High Prairie Agricultural Society Pets on Premises Policy

INTRODUCTION

The High Prairie Agricultural Society recognizes that pets may accompany visitors, participants, renters, and guests to Society facilities and property. To ensure the safety, comfort, cleanliness, and enjoyment of all individuals using the premises, clear expectations are established regarding animals on site.

This policy is intended to minimize risk, prevent disruptions, and maintain a safe environment for all facility users, livestock, and visitors.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Promote safe and responsible pet ownership while on Society property;
- Protect the health and safety of visitors, staff, volunteers, members, and animals;
- Prevent property damage, sanitation issues, and disruptions to events or facility operations; and
- Establish clear standards for pets permitted on High Prairie Agricultural Society premises.

POLICY APPLICATION

This policy applies to all users, and this policy applies to all High Prairie Agricultural Society buildings, grounds and parking areas.

Service animals assisting individuals with disabilities are permitted in accordance with applicable laws and are exempt from restrictions where required.

PET REQUIREMENTS

Any pet brought onto Society property must comply with the following requirements:

- Pets must remain on a physical leash, lead, or other approved restraint at all times unless participating in an approved event or activity where off-leash animals are specifically authorized;
- Pets must be under the control of a responsible handler at all times;
- Pets must be supervised at all times and may not be left unattended in buildings, vehicles, or on Society property;
- Owners or handlers must immediately clean up and properly dispose of all pet waste;
- Pets must not interfere with Society operations, events, livestock, equipment, or other users of the facility;
- Pets must not display aggressive, disruptive, excessive barking, or unsafe behavior;
- Pets must be healthy and free of contagious illness;

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The following will not be permitted:

- Unleashed pets outside of approved designated activities or events;
- Aggressive, threatening, or uncontrolled animals;

- Pets causing injury, intimidation, or nuisance to people or other animals;
- Pets damaging Society property, equipment, landscaping, or facilities;
- Pets entering areas where animals are specifically prohibited for safety, sanitation, or operational reasons;
- Leaving pets unattended on Society premises.

OWNER/HANDLER RESPONSIBILITY
Pet owners or handlers assume full responsibility for:

- The behavior, safety, and control of their pet;
- Any injury, damage, or loss caused by their pet to persons, livestock, property, or facilities;
- Cleanup and sanitation related to their pet.

The High Prairie Agricultural Society assumes no responsibility or liability for pets brought onto the property.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE
Failure to comply with this policy may result in one or more of the following:

- Request to immediately leash, control, or remove the pet from the premises;
- Removal of owner/handler and pet from Society property;
- Refusal of future entry privileges for the animal or owner/handler;
- Financial responsibility for any damages, cleanup, repairs, or liability resulting from the pet;
- Further disciplinary action where the individual is a member, renter, participant, or volunteer.

Where safety concerns exist, local animal control, bylaw enforcement, or RCMP may be contacted.

Pets on Premises Procedures

RESPONSIBILITIES
Facility Users / Pet Owners
Pet owners and handlers are responsible for:

- Reviewing and complying with this policy before bringing a pet onto Society property;
- Maintaining control of their animal at all times;
- Cleaning up after their pet immediately.

Staff, Directors & Event Organizers
Staff, Directors, and designated representatives are responsible for:

- Monitoring compliance with this policy;
- Addressing concerns or violations promptly;
- Requesting removal of animals where required for safety or compliance.

PROCEDURES

1. Bringing a Pet to the Facility

Individuals bringing pets onto Society property must ensure:

- The pet is leashed prior to exiting a vehicle or entering the property;
- The pet remains under control throughout the visit;
- The pet is suitable to attend public environments.

2. Addressing Non-Compliance

Where a violation occurs:

- The owner/handler will be asked to immediately correct the issue where appropriate;
- If non-compliance continues, the owner/handler will be required to remove the pet from the property immediately.
- In cases involving aggression, injury, or serious safety concerns, the pet and owner may be removed immediately without warning.

3. Incident Reporting

Any incidents involving pets, including bites, aggression, property damage, or injuries, must be reported immediately to:

- President/Vice President(s)
- Facility Manager

Incident details should include:

- Date, time, and location;
- Individuals and animals involved;
- Description of incident;
- Witnesses and any damages or injuries.