

January 8, 2025

ATT: COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER

Subject: Adjustment to Poundkeeper Fee Structure

We at Border Paws Animal Shelter deeply value the partnership we've shared with you in ensuring the welfare of the animals in our community. As you know, the rapid rate of inflation, capacity challenges, and a significant drop in adoptions nationally have all placed increased pressure on our resources. To continue providing the proper level of care for the animals we serve, we must update our fee structure, effective January 1, 2025.

Our new structure offers two options tailored to meet varying municipal needs:

Option 1: Annual Facility Access Fee + Discounted Intake Fees

- **Annual Facility Access Fee: \$50,000/year, plus an additional 15% annually for capital upgrades**
 - This fee is intended to help cover the general operational costs of maintaining the facility and staffing necessary to provide animal care and intake services.
 - The facility access fee will be invoiced once in full at the beginning of the calendar year.
- **Discounted Intake Fees:**
 - Canine (per intake): \$350
 - Feline (per intake): \$150
 - Intake fees will be invoiced at the time of intake.
 - This option is ideal for municipalities seeking predictable budgeting, as it provides discounted intake fees throughout the year.

Option 2: Standard Intake Fees Only

- Standard Intake Fees:
 - Canine (per intake): \$1,000
 - Feline (per intake): \$500
 - Intake fees will be invoiced at the time of intake.
 - This option allows flexibility by avoiding an upfront access fee; however, intake fees per animal will be higher.

Important Notes for Both Options:

- **No Guaranteed Space Reservations:** While we strive to accommodate all intake requests, space availability will remain on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Mandatory Quarantine Period:** A two-week quarantine period is required for all animals unless reclaimed by their owner within that timeframe.

We recognize that changes in pricing can impact municipal budgets, and we are committed to working with you to ease this transition. The updated structure ensures that Border Paws Animal Shelter can continue offering humane and high-quality care for animals while adapting to current economic challenges.

To discuss your preferred option or address any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out directly to myself at president@borderpaws.ca

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for helping us create a community where every animal is treated with compassion and respect.

Sincerely,

Amanda Williams
Board President
Border Paws Animal Shelter