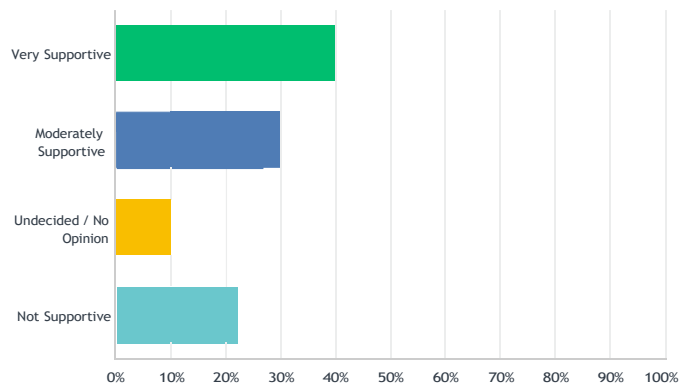


Comments Summary:

- The survey results show a nearly equal split, with 50.59% supporting the Town of Edson being responsible only for animals caught in traps issued by Enforcement Services, while 49.41% believe the town should also handle animals caught in personal traps.
- Concerns from respondents include the use of baited traps, the need for the Town to accept all trapped animals regardless of whether they are caught with personal or Town-issued traps, potential fines for trapping and dumping animals, the lack of available space at the pound for all animals, and the need for humane treatment and better management of the local cat population.

Question Nine:

How do you feel about allocating a portion of municipal funding to support animal shelters and animal welfare organizations?



Analysis:

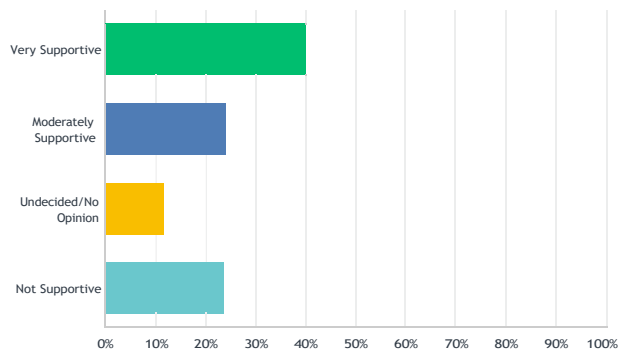
- Most respondents are supportive of municipal funding towards animal shelters and animal welfare organizations.

Comments Summary:

- The survey results show that 40% of respondents are very supportive, 26.79% moderately supportive, 10.94% undecided, and 22.26% not supportive.

Question Ten:

How do you feel about allocating a portion of municipal funding to supporting spaying/neutering unclaimed animals in the Town's care when ownership is transferred to an animal shelter or animal welfare organization?



Analysis:

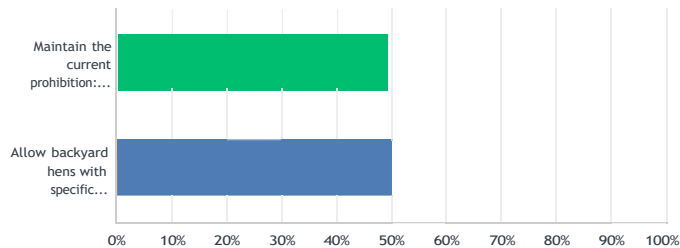
- Most respondents are in favor of the introduction of municipal funding to go towards Trap-Neuter/Spay-Release program (TNR).

Comments Summary:

The survey results indicate that 40.38% of respondents are very supportive, 24.15% moderately supportive, 11.70% are undecided, and 23.77% are not supportive.

Question Eleven:

CHICKENS – ‘Backyard Hens’ - Currently, chickens are not allowed in town unless approved by Council special resolution. What statement would you most support?



Analysis:

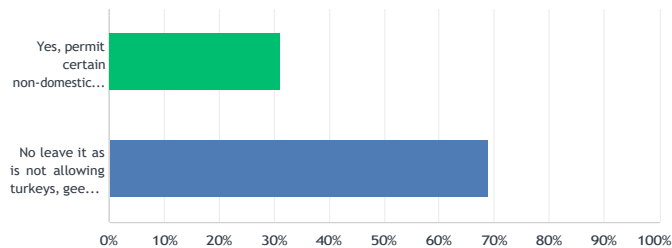
- Respondents are split in the decision for backyard chickens (Hens).

Comments Summary:

The survey results show that 49.24% of respondents support maintaining the current prohibition on chickens unless approved by Council, while 50.76% support allowing backyard hens with specific regulations and permit requirements.

Question Twelve:

Do you believe the Town should include regulations to allow additional animals, such as fowl, goats, pigs, etc?



Analysis:

- Most respondents are against allowing livestock in the community.
- The survey results indicate that 31.03% of respondents support permitting certain non-domesticated animals under strict regulations, while 68.97% prefer leaving the current restrictions in place, not allowing turkeys, geese, fowl, and other non-domesticated animals.

Comments Summary:



- Many respondents oppose allowing farm animals in town, citing concerns about attracting predators, managing pets, and enforcing regulations, with some suggesting that people interested in such animals should move to the county instead.

Question Thirteen:

In your opinion, what is the most effective method for promoting responsible pet ownership within the community?

Analysis:

- Most respondents had recommendations for improving pet ownership and addressing community issues include a focus on education, stricter enforcement, and community involvement. Efforts should be made to educate pet owners about responsibilities like licensing, spaying/neutering, and preventing roaming through campaigns, social media, and educational courses. Stronger enforcement of bylaws is crucial, with proposals for escalating fines for repeat offenders and penalties for non-compliance, particularly in licensing and spaying/neutering. Subsidized spay/neuter programs, mandatory pet licensing, and microchipping are widely supported to ensure accountability and control over the pet population. Limiting the number of pets per household and enforcing pet containment, such as banning free-roaming cats, are also recommended to maintain responsible ownership. Greater community engagement, including public reporting systems and collaboration with local organizations, would help manage issues like animal welfare and overpopulation. Finally, offering financial assistance, affordable vet services, and resources like pet containment tools would support responsible pet owners facing challenges.

Comments Summary:

- Most respondents advocate for stronger enforcement, more robust educational campaigns, and community collaboration to ensure responsible pet ownership. There is significant support for mandatory spaying/neutering, improved licensing systems, and escalating fines for repeat offenders. At the same time, there is a call for better resources and support systems to assist both pet owners and animals in need, ensuring a more harmonious relationship between pets, their owners, and the community.

Question Fourteen:

Are there any other specific aspects you would like to see addressed in the Town of Edson's Animal Control Bylaw?

Analysis:

- Most respondents favor stronger enforcement, dealing with cats and licensing issues.

Comments Summary:

- In summary, residents want stronger enforcement of existing animal control laws, particularly regarding cats, and more support for responsible pet ownership, including spay/neuter programs, better shelter resources, and more effective communication with animal control.



Appendix 1: Public Comments

Question Two:

What do you perceive as the three biggest concerns regarding domesticated animals?

Answered: 267

Dogs at large	71
Cats at large	148
Dogs excessively barking	94
Cats defecating on public/private property other than their own	120
Dogs defecating on public/private property other than their own	76
Cats not spayed/neutered	86
Dogs not spayed/natured	27
Animals left unattended in vehicles	25
Dogs off leash in areas such as parks, walking trails, public areas, etc.	65
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	chicken coups in town
2	Cats everywhere. So gross.
3	repeat offenders of wandering dogs
4	All of the above should be of major concern and importance regarding domestic animals and their ownership. Owning animals means being responsible with animals.
5	Lack of licensing for cats
6	Inadequate fencing allowing pet dogs to escape their unsupervised yards
7	There is nothing wrong with the current bylaw!!!
8	People Overly complaining
9	Chicken farming in town
10	The euthanasia policy of putting down healthy animals after only a few days.
11	CATS! CATS! CATS! need I say more they poop everywhere
12	No where to take found animals without going to pound
13	Dogs and cats spayed/neutered as well as dogs and cats at large
14	Owners not picking up their dog's poop.
15	Roads not being looked after
16	Owners not cleaning up after their pets
17	Pet owner not picking up feces along trails and dog park. Pet owners responsibility
18	Bylaw officers not do anything after multiple calls about same animal
19	The pound euthanizing animals or adopting out unfixed animals
20	The current town of edson pound care when they end up in there.
21	Dog excessively confrontational.
22	Bylaw offering animals treat. The take them to pound. When animal is on property



Question Three:

Currently, the Town of Edson requires municipal licensing of dogs. What statement would you most support?

Answered: 261 Skipped: 6

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| 1 | Registering Cats with the town |
| 2 | I would include spay and neuter of animals also. Hopefully cut down on feral animals . We live on a farm in Yellowhead County and have had so many kittens dropped off. We have always had our animals spayed and neutered. |
| 3 | Licensing does not keep animals from being on the lose or from barking so not sure what the purpose of it is. |
| 4 | Not charging extra for specific dog breeds |
| 5 | I am tired of cats running free, defacating in my yard, setting off my motion lights. |
| 6 | Should be for the current owners up to date information. If owner moves or changes phone |
| 7 | I think the required licensing requirement age should be 6 months as this is the most common age to get a puppy spayed or neuterd |
| 8 | Also adding spay/neuter requirement to own pets |
| 9 | It's annoying having your dog microchipped and then also having to register in community on top of your registered dog breed license. Lots of additional. The microchip works well |
| 10 | Fix our streets |
| 11 | Licensing fees should one time per dog and not annual. |
| 12 | I think that a microchip/ tattoo should be added to licensing regulations. |
| 13 | I strongly agree that every pet should at least be tattooed. Not only for identification reasons, It should also be a requirement when spaying/ neutering to identify an altered animal. |
| 14 | All animals should be licensed for all animals that reside within the town of edson |
| 15 | This should be changed to include information such as tattoo or microchip. A microchip is inexpensive and not age restrictive. Tags should not be legislated as collars pose a huge risk for injury. |
| 16 | Way too many owners let cats outside to roam the neighborhood. |
| 17 | I think increasing licensing costs with clear indication of how that revenue supports animal owners and animals. |
| 18 | I think a questionnaire should go out on the towns water bills at the beginning of the year indicating how many pets people have and whether they are spayed or neutered. |

Question Four:

Currently, the Town of Edson does NOT require licencing of cats, with no licensing requirements for cats this is an enforcement challenge due to not knowing how many cats are associated with a dwelling. What statement would you most support?

Answered: 259 Skipped: 8

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| 1 | If licensing, exclude indoor cats and make requirement for outdoor only. |
| 2 | Spay and Neuter |
| 3 | microchip and tagged cats only |



4	Implementing licensing on cats would help lost cats be returned to their owners, and possibly help the stray population down.
5	Licensing for cats who spend any amount of time outside
6	Cats are more of a problem for strays and encroaching on others property
7	Cats only get so large. I personally believe dogs require licenses since some breeds get so large they ought to be regulated for health & safety
8	Maybe cat traps
9	I believe Hinton requires licensing?
10	Roaming residential cats are more of an issue with them defecating in others yards
11	Cats should be licensed the same as dogs. If they go outside they should also be on a leash.
12	Dogs and cat should be treated the same
13	Also include must be spayed/neutered to own as a pet
14	But stricter fines for letting your cats roam.
15	Lower our taxes
16	I do t see how this can be done.
17	Cat's should be kept to their own property, but could see licencing being a nightmare.
18	One time fee for cats who leave their own property
19	Keep it same as dog. A tattoo or rfid allows the cat to be tracked to their home.
20	This is the most ridiculous thing, my indoor cats are of no one's business
21	Off leash cats roaming needs to stop
22	For the love of god make owners license and spay or neuter their cats
23	If dogs must be registered then so should cats
24	would help make owners more responsible
25	higher fines for unlicensed cats that end up at pound.
26	hate cats vandalizing my property. would prefer spray paint on my fence than cat crap in my garden!!!
27	If enforced, this would certainly help with irresponsible pet ownership, the stray cat population, and reuniting lost pets
28	They should have to be neutered or spayed
29	There are current animal limits in your bylaws, including cats so they need to be tracked.
30	All pet should be licensed
31	Owners if cats should have the same responsibilities as dog owners.
32	Sick of the cats be able to roam free, defecate in flower beds and fight at night. I have to pay to license my dog as well as keep leashed at all times. Cats should need to be licensed same as dogs, leashed at all times when outside and not allowed to roam. This year we had an unsprayed male spraying over everyone's doors and balconies.
33	Waste of time to require cat to be licensed. Hard enough to get people to register their dogs.

Question Five:

Currently, there is a limit of 3 dogs or 3 cats per household, over 6 months of age. This does not restrict commercial animal kennels or veterinary operations. What statement would you most support?



Answered: 252 Skipped: 15

- 1 Maximum of x3 total combined animals
- 2 The number of animals per dwelling should be reduced to 2 animals.
- 3 Reduce the limit of pets per household to two.
- 4 3 dogs or cats is to many per household.
- 5 restrict certain properties
- 6 Keeping limits in place helps control animal "hoarding" situations.
- 7 Better regulation of excessive cats and dogs
- 8 Dogs should be restricted to 2 per household.
- 9 I believe this limit ought to be raised to 4 cats or dogs, regardless of age
- 10 Maintain the 3 dogs 3 cats limit
- 11 There is nothing wrong with the current bylaws
- 12 I think it should be lower maybe 2
- 13 I am fostering cats from Ears .have this law in place, I will have to stop to help us I have already 3 on my own
- 14 no more than 3 animals total per household
- 15 leave as is. why would s resident need more than x3 pets? 1/4/2025 1:01 PM
- 16 Eho needs more than 3 pets. Lady at 4006 4th Ave has x2 cats and x2 dogs and doesn't look after any of them
- 17 Is this enforced? If so, how, especially if there's currently no cat registration?
- 18 why does this need to be changed. I see no reason for a person to need more than x3 total combined animals
- 19 The bigger concern is whether animals are being looked after rather than a set number.
- 20 1 animal per household.
- 21 nobody needs more than x3 pets
- 22 Kennels and breeders should be separate and not easily attained, strict guidelines
- 23 Fix our roads
- 24 Change limit to two for all indoor cats and dogs only
- 25 Cats are the only animals pissing and shitting in my flower beds, it was
- 26 I foster abandoned animals- this situation is temporary and changes.
- 27 These limits are not enforced
- 28 This is a difficult one to answer. Some pet owners are responsible and could handle more than 3 dogs (especially if they are small dogs) but some pet owners can't even handle 2 pets. You also don't want hoarding situations. Perhaps as long as ALL animals (cats and dogs over 6months) in the dwelling are licensed and in good health (as determined by Bylaw) then there is no limit?
- 29 Should be a max of 2 animals per house hold and that would be combined 1 cat 1 dog or 2 cats or 2 dogs 2 animals maximum
- 30 I think it depends on the size of house
- 31 Keep restrictions
- 32 Unless owners are problematic
- 33 Within the town there should be limits on animals. County is different if they have the space.



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| 34 | Nothing wrong with what is in place |
| 35 | Should be less than 3 of each per household |
| 36 | why would you need more than x3 total |
| 37 | total of x3 animals is more than enough |
| 38 | The focus should be on animal welfare. Someone with 5 cats could be the best pet owner ever, or someone with 1 dog could be the worst. I don't think restricting the number of pets really helps anything, especially if it's not enforced. Have as many pets as you want, as long as they're licenced and well cared for. |
| 39 | Three animals per household is lots! |
| 40 | As long as the pets are loved and taken care why would the goverment want to make more strays? Or is this just another cash grab? |
| 41 | In my dealings with the town, the current bylaw is interpreted differently by different employees (in speaking with 2 bylaw officers, I received 2 different responses as to how the bylaw is written). |
| 42 | 2 dogs. 2 cats no more |
| 43 | 1 dog and 1 cat per household |
| 44 | Set limit of 2 animals per household be it dogs or cats or mixture. |
| 45 | 6 animals in one household is pretty extreme. Especially when they are excessively barking or roaming. It should be a three pet limit. If they want more pets they can live on an acreage |
| 46 | Set the # to 5 total animals. |

Question Six:

Currently, there is a limit of 3 dogs per household, over 6 months of age. (This does not restrict commercial animal kennels or veterinary operations.) What do you believe is a responsible number of DOGS permitted? per household in Town?

Answered: 265 Skipped: 2

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| 1 | 2 animals total, per household (cats and dogs combined) |
| 2 | Two animals in total per household, cats and dogs combined. |
| 3 | As many as owner can maintain health and care for . Government needs to be booted out of our properties. |
| 4 | However many can be reasonably taken care of by the owner and no neighbor complaints |
| 5 | 1 |
| 6 | X3 total combined |
| 7 | It depends on if they can take care of them just because I want 12 dogs does that mean I can afford to take care of them |
| 8 | As long as the owner is caring for their animals, they should be able to own as many as they want. Over 3 they should have to provide yearly vet checks and 1yearly home welfare random appointment only check |
| 9 | total max of x3 cats and dogs |
| 10 | Here again, 1 per household. |
| 11 | Should be owners descretion, many people try to save animals from being homeless |
| 12 | You could have 100 dogs, owners need to be responsible |
| 13 | It depends whether you are in town limits, I think 2 in town and 4 on acreage |
| 14 | Additional dogs if you have them registered as show dogs and actively show them. Or they are retired elderly and you have additional show dogs. |
| 15 | Fix our streets |



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17	I think it should be adjusted to take in account for fosters.
18	Depends on the size, the property and the commitment of the animal owners. One dog is too many if it is barking, disturbing the neighbours or scaring people
19	I think it depends on the setting
20	Depends on how responsible owner is
21	One
22	Don't care
23	It depends, people who treat their dogs like their kids show care above normal pet owners. For them to have 3 or 4 is fine as they are responsible owners.
24	Whatever as long as there cared for and fed and vet care.
25	It would depend on the size of the dog and the dwelling.
26	As many as can be taken care of to keep them out of kill shelter and giving them a home
27	A lot of people are having trouble looking after one. Outside barking mist if the time.
28	Depends on property and house size

Question Seven:

Currently, there is a limit of 3 cats per household, over 6 months of age. (This does not restrict commercial animal kennels or veterinary operations.) What do you believe is a responsible number of CATS permitted per household in Town?

Answered: 265 Skipped: 2

1	2 animals total (cats and dogs combined) per household
2	Two animals in total per household, cats and dogs combined.
3	It should be depending on indoor or outdoor cats
4	Cats that are healthy not leaving yard and fixed should be only concern. The politicians need to but out of people's property.
5	As many as the owner can take care of responsibly
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	1 cat. Cats are dirty and bring in parasites
10	1
11	1 Cats make a way bigger mess than the dogs!! they kill the birds, wreck the flower beds and spray and defecate anywhere
12	0. most aren't responsible enough for cats.
13	X3 total combined cats and dogs
14	As long as the cats are looked after, and are indoor cats only.
15	If you can only take care of 1 then why should you have 2 or 3, but someone else can so why should the person that can take care of 2
16	Same answer as 6 and they must be fixed unless specified as a breeding animal and licences accordingly



17	total maximum of x3 cats/dogs combined
18	Again 1 per household.
19	combined total of x3
20	Owners discretion, I would rather see someone have 5 or 6 cats then them throw them away because of a bylaw
21	Owners discretion
22	Again, do you live in town, are the cats allowed to crap in other peoples yards, if you don't have a catio and you live in town it should be zero, I have 4 cats but I live on 44 acres and only one goes outside to hunt
23	Fix our steets
24	1
25	I foster which takes load off of EARS and the pound.
26	It depends on the setting
27	Depends on how responsible owner is
28	One
29	Don't care
30	Same take care n keep them in house be best
31	1 cat per household. Cats need to stay in their own yard, and leashed if put outside.
32	Same as my last answer
33	3 is a good number, however with no licensing system, there is no tracking and no way to know for sure whether or not people are following your bylaws
34	1 cat per household. I have had 4 cats running around my neighbourhood
35	1
36	1

Question Eight:

Currently, the Town of Edson takes possession of cats that are caught in personal traps. What statement would you most support?

Answered: 253 Skipped: 14

1	Baited traps are unacceptable
2	take all animals with fees to collect from pound
3	If the animal has a tag with the owners identification and contact info, a grace for the fee should be allowed as sometimes animalals do escape, as long as its not repetitive.
4	The town should be responsible for all animals caught in traps, both town issued or personal.
5	This question is poorly worded and hard to understand. The Town should be responsible for all trapped animals creating a nuisance, both personal and Town issued.
6	assist property owners in managing cat problems/populations
7	Personal traps should be confiscated and owners fined.
8	I was recently told by the pound that they will not accept cats from privately owned traps. That they can't accommodate the number of animals that would result from that.
9	People caught trapping & dumping cats should face a fine of \$200+



10	Current Bylaw is fine
11	town should be responsible for all cats caught whether using there traps or the personal traps. obviously if people are brining in cats then the Town By Law are dropping the ball and missing some
12	Consider stricter fines/consequences for repeat offenders
13	will residents be given an alternate place to take cats? or should we drive them to the county and let them go there somewhere?
14	Can I dump cats in the country if not allowed to bring to town
15	Cats should not be at large in the first place
16	To stop the practice of people trapping animals and then dumping them in the country to suffer, I believe that the Town should accept all animals.
17	guaranteed that if I try to take a cat I caught on my own to the pound and am turned away. That cat will not make it back to where I picked it up from.
18	The size of the facility should be bigger to house The number of cats that are in the town of Edson. Sadly, a lot of these cats are not feral. I happen to live by a neighbour who Allows his female cat to get pregnant repeatedly. He allows His cats to defaecate and urinate in everyone else's yards. At one time he had 16 cats now has about eight. Glenwood is Fed up.
19	where would a person take them if they can't take to the pound? they'll end up dumped on acreages out of town
20	I hate to see a healthy animal put down but there needs to be a set amount of time in the pond. If sn animsl is not claimed or adopted after a a month it should be euthanized.
21	In addition the Town should also have traps for those persons who do not have access to personal traps
22	Need to control the cats roaming and there should be a mandatory spay/neuter to own a cat or dog so we can get control of the number of animals not being cared for 3 of my cats are ones that were dumped on my property and now lm on the hook for spaying
23	Unsure
24	Fix our streets
25	Regardless of private or public traps- custody of the animal should be humane.
26	Torn on this issue
27	Trapping sounds inhumane.
28	Town does lend traps, so people bought their own to try to get rid of over population. Start euthanizing
29	As cats are difficult for bylaw officers to catch, we need a way to deal with problem cats.
30	I would be concerned what would happen to these animals if town didn't take responsibility for them
31	Personal traps can be useful, especially when dealing with bothersome neighborhood cats.
32	Their should be no one time free. All roaming pets turned in should require a penalty to be paid.
33	The owners need larger penalties to get them to keep cats on leach or indoors
34	Just leads to more animals being dropped off in the county if the Town doesn't take responsibility.
35	Personal traps should not be allowed. There is no regulation or safety requirement on personal traps that could be harmful to animals
36	This way people can't just dump or kill the animals
37	will there be an alternate facility we could take them to then?



38	where would we take them if caught in our own trap or just picked up on our property? I've caught cats on my deck without a trap and taken them to the pound. Where would I take them?
39	Town needs to take ALL cats caught or people will dump out of town. (or worse)
40	Yes, but currently when animal control can't help, it falls to the people, and people can be cruel. The capacity that animal control operates at needs to increase if this is to be the case.
41	Trapping and euthanasia needs to happen to get the cat population under control.
42	Maybe add a tax that is optional to resident to support animal care
43	When did traps become available through the town again? Again, many conversations with public works, residents have been advised that town owned traps are not available. A better system needs to be found as the town receives money from the county but provides zero services when it comes to county cats. This leaves a lot of animals suffering and killed inhumanely.
44	No trapping
45	This question doesn't make sense when I was told by animal control last summer that the officers were not allowed to use traps for cats.
46	Personal traps with animals being abandoned in country side should be punished
47	Sometimes there are no traps available at the pound. By having private traps this guarantees if there is a roaming cat/nuisance it can be trapped and brought to bylaw.

Question Nine:

How do you feel about allocating a portion of municipal funding to support animal shelters and animal welfare organizations?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Supportive	40.00%	106
Moderately Supportive	26.79%	71
Undecided / No Opinion	10.94%	29
Not Supportive	22.26%	59
TOTAL		265



Question Ten:

How to you feel about allocating a portion of municipal funding to supporting spaying/neutering unclaimed animals in the Town's care when ownership is transferred to an animal shelter or animal welfare organization?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Supportive	40.38%	107
Moderately Supportive	24.15%	64
Undecided/No Opinion	11.70%	31
Not Supportive	23.77%	63

Question Eleven:

CHICKENS – 'Backyard Hens' - Currently, chickens are not allowed in town unless approved by Council special resolution. What statement would you most support?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintain the current prohibition: No chickens allowed unless approved by Council special resolution.	49.24%	130
Allow backyard hens with specific regulations, requiring owners to apply for a permit and meet defined conditions.	50.76%	134
TOTAL		264



Question Twelve:

Do you believe the Town should include regulations to allow additional animals, such as fowl, goats, pigs, etc?

Answered: 261 Skipped: 6

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| 1 | no |
| 2 | control the cats first |
| 3 | I have a sincere concern about attracting predators into the town. |
| 4 | Allowing chickens, etc. will increase the number of predators in town such as coyotes, cougars and bears. |
| 5 | If y out want these things move to the county. |
| 6 | We already have issues why would you consider adding to that |
| 7 | Chickens are manageable size, geese at large can chase small children |
| 8 | Could be dependent on size of lot. Some properties in town are averages. |
| 9 | Add chickens , but not the rest |
| 10 | People that live in town should not have farm animals. |
| 11 | Current bylaw is fine!! |
| 12 | Dogs and their prey drive will kill chickens and fowl, plenty of dogs jump fences |
| 13 | nest thing we will have more coyotes and foxes in town. Do not need that. buy a farm or acerage if you want chickens, turkeys, geese etc. |
| 14 | additional bylaw enforcement will be required and I don't want taxes to increase to acomodate this |
| 15 | More bylaw will be needed as bylaw can't control cats and barking dogs as it is. Never mind allowing chickens. I hate that cats vandalize my property regularly by defacating. |
| 16 | town can't control cats, how would they control turkeys |
| 17 | Having enough problems re the dog and cat situation. Do not need more problems. |
| 18 | Why allow more animals when people can't control the ones they have. Work on enforcement of cats and get that under control before allowing more |
| 19 | I support chickens under strict guidelines. Not pigs and goats! |
| 20 | No roosters 4 chickens max, must have approval from all nabouring properties |
| 21 | No as you can see that the people are not looking after dogs and cats if they want a farm they need to buy acreage like the rest of us |
| 22 | I don't want to live next door to someone butchering their sweet animals! Disgusting! |
| 23 | No farm animals should be permitted in town. |
| 24 | Fix our streets |
| 25 | It is people that are the problem not the animals. A responsible pet owner of any kind of animal is fine as long as you are bro g a good neighbour and the animal is properly cared for |
| 26 | If you want horses, hobby farm animals, chickens, etc, move to the County... |
| 27 | Start with Chickens, then go from there on one by one bases. few yards in town are large enough to handle animals properly. |
| 28 | Live in the country if you want non-domesticated animals |



29	Ummm...why would we think this is a good idea? People can't manage their cats.
30	How would rules be enforced? would more staff be needed to accommodate? why would these rules be followed when others aren't?
31	nothing besides cats and dogs until the town can get the cats under control. If my kids weren't capable of taking care of their pets, it would be stupid of me to allow them more animals.
32	I have no problem with backyard chickens, etc. but there needs to be legislation that ensures proper containment. Chickens, ducks, etc. are easy targets for animals such as foxes and coyotes. We don't need to give wild animals easy access to feed as it becomes a bigger problem.
33	Allowing more animals in town will only cause more problems. Owners do not abide by rules.
34	2 per house hold
35	If people want chickens, etc they can live in the county. It's bad enough with barking dogs right now.

Question Thirteen:

In your opinion, what is the most effective method for promoting responsible pet ownership within the community?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 69

1	Education and encouragement. Less government overreach and spending of our tax dollars.
2	Education and enforcement (fines)
3	Regulations need to be followed and enforced
4	Not punishing those that are being responsible and being proactive with what is going on in the neighborhoods. Dogs bark and cats can wander I think we need to be a bit more understanding rather than trying to enforce and regulate every scenario.
5	Doing a check on owners before allowing pets
6	More fines given out to irresponsible pet owners
7	I don't think Edson has enough of an animal problem for the Town to even be concerned about this
8	Licensing and fines
9	Facebook posts
10	Refer to question 3 and 4
11	Licensing
12	Register them with the town, trapping and fining owners if an animal is a repeat offender.
13	Fine cat owners who let their cats run loose. Also fine owners for not having their cats spayed/nuetered
14	Enforcement of licensing by-laws with fines and public education.
15	Licensing, fines, enforcement of bylaws and public education.
16	Teach children about responsibility of pet owners
17	Courses and comprehensive regulations
18	Require animals either be chipped or tagged with owner information and make cats indoor only



19	Every animal should have to be licensed, this will help find out how many animals are in the town, and in each household. Also the funds from license fees should follow pet endeavors by the town. Whether off leash parks, more enforcement, or just general information provided to the town.
20	Fine proven pet owners who are not responsibly caring for their pets including neuter/spay of said pets and not allowing said pets to roam loose all over town.
21	Education and promotion of fundraising
22	If bylaw officers enforced the laws.. if someone calls about a dangerous dog or excessive barking, it would be great if they actually dealt with the issue instead of telling people to deal with it. Also, there should be fines for not meeting requirements after one warning. Also, a discount for spaying and neuturing cats to help with overpopulation
23	Fines. Maybe if people had to pay for their dog/cat pooping in other people's yards they might not let it happen as often.
24	Education is first and foremost. Most people don't know dogs need to be licensed with the town so advertise that, engage with the residents more about their ownership of animals. Implement fines when necessary. When cats are found POST them! Sometimes they aren't strays they are actually just lost! The more you engage with the residents the better the outcomes will be.
25	Finding a way for people to own less cats
26	Fines
27	Keep up what you are doing however enforce the amount of animals owned a little more strictly with having the vets/pounds tracking how many animals are registered to each home.
28	Tattoo or some id to identify owners so they have to answer to issues about their pets. Some never come forward and the pet is left homeless
29	Mandatory spay/neuter for dogs when being licensed. Increased fines for recovery of dogs in the pound.
30	VERY high fines even for 1st time offenders. I am a responsible pet owner and I knew when I got my first pet what my responsibilities were. Time to clean up the problem!!!!
31	Fines for owners/households that do not take responsibility for their pets and the town has costs incurred due to that negligence. If their pet is trapped , owners should have to spay/neuter before pet being returned to them if not already done so.
32	Fine the owner, that does not pick up after there dogs, and cats needs to be on leash
33	Heavy fines for mistreated animals. Jail time for abuse of animals and more resources like pet food banks because the ridiculous cost of living hurts good pet owners. I would star e before my dog did.
34	Education and enforcement actual tickets instead of warnings
35	Education & open communication with veterinarian services. Vets need support for their dedication
36	Education.
37	A reduction in the cost of pet licensing.
38	Licensing, limit numbers and enforce bylaw picking up after pets and noise.
39	The Bylaw office does not have enough people to meet demands. Eliminate the need for the complaining resident need to go to court over fines issued. This should be on the Town. Not residents.
40	"Responsible" is a pretty broad term. I would like to see a monthly? spay and neuter clinic, with a reduced rate. The cost of neutering is prohibitive, and you can say, if you can't afford neutering then you shouldn't have a pet, but \$3-400 is a lot to ask. It is difficult to promote responsibility, that comes from within, like letting your dog poop on people's lawn without cleaning up, you would think everyone should know thats wrong but it happens, a lot.



41	Keep animals restrained off there property. Not allowing pets to roam freely. Clean-up after your pets while walking them.
42	Higher fees for pet owners- have pet owners pay for a permit to use off leash park to help pay for maintenance
43	All animals should be tagged
44	Fines for pet owners
45	spay and neuter! keep animals in fence or home there are too many animals running around town
46	To report owners that neglect or abuse animals to rcmp to have on their file.
47	Bylaws and following through on rules and regulations.
48	People shouldn't have more than 2 pets if they don't have the means to take care of them. They need to be licensed, fixed , microchiped
49	How about be a good pet owner and not be lazy with your life
50	It's not the councils JOB to be involved!!
51	Licensing and education
52	Fines
53	Let the community handle the animals we see being abused and left outside in kennels
54	N/a
55	Licensing, Spaying requirements on cats, fines if warned more than twice and not little ones like, 150.00 and maybe they will learn.
56	educate residents on cat fencing that can be put in or catios. this would help prevent cats from vandalizing residents property
57	Make cat owners aware of how much their pets are HATED by others
58	Mind your own business
59	Well it's not threatening them and giving tickets to already financially strapped people over and over
60	License for both cats and dogs with name and address and chipped and on leash at all times
61	Social media
62	Licensing and regulatory vet checks to ensure the health and welfare of the animals
63	Licensing is a cost I'm sure people don't want to spend, so I'm confident there are several unregistered animals. Tracking with microchips or tattoos seems like a better idea.
64	Making owners take accountability for their pets, both on and off their property
65	Licensing animals and fining owners of animals that are caught at large multiple times
66	Information and enforcement.
67	Fines
68	Spay and neuter is a must and prohibit the sale of selling litters for \$\$\$\$. If caught, you will be fined
69	awareness of how much people HATE cats vandalizing their property.
70	If you have any pet have it taged and registered.



71	We need to make town pet owners held more accountable for their animals running at large recking peoples private property. We would do this by fining them and enforcing the fine payment. Once 1st offence has been done, if animal is caught on video of offended land owner again the fine goes up and if third offence owner pays neighbor for damages or cleanup of persons property.
72	Owners must follow the bylaws, if they do not then bylaw officers must enforce same.
73	more fines, public awareness of the fact that they vandalize peoples property.
74	Fines
75	Public shaming. It is awful but effective. Seriously though education is the best bet
76	Bigger fines Remove animals from residence that do not follow town animal guidelines
77	Bylaw enforcement, education
78	That's a hard dont know
79	I feel the biggest issue is cats roaming around constantly. If any pet is allowed outside it should need to be wearing a collar and tag so owners are responsible for any issues with pet
80	With every application to register a pet there should be an online responsible pet owner orientation or class that is required. Nothing major just go over the town rules go over the penalties for breaking the rules. What is an acceptable dog run, chicken coop. What's not. What breed of dog or what dog requires a muzzle when off property
81	I think it is hard to promote responsible pet ownership. I'm sure that licensing helps. Maybe raising awareness of people who are willing to help like dog trainers. I also think that dogs should be on a leash even ones the owner feels is friendly.
82	Unsure
83	Information sharing with other groups such as EARS,
84	Lowering cost of speeding and neutering of animals would help a lot of families and to maintain a low number of animals running for your cats having kittens or dogs having unwanted puppies
85	In order to own any pet you must have to have it spayed or neutered before its first heat cycle, if you are caught selling puppies or giving away kittens, you should be fined, if your cat or dog is picked up and there is no proof of spay or neuter on your license, then it gets spayed or neutered and not returned until you pay the bill! Also, the vets need to get their spay and neuter fees under control so we can afford it The newest cat that was dropped off at our farm is going to cost me \$400 to spay her, I don't know how I am going to afford it with the cost of everything else
86	Fine romaing cats and dogs. Some people let their pets freely do this. Provide low spay and neuter clinics. Please do not allow fowl, pigs etc to be raised in town. That goes against everything you're striving for responsible pet ownership.
87	Education, education, fines, fines, fines, etc.
88	Options for low income neuter spay programs to prevent over populations.
89	Fixing our streets
90	a spay/neuter program would help
91	Fines
92	I would like to see active enforcement of at least the existing bylaws. In lieu of fines could we explore a mandatory responsible pet ownership course? I don't want to see animals in the pound unable to be taken home due to finacial barriers. Could we also ask those who cannot pay fines to pick up dog poop in the parks (eg. 1 hour = \$100 towards a fine)?
93	N/A



94	If caught not cleaning up after the animal goes to bathroom on trails and sidewalk they will be fined. Also, after one warning for noise complaint the owner gets a fine. The town needs to put the doggie disposal containers back on the sides of all garbage cans. The large cans are often frozen shut so the pet owners now leave the dirty bags on the ground!
95	Penalties for those who are not responsible
96	Keep animals contained in ones yard especially cats
97	My interest is felines- they reproduce too successfully. People need help getting them properly fixed and with time, hopefully the problem will resolve itself.
98	More clarity and promotions from the Town about the rules/regulations that apply to pet owners.
99	Fines
100	Be strict with animal welfare and make it a rule that no cats/ dogs can just be let out to roam the streets.
101	Heavier fines for dog owners who don't heed warnings. In order for them to be fined it takes too many warnings. After one warning peace officers should be granted power to administer fines in progressive stages to a maximum fine that is large enough that maybe they will take their unruly dogs seriously. I believe some owners don't take warnings seriously and the problem persists until something bad happens like a dog bite.
102	Education and enforcing bylaws
103	Pet licensing, identification, and pickup after pets ,
104	No easy solution as people who truly care about their pets will be responsible, start finding people and larger amount of fines. For repeat offenders, people not picking up after their pets.
105	Bylaw needs to take proper action with complaints. Owners need to be held accountable for their actions. "Warnings" should no longer be a thing, just a fine. Increasing every time. Cats in town need to be kept indoors and the owners should be fined for their cats shitting everywhere.
106	Licensing
107	Require all cats to be spayed or neutered and show proof. Town could require proof before license permitted.
108	Require spay and neuter however also support by establishing rebates so it is cost effective for pet owners.
109	I think having to have your pet identified as to who they belong to so the repeat offenders can be fined accordingly
110	Make peace officers loose their I am the law and wanna be cop attitudes
111	Social media announcements several times per year. Maybe education booths set up at community events.
112	Adequate bylaws that are actually enforceable.
113	Have responsibility on owners. Step in if they aren't responsible to take care of their animals.
114	Accountability with fines or removing pet if not following rules
115	Low cost spay and neuter options Required licensing for cats Laws about roaming cats and cats at large same as unleashed dogs
116	Online presence (Facebook), if bylaw changes say to require cats to be registered communications could use targeted ads on Facebook to get the word out?
117	Pets need to be permitted and people should not be able to have them if they live in apartments or anywhere else that has no yard or to small of a yard it is not fair to the animals
118	Both cats and dogs should not be able to roam. Cats should be kept indoors or confined to personal property.
119	No idea



120	I believe most owners try their best to be responsible but often are faced with financial and/ or environmental barriers. Ensuring that all pet owners have access to affordable vet care such as spay/ neuter clinics potentially through town partnership with local vets and EARS. As well as appropriate support for active dogs such as a tax break for building fences on personal owned lots in town could and/ or dog parks better suited for needs ie fully enclosed (the one by RCMP station dogs can get out of) and a park that offers shade (the one by the skatepark in the summer is so hot for dogs). It would be nice to have a fully fenced dog park with walking paths as well as big/ small dog area (or smaller section for dogs who are easily overwhelmed) similar to other towns like Hinton. I think it would also promote more responsible pet ownership if there was access to dog agility equipment similar to stony plain's dog park.
121	Larger fines for repeat offenders who do not take responsibility of the wandering animals. Surrender animals to the town if an animal is a repeat offender. Responsible pet owners should not have to jump through all these hoops because of irresponsible pet owners.
122	registration fees and following through with enforcement.
123	Have licensing in place and properly enforce them. Possibly have an animal control officer in place opposed to a bylaw officer.
124	Rules
125	Registration of pets in household, having to have pets fixed within a certain time frame, fines being handed out for animals at large
126	Licensing and fines
127	Harsher penalties/tickets
128	More signs in the trails system about dogs being on leashes! It is out of control the amount of people who think it's OK to let their dogs off lease in the trails!
129	Stricter penalties for not complying
130	Education
131	No opinion
132	Public campaigns and fines for non-responsible owners
133	By having Bi-law strictly enforce any and all severe breeches
134	Spay and neuter, and licensing for dogs. Tickets for at large dogs a d uncontrolled barking
135	Educating repeat offenders
136	Education and Enforcement of the regulations.
137	Education and enforcement, enforcement, enforcement
138	For those that aren't responsible pet owners there is probably no method
139	Fines for improper treatment. Having bylaw actually do something when they get calls instead of saying "there's nothing we can do"
140	Enforcing the bylaws
141	Patrol the trails
142	Maybe a yearly low cost spay neuter clinic
143	I am not sure , for the most part , I find owners of pets very responsible in our community.
144	Post more information on billboards and public spaces about what happens if an unclaimed animal makes it to the shelter
145	Rewarding those who spay and neuter their animals with no license fee and fine those who don't follow regulations.
146	Most effective is fines for poor pet ownership and then removal of pets.
147	Spay and neuter mandatory for both cats and dogs



148	If there are the same known cats/dogs continually roaming maybe start issuing fines and/or taking them away from those owners.
149	Have a warning system For escaped animals barking in excess should have same warning system dogs will bark like people will express themselves gotta allow a little
150	Education
151	Unsure
152	Education and consequences
153	Way larger fines for animals at large- animals caught by town that are not licensed has double the fine plus licensing fees
154	I do not think dogs/dog licenses are the issue. I think the amount of cats roaming around are an issue and unfair to the cats too. I think making cat licenses be required, but if they spay the cat then the fee can be waved or discounted to be control by the vet (asking for proof of license.)
155	Educate and subsidize
156	EARS is good start and could broaden out in different areas.
157	Enforcement
158	not sure
159	licensing, fines, making it easy for residents to take animals they find to the pound.
160	Strict bylaws with fines for non-compliance
161	Educating pet owners.
162	Fines, awareness about what a nuisance they are, licensing
163	This is a very complicated and multi faceted problem that will take much collaboration with the town, residents, and animal welfare organizations. This survey is a great first step in opening the conversation. I'd love to see more open and honest communication from the town about these issues, and bringing in animal welfare experts to help form effective and lasting solutions for Edson.
164	Not sure the answer. People just need to pull their head out of their ass when they decide to take on a pet and be responsible.
165	To be pro active ask communities to fill out answers n complaints. There always be people hating things but I really don't care about them . To many make a world do nothing. Let people live but not wild . Lol
166	Be a responsible pet owner and control your animal at all times and follow provincial and municipal regulations.
167	No comment
168	Keep the government out of it unless there is animal abuse this townshouldnt have a say in it.we all pay are taxes that go to nothing.
169	It actually being enforced and with consequences
170	Cats and dogs should be spayed neutered and tattooed
171	Education
172	Partner with vets and rescues. Provide incentives to spay and neuter pets and promote local facilities when they offer this programming (ie. sangudo vet offers a neuter special one month a year which should be heavily promoted by local animal groups, including the towns and counties). It would also be really nice to see the towns and surrounding counties on the same page. The county doesn't require pet registration but our animals end up in the town pound. It would be really nice to see people work together instead of so much division. Pets adopted from the pound should be spayed or neutered before being adopted out. By not doing that and allowing just about anyone to take a dog or cat home from the pound, it's allowing the irresponsible cycle to continue.



173	Education, and consequences. More education is needed in the community to promote responsible ownership but also there should not be times where dogs are taken to the pound 3+ times and wasting community resources on the repeat offenders. Stronger consequences for repeat offenders and mandatory spay / neuter of repeat offenders should be considered
174	Fines
175	Education
176	There is no real answer for this. If some one has multiple offenses they should not be able to keep getting animals.
177	All pets to be registered by license or tattoos. Officers to be more deligent in picking up dogs and cats and only allowing 1 dog and 1 cat per household. Right now neighborhoods are overrun with animals.
178	Sponsor obedience training for dog owners. Too many dogs are poorly trained. Too many dogs languish in yards and are rarely if ever walked. People need to take responsibility for their pets.
179	Positive education through the town. Volunteer town reps specifically to educate people on pet ownership. Enhanced support to school programs that positively reinforce community pride.
180	Find a way to help animals that are being abused. Make it easier for public to report problematic dogs. Families should not have to be afraid of their kids being attacked by possibly violent dogs. Especially ones that ofte get out of their yard and bark at you from two yards away for just being in your back yard.
181	Start charging for all pets for licensing. Fines after two warnings and if unsplayed cats then make the owners pay them . No more than 2 pets per household. Cats need to be leashed at all times same as dogs
182	Have training for animals easier. Get spayed and neutral cheaper.
183	License
184	Community Engagement and Support from the Municipality via spay and neuter, help EARs and other organizations
185	Supporting the groups that foster and provide for animals. Promoting spay and neuter incentives.
186	A bylaw that states cats can not free roam, ever and will be charged larger fines.
187	Fining those that aren't responsible pet owners. Any pet owner can have an oops and their pet get out but often you see the same people looking for their pets regularly.
188	Have a line to call when their are those issues even just small ones
189	I don't know if you can honestly control people. Not sure the right answer. If people who have pets i hope love them and care for them. Pets can be like children and don't listen at times so sometimes a little grace is needed too. Dogs bark, but sometime for a reason. All day then owner should be talked to about that.
190	Mandatory spaying and neutering. Mandatory licensing. No animals adopted without the adoptee paying for spaying and neutering.
191	Stricter enforcement of violations, stiffer fines or animal removal if so many violations and nothing is done to improve from previous violations.
192	Outlaw rescue organizations.
193	Give tickets out
194	Unsure
195	Pick up the strays. To many people think it's their right to allow thier pets to wander.
196	Fines
197	Fines
198	Fines



Question Thirteen:

Are there any other specific aspects you would like to see addressed in the Town of Edson's Animal Control Bylaw?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 116

1	No
2	Biggest issues I've seen currently and in the past is dogs defecating everywhere and owners not dealing with it.
3	Have bylaw officers available on the weekends when there is a problem or a lost pet. It's not fair that it becomes the residents responsibility until Monday at 9am.
4	Make sure bylaws are followed
5	N0
6	No
7	Cats
8	deal with cats that vandalize my property
9	Better enforcement and excluding cats
10	Licensing for cats and more enforcement
11	Cats running at large, digging and defecating in gardens and flower bed as well as fighting, yowling and whining at night (in heat). We have seen moose, deer and skunks in our neighbourhood and don't need cats running at large in our yard.
12	It is time to start licensing cats and fining cat owners who let their cats run loose. I have a fenced yard and have never had a problem with dogs getting into the yard and causing damage or defecating in my gardens, but cats are a constant problem. Some households on our street have more than the three animals currently permitted and make no effort to look after their pets. Cats should be required to be on a leash just as dogs are when at large.
13	They seem to be doing a great job. Love their face Book page
14	More easy to access off leash areas
15	Bylaw being more accessible on off hours
16	Off leash animals on trails and parks. It seems like the same owners are always the ones miss treating these safe places. Kids are on bikes, playing, as well as seniors and people enjoying the outdoors. They should feel safe
17	Maintain regulation of no chickens, hens, goats, pigs etc in town limits. If people want these, they should purchase land outside of town limits and raise them there.
18	Just want the current laws to be enforced.
19	Address repeat offenders for dogs that are constantly on the streets. If someone has surrendered an animal or "ditched" an animal in the bush how are they allowed to own another one? Maybe they should be implementing the dog licensing more so those things can be kept track of.
20	Allowing people to have chickens in their back yard. Put on a limit and say no roosters
21	Spaying and neutering of stray cats
22	I feel regulating the amount of animals owned in each home to more acceptable levels is very important.
23	Dogs should only be permitted in homes with enclosed yards.
24	More enforcement of new stricter bylaws. Responsible pet owners should not be paying the price.



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| 25 | Animal control that actually answers phones. Post daily intake on web site through town so people can find their animal. We had a friend this Summer that someone broke into their house. Dog ran away. A bunch of us tried to get some answer for 3 terrible days for our friend. All that time dog was in pound. It had tag with number and address but they did nothing. |
| 26 | Fines increase per offence and increase licence costs to offset the cost of officer enforcement |
| 27 | Mandatory tattooing of cats/dogs. Perhaps the funds for a TNR program |
| 28 | Plant trees at the dog park |
| 29 | Having residents responsible for obtaining traps and having to bring them to the pound is ridiculous. That is what I was told when I called Bylaw. Our high taxes should include this service. The town needs to hire additional bylaw for animal control if you cannot keep up with demands from residents, and include purchasing enough cat traps that are part of the department. |
| 30 | Cats!!!! They run amok, they spray, they poop, they wreck flower beds, and people just continue allowing it, owners that it. I am not sure how the Town can police that, it is just a huge annoyance for a non-cat owner |
| 31 | Not allowing cats to roam freely |
| 32 | Way higher fines for off leash animals |
| 33 | Nope |
| 34 | To give rescue societies a space to place animals that aren't gonna cost them money out of their own pocket to run. |
| 35 | No |
| 36 | Any aggressive dogs should be taken away, people should be fined for animal abuse more, |
| 37 | Fined a certain amount for loose animals running around and caught by animal control. Dogs barking should get written warning then fined for next time and so on. |
| 38 | It's fine the way it is !! Maybe give each homeless person a stray cat or dog ???? |
| 39 | No |
| 40 | Roaming cats |
| 41 | Minor abuse in animals (on chain all day everyday |
| 42 | N/a |
| 43 | Yes, cats must be leashed at all times be it on walks or on owners property if outside, same a dogs |
| 44 | Cats are a huge problem in town and I feel like very little is being done to help the situation. Could money be given to residents to help them offset the costs of measures to try to prevent cats from defecating on their property? I should not have to spend money trying to keep someones pet off my property. |
| 45 | Control cats first then allow chickens if the budget allows for more bylaw enforcement |
| 46 | No |
| 47 | Cats must be chipped and accounted for and owners make their best efforts to keep them indoors |
| 48 | No |
| 49 | Have spay and neuter programs. |
| 50 | The town should actively enforce the bylaws more than they have previously |
| 51 | Spay and neuter is a must |
| 52 | cat control. residents with cats could put up cat fencing to keep them in their yard. there's plenty of YouTube videos on it. and I've seen it work. |



53	All pet owners have to be held accountable for their pets as well as for the smell that is admitting from their yard due to the faecal matter and urine coming from their yard. If I cannot enjoy my backyard Or front yard because of that smell.
54	when a cats or dog is caught on Video and its clear as mud this cat came from said neighbors property on the other persons property, fines need to be handed out to animals owner!
55	Hinton SPCA has a fantastic facility - Edson should also have one. We ended up with a stray cat for a month until the Hinton SPCA could take him once they had cared for all the Jasper cats. Edson bylaw kills cats and EARS didn't respond. Hinton was fantastic and provided the cat with love and much needed surgery. He was adopted right away. Unfortunate Edson can't be more compassionate and supportive.
56	CATS! people need to keep them on their property. My Aunt has cat fencing that keeps them in her yard. maybe more residents with cats could do that
57	More signs on trails to leash dogs & keep close to you..trails are not off leash parks
58	Unrestricted cat ownership. It is out of hand, which is why the town pound is getting overwhelmed
59	The cat problem and a better way to address it
60	No just treat cats like dogs, owner have to keep them at there own home
61	I feel the town should not be so concerned about how many animals are in someones house unless they are a nuisance to others. I know many people that would rather have over the limit then allow the pet to be surrendered and killed. The shelters are full because people believe they cannot help them
62	All good
63	What can I do when there is a dog running loose in my neighborhood or on the walking path?
64	No
65	Increased enforcement would be a huge benefit
66	I'd like to see Hantzel out in in the town of Edson. It helps produce eggs and especially with the high cost of living the high cost of food right now in our town. Everything's really high at least they can use their waste from the house there veggies, potatoes anything like that can go to the chickens the chickens can eat it and produce eggs for the family.
67	You simply cannot own a animal unless it is spayed or neutered It should be illegal to give away, or sell baby puppies or kittens That should only be allowed with reputable and licensed breeders and they are sold with the cost of spay or neuter That would eliminate so many unwanted animals Rehoming should only be for older animals that are already spayed or neutered In order for this to work effectively it has to be a country wide thing, which will never happen but we can do our part by mandating spay/neuter in order to own cat or dog along with the license
68	It would be amazing to FINALLY have a humane society of our own. Other rescues are overrun and Edson could desperately benefit from having one! Too many strays and unwanted pets with no homes.
69	The biggest issue is the dog barking.
70	No I haven't had problems.
71	Fixing our streets
72	a spay neuter program might help
73	I would like to see council put forward a motion to not allow (ban) euthanasia of any animals in the pound due to overcrowding.
74	No
75	No
76	I would support a no kill pound.



77	No
78	No chickens allowed in town under any circumstances. The noise,the smell,lazy people not cleaning yards. Coyotes maybe wandering in looking for a chicken or their eggs
79	mandatory microchips for all pets- this puts you in contact with an owner immediately when an animal is at large. Would hopefully limit the amount of animals in the pound who can't find their owners.
80	Bigger fines for unruly dogs that have been issued multiple warnings
81	No
82	Larger fines
83	No
84	Actually actively doing Animal Control
85	Specifically, outdoor cats that roam, spray, fight, defecate, kill birds, make excessive noise and turn on motion lights on my property.
86	Not at this time.
87	Same as above, strict rules about roaming cats
88	Repeat offenders should have high financial penalties and disciplinary action.
89	Make bylaw do there jobs properly
90	I would like to see protocol to spay and neuter pets if they are not to be confined to personal property.
91	Nope
92	Better regulation on cats in town and a plan to address the amount of stray cats in town as well as allowing back yard chickens with guidelines.
93	Higher fines for repeat offenders
94	The walking trails are littered with feces from dogs of owners who do not pick up. Our neighborhood has many cats that wonder around. Cats should be enforced equal to dogs.
95	No
96	Trap neuter release program
97	Stop putting animals down when you have the capacity!!!!!!!!!!
98	I have personally submitted multiple complaints for excessive barking by my neighbours dogs that are left in the backyard unattended for days and nights They should receive tickets for this as no bylaw has even ever spoken to them
99	No
100	Dogs & cats running free. I feel cat owners need to keep their cats on their own property.
101	Pet owners being held financially responsible for any of their animals that are caught by private or Bi-law..increase fines
102	In section 7, part 1, "porcupine" should probably be changed to "porcine"
103	Enforcement of off leash dogs in green spaces and enforcement of dog waste in green spaces.
104	The amount of pet owners that use backyard easements as off-leash areas and never pick up the poop!
105	No
106	Again, actually doing something when called. Also something needs to be done about yards where no one ever picks up dog poop and the dogs are left outside 24/7. Its not fair to the dogs. Cats should also be teathered in yards so they can't roam.



107	Seems fairly comprehensive
108	No
109	The pound euthanizing dogs when unnecessary
110	No
111	I think people should be able to keep any animal that isn't being a nuisance to anyone in the surrounding area
112	Larger pound facility
113	Enforcing the by laws we have. We are approached by off leash dogs on the trails literally every time we walk our own dogs. So sick of the disregard. If the by laws aren't enforced, what's the point in having any?
114	If there is a limit of 3 cats and 3 dogs per household and some households have more than that any additional ones should be removed from the home. Especially when the owners are letting them roam all over the place and destroying other peoples personal property/belongings
115	No
116	No
117	None
118	Cats are out of control, something needs to change.
119	I think walking dogs off leash on trails is okay but make all liability fall on the owners.
120	figure out a way to control cats please! I would be so grateful
121	UGHHH cats...need I say more? such a problem for many people. why should my tax dollars pay for irresponsible pet ownership? Can I apply for money from the town to help me clean up messes from cats, or will the town pay some of my expenses that I've had on efforts to keep cats out of my yard?
122	One time licensing or an option to renew online annually
123	No
124	Control the CATS!!! I shouldn't have to spend my money keeping other people's pets out of my yard!!!!!!
125	Again I'd love to see more focus on animal welfare and stronger penalties for irresponsible pet owners, as well as spay/neuter initiatives for stray/feral community cats, humane housing, and more effort going in to finding outcomes for these cats that doesn't involve euthanasia. And let's see more support and collaboration from the town for our local rescue.
126	Stop saving all these cats that are strays and get the population under control.
127	I do not like seeing off leash dogs on trails at anytime. Its against provincial regulations.
128	No
129	Nothing
130	Fines for animals at large



131	Spaying and neutering bylaws won't work. Every animal rescue in existence would love if they did but with breeding contracts, personal beliefs, etc., they aren't realistic. Enforcement of registration is highly needed. More presence in the community by bylaw officers is needed. Bylaw response needs to get better. The communication with them is difficult at best. It takes a long period of time to get any response. The timeline in which the animals are held is insane. 72 hours of possession of a dog and it can be euthanized by the pound. That is no where near enough. There needs to be a better process for placement of these dogs and cats, especially because you guys know that our local rescues are home based without actual facilities and can't take in dogs or cats with no notice.
132	Repeat offenders / adopting out intact and unvaccinated animals
133	No
134	No
135	People who let their cats run loose . Dogs who excessively bark. And aggressive dogs.
136	More specifics regarding cats. Ie if they are outside they should be harnessd and owners responsible to clean up after their cats or be fined. A picture of the cat on someone else's property should be enough evidence to serve the owners fines.
137	Follow through and enforce the bylaws! We have had bylaw issues, which affected our property and still do, where they were not enforced. Allow the officers to have some real enforcement powers.
138	Perhaps we could actually enforce the existing bylaws instead of looking for ways to adjust them to support the lack of enforcement.
139	Creating more awareness on pet bylaws in regards to animals roaming free. A lot of pet owners seem to get mad when people take their roaming animal to the pound instead of letting them run free and maybe go home one day.
140	Yes, we have a cat problem!!! Start loaning out cat traps.
141	Yellowhead county should have there own pound. They should help on weekends cleaning the town pound. It should not just ve town of edson.
142	No
143	More patrols for off leash animals
144	No
145	Owners of free roaming cats should be fined largely. They should have to make a "catio" of sorts if they want their cats to be outside. Or on a leash.
146	I wish bylaw would be allowed to go on the trailer parks lots. I know that's probably not possible but it would be helpful
147	I can't think of any right now. Just that there are a lot of figs and cats roaming. We have a cat in our neighborhood defroosting in our flowerbeds. It has a collar. Just because it has a collar doesn't give the owners a right to let it go wherever it wants.
148	Dogs barking all day,and the owners aren't home.
149	Unsure
150	I would like to see huge fines for individuals who do not pick up after their dogs poop on walks. As an owner of multiple dogs who always has bags to pick up, I feel like this needs to be enforced.
151	No



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