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Residents of the Town of Eston

Re: Dog issues in Eston

In 2021 we have had numerous dog issues and complaints; running at large, barking dogs, animals not registered and biting attacks. More then we have seen in previous years.

We have issued \$1250 in animal related fines;

- Person 1 \$900 unpaid, multiple instances
- Person 2 \$50 unpaid
- Person 3 \$150 unpaid, multiple instances
- Person 4 \$150 paid

We have had Bylaw enforcement involved in all cases paying multiple visits with one case wanting to proceed with Bylaw Court.

The Town of Eston Council has updated the Animal Control Bylaw to strengthen it to help us pursue Bylaw Court.

We have created a Policy on Dog Bite process which clearly outlines the steps that should be taken.

There are many steps and regulations in the process.

- Proper protective gear/equipment to seize animals and training for the safety of our staff.
- Proper shelter that includes approved cages, temperature control, and requires on site visits every 4 hours.
- The liability if something were to happen to the animal.
- On capture and storage of the animals we have no guaranteed acceptance at a pound without paying a monthly fee of up to \$500 a month.

We are looking at all avenues even though it may seem to the community we are not. This is clearly not an easy task.

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