

POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE:

There is concern about coyote predation around livestock farms. Coyotes are listed as a nuisance under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act. A policy is required that allows for flexibility while avoiding indiscriminate, unsafe, or illegal use of toxicants. (Toxicants available under the Department of Agriculture are not federally registered, and therefore not legal, for coyote depopulation or general animal removal).

The objective of this policy is to:

- 1) Provide livestock producers the option of using specific toxicants and devices to control the increasing numbers of coyotes within the confines of their farm.
- 2) To reduce predation and harassment of livestock.
- 3) To maintain the integrity of the procedures followed in issuing coyote control materials.

This policy covers the use of products issued by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation for the control of Vertebrate Pests as outlined under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act. These products currently are:

- a) Sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 tablets) Maximum 3 tablets
- b) Neck snare

PROCEDURE:

1. A supply of toxicants and devices designed for coyote control will be maintained by the Agricultural Fieldman. Toxicants will be stored in a building with access restricted to, or accompanied by, trained Form 7 holders.
2. All inquiries for coyote control toxicants and devices will be handled by the Agricultural Fieldman
3. A request for coyote control toxicants or devices may be granted if:
 - a. The person is a bonafide farmer; and raises livestock or poultry, excluding horses, hobby animals, pets, or unconfined poultry; and
 - b. The fieldman verifies the complaint through investigation; and



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- c. The fieldman examines all methods of control available and is confident that toxicants or snares are the best option available; and
 - d. The person signs the required forms that pertain to the laws for using such toxicants and devices (described in section 4).
4. Appropriate procedure must be followed when issuing any toxicant or device
 - a. Form 8 signed in duplicate by the recipient and inspector
 - b. A copy of the label of the toxicants being issued must be provided
 - c. Warning signs must be properly posted
 - d. The Fieldman must accurately record and be accountable for toxicants and devices