

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



For anyone who has lived in Blackfalds through a summer, you have probably noticed a lot of pets here. Having gone through an election campaign, and gone door to door, I can attest that more homes than not have a barking or meowing friend to let you know that you are on their turf when you walk up to their door.

Blackfalds loves it's pets, in fact recently it was recognized for being "North America's most pet-caring community"

for having the highest rate of lost pet cat returns to owners.

As the days get warmer and daylight longer, we are seeing more and more of these furry neighbors out and about. Whether it's throughout neighborhoods, on trails, or at the off leash "Bark Park", they're amongst our entire community.

Hopefully, unless it's at Bark Park, or in a yard, we should be seeing those pets on a leash, and yes that means cats as well. Both dogs and cats are treated the same according to the animal control bylaw. Both need to be licensed every year (if you obtain your pet license before March, it's \$30 cheaper), and both need to be under direct control at all times when on public property.

Understandably cats aren't fans of this, and some owners consider it ok to let their cats roam, but this is just as much of an issue as a dog on the loose. Most people don't welcome another person's cat in their yard, and our Community Patrol Officers, or animal control contractors can issue fines starting at \$100 for an animal at large.

So all you pet owners out there, we love your pet, we want it remain safe and cared for and respectful to it's neighbors. I look forward to seeing many, many furry friends this year knowing that Blackfalds is one of the best pet community there is!

Thank you,

Jamie Hoover

Councillor

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meetings

May 11 | 7:00 p.m.

May 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee

May 17 | 7:00 p.m.

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