



Lethbridge County Policy Handbook

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The purpose of this policy is to deal with Skunk complaints and the related disease "Rabies".

1. All complaints involving skunks where the animal is acting abnormally will be dealt with immediately. Residents in rural areas will be encouraged to kill the skunk immediately without destroying the head or brain.
2. The investigating Officer will trap or shoot any skunk acting abnormally, should the resident not have the means at his disposal to eliminate the animal.
3. The Provincial Wildlife Disease Specialist will be contacted to determine the process of having the animal tested at ADRI. Any results of this action will be shared with the resident.
4. If the results return positive, the Provincial Wildlife Disease Specialist will organize the necessary control measures. This will be in cooperation with the Supervisor of Agriculture Services and ARD. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency will be notified and in-charge when a positive is found.
5. Live traps will be made available to residents wishing to remove nuisance skunks from their property. Traps will be loaned out in accordance with Policy 620.