

CALGARY, ALBERTA - HOME OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM IN NORTH AMERICA

THE GOAL

From mission statement to action, their goal is:

- Identify the issues
- Engage the community
- Build a process that works
- Make people see licensing as win-win (95% voluntary compliance)
- Back it up (5% enforcement)
- Measure It (how do you know you are improving?)

4 Principles of Responsible Pet Ownership

- License and provide permanent identification for your pets
- Spay or neuter your pets
- Provide training, care and proper medical attention for your pets
- Don't allow pets to become a threat or a nuisance

Make it Easy

- Make licenses easy to buy.
- Encourage training, socialization and exercise for a better behaved dog.
- Create easy access to well-regulated off-leash areas.

Getting Results

- Conduct programs targeting kids of all ages.
- Promote responsible pet ownership.
- Foster safe and responsible communities.
- Teach young people proper pet ownership and how to treat animals.

Calgary has seen a huge reduction in dog bites even though the population has increased dramatically. They achieved an all time low in dog incidents this year. **This is without Breed-Specific Legislation, mandatory neutering or limiting the number of pets you can own!** Their animal control facility is state-of-the-art with a friendly staff and an eye to customer service. Even with these successful programs in place and a proven track record to back them up, Calgary is looking to the future. They have broken ground for the free spay/neuter clinic to be available to less well-off families and strive for even higher licensing compliance. This program fits any size town, city or province. It was presented to the current government of Ontario as an alternative to the breed ban, but was ignored!