



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: UPCOMING DOG BYLAW
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The Town of Taber is introducing a revised and updated dog Bylaw which will see some moderate changes to the Municipal legislation. Among the most significant change is the removal of the Breed Specific Legislation (B.S.L.) which automatically restricts an animal based on its breed alone.

Dogs which fall under this category will no longer be required to adhere to the special handling requirements unless the dog has been declared aggressive (an aggressive dog means any dog that has shown a propensity for aggression, or has chased, attacked, or injured a person or other animal).

Other highlights include the formation of an aggressive dog committee to arbitrate aggressive dog issues, increased specified penalties to reflect penalties comparable to other municipalities, and the use of Provincial tickets to compel individuals to court for non-compliance with Bylaw matters.

The new Bylaw also introduces a dog fancier application which will allow a resident to apply to have more than two dogs, and will further involve feedback from neighboring residents prior to issuance of a fancier's license. License fees will also increase in the 2008 year for both altered and unaltered dogs.

If you have any questions, please call the Bylaw Enforcement Department at 223-5500 extension 5439 Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.