

Town of Kindersley



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KINDERSLEY, SK — Over the past few weeks, the Town of Kindersley has been deeply saddened to have two separate serious animal incidents in our area. We want to extend our heartfelt sympathies to everyone affected by these distressing events.

As the news of these separate events spread through the area via normal means and through social media, public frustration over hearing about these events also brought concerns of public safety. As a municipality, we hear the concerns of our residents loud and clear, and we want to assure you that public safety is our utmost priority.

To provide clarity on the two separate incidents:

- **First Incident:** One dog attacked and killed another dog. This matter was resolved outside of court, and the animal was put down by its owner.
- **Second Incident:** Alleged that two dogs attacked horses. This occurred outside of Town limits and is currently being investigated by the RCMP and if not resolved, would be heard through municipal court and possibly civil court. Animals were officially reported at large on September 8th, 2026, in the morning and captured on the same day in the afternoon. The incident was officially reported to the Town the morning of the next day, September 9th, 2026. Owners were fined for violations that were officially reported and occurred within Town limits.

Depending on the severity of the incident, different authorities may be involved. Anything that causes harm, will most likely be above the authority of the municipality. This is why *The Municipality Act* only allows a judge to determine if an animal is aggressive or dangerous and this is where the Town must wait for the outcome of the second incident to see if additional areas of our bylaw can come into force. In Saskatchewan we have *The Cities Act*, *The Municipalities Act* and *The Animal Protection Act*, that will all define what procedures are to be followed and for the latter, it also has different rules for urban and rural land.

The Town is working with authorities on the second incident while continuing to review our bylaws and is considering partnering with neighbors to lobby the Province of Saskatchewan for greater municipal control, without waiting for a court case to conclude.

While we wait for the case to be completed, we want our community to be safe. Reporting incidents properly is vital, as information shared anonymously online is not admissible in court if challenged by the owners.

Please remember:

- Report any loose animals directly to the Town.
- If you ever feel in danger, regardless of the threat, please call **911** immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to keeping Kindersley safe.

Town Council