



Moose Cree
First Nation

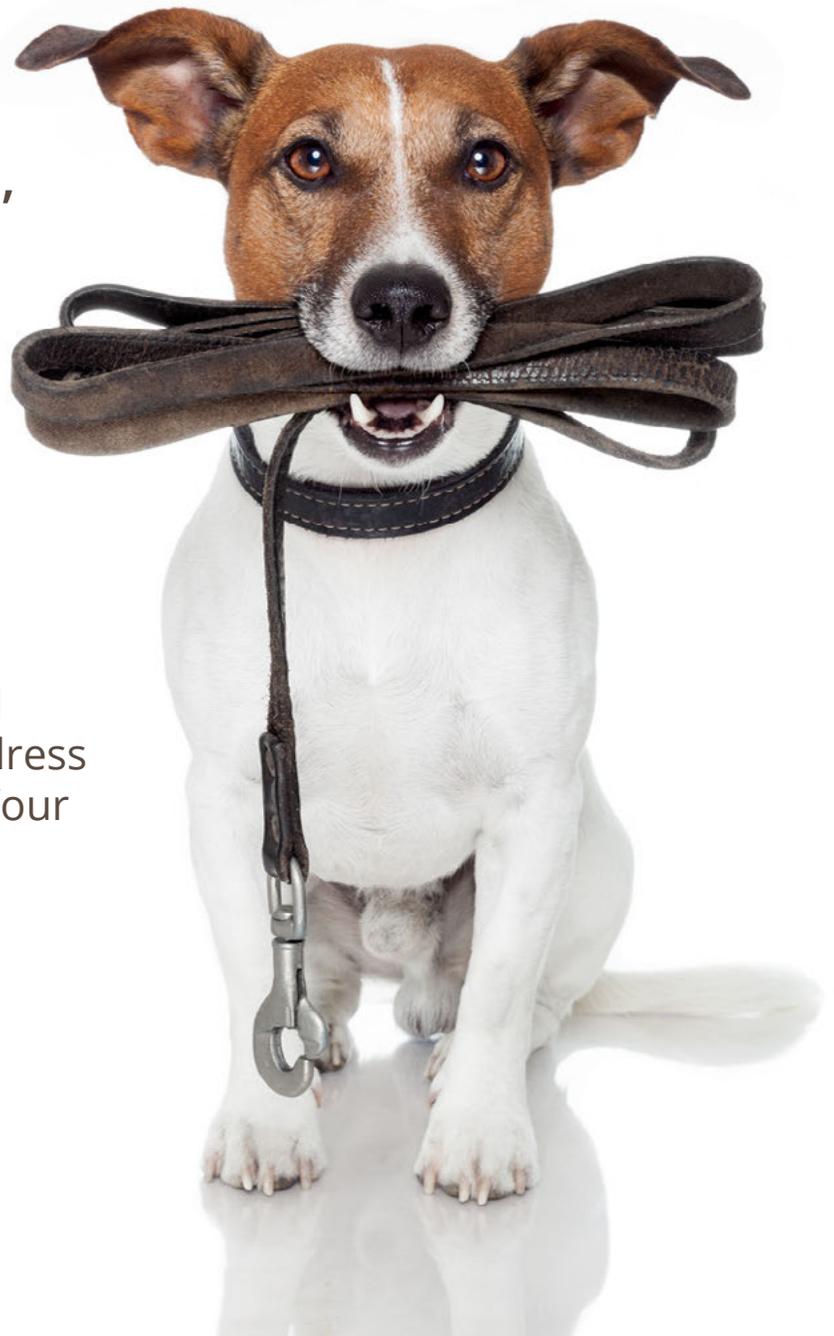
ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

For the safety of all community members, especially children, please tie up your dogs and/or keep them confined within your yard.

Monitoring and removal of strays and dogs-at-large will continue as we strive to address this public safety concern. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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DOGS WITH NO NAMES



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POPULATION MANAGEMENT FOR LOCAL DOGS

Our dogs are also members of our communities. Healthy, happy and strong dogs help to keep our communities safer and protect us from wild animals. Healthy community dogs make for healthier, safer communities.

DOG MANAGEMENT

1. Local communities need to be able to manage their numbers of free-roaming dogs. In the past, communities with large numbers of roaming dogs have had to cull them to reduce the danger to community members.

DOG BEHAVIOUR

2. Having a dog tied up outside for long periods without a break can lead to aggressive behaviour.
3. In our communities there are twice as many male dogs as female dogs. Female dogs in heat attract many roaming males that will fight over the female, often leading to aggressive pack behaviour.
4. People, and especially children, are at risk of injury, even death, if they come across male dogs fighting over a female.

DOG BREEDING

It is time for a pregnancy pause!

5. Female dogs that constantly breed and give birth to puppies often die very young and suffer from having to feed many litters of puppies. Their puppies also have a tough life and die at a younger age.
6. Neutered male dogs will still roam in search of food, and as long as there are female dogs in heat in the community, aggressive pack behaviour will still occur.
7. Keeping female dogs from going into heat is the best way to decrease the population of roaming dogs and at the same time reduce aggressive behaviours in male dogs.

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DOG MICRO CHIPPING AND VACCINATIONS

8. In 2015 and 2016, our communities have the opportunity to give every dog a microchip (so we know how many we have and who they are!), as well as vaccines and deworming medication (to keep them healthy!)
9. It only takes about 5 minutes to microchip, vaccinate and give a female dog a birth control implant. Surgically spaying and/or neutering dogs require professional training, special facilities and tools, and much more time.

DOG REGISTRY

10. Keeping track of how many dogs we have in our communities, and which ones have been vaccinated against diseases like rabies is important to keeping our communities safe.

DOG IMPLANTS

11. Birth control implants will be available for female dogs to help reduce our roaming dog population over the next two years, and reduce roaming dog pack behaviours in our community.
12. Depending on when the contraceptive is implanted, females may still come into heat within the first 3 weeks. The contraceptive lasts from 12-24 months. After it is implanted two years in a row, females may not produce puppies for a total of 3 years from the time of the first implant.



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LOCAL DOG POPULATION HEALTH

Keeping local dogs healthy and happy makes our communities safer and healthier.

WE CAN KEEP OUR COMMUNITY DOGS HEALTHY AND HAPPY BY:

1. Making sure our dogs have food, water, shelter and a little love.
2. Helping to keep them free of certain diseases by making sure they get regular vaccinations, which community members can learn how to do themselves:

Rabies vaccines:

- Arctic Fox rabies is in wild fox populations in our area and can easily spread to dogs.
- A bite from an infected animal can also spread rabies to people.
- Vaccinating all our community dogs against rabies protects both our dogs and our people.
- Dogs need to be revaccinated against rabies 12 months after the first shot, and then the dog is protected against rabies for the next 3 years.

Parvovirus and Distemper vaccines:

- The Parvovirus can't infect people, but it can make dogs very sick, and even lead to death. The virus can stay in the environment for up to 8 months and be spread by roaming dogs.
- The distemper virus doesn't make people sick, but it can cause a disease in dogs that can act a lot like rabies. Both parvovirus and distemper can be prevented by vaccinating dogs (2 vaccines, 3 weeks apart). After this vaccination, dogs are protected against these diseases for 3 years.



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3. Helping to keep them free of worms and other parasites by deworming them regularly. Deworming medication can be fed to dogs when they are eating. This is very easy to do. Keeping female dogs from going into heat by either giving them a birth control implant or spaying them.
4. Having them microchipped so that we can keep track of important information about the dogs in the community.
5. Making sure that information about all our dogs is in our community's dog registry. This can be read by the microchip number. It is important we know who they are, how long they have been living in our community, and which vaccinations they have gotten and at what time.

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PETSMART CHARITIES OF CANADA GRANTS \$206,000 TO TAME DOG OVERPOPULATION IN ONTARIO'S FAR NORTH**

An innovative program to help control the dog overpopulation is coming to Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA), the First Nations as well as the Town of Moosonee, located within the James and Hudson Bay Region of Ontario. This two-year program, which gets underway November 2014, will provide contraceptive implants for 500 female dogs, as well as vaccinations, deworming and microchips for these females and an additional 1,000 male dogs.

The project is the result of a partnership between the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority (WAHA), Dogs with No Names (DWNN), the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry), Health Canada, and the Porcupine Public Health Unit (PPHU), under the leadership of Dr. Catherine Filejski, the ministry's Public Health Veterinarian. [PetSmart Charities of Canada](#) is providing a \$206,000 grant to WAHA for the veterinary aspects of the project, one of the non-profits largest grants to date. Health Canada will be providing \$18,165 of in-kind support to the project for rabies education and awareness in the communities.

The project is modeled off a similar initiative, managed by DWNN and the Innu First Nation of Sheshatshiu, N.L, which took place in the spring of 2013, funded by the government of Newfoundland-Labrador. "Sheshatshiu changed overnight in terms of the amount of aggressive dogs in the community," says Dawna Lee, a resident of this Labrador community, who explains that since the female dogs were no longer going into heat, the male dogs no longer had reason to be aggressive.

"The Labrador initiative demonstrated that it's solely females we need to target for contraception and I believe this will be an effective approach to take with the James and Hudson Bays region," says Dr. Judith Samson-French, a veterinarian in Bragg Creek, Alberta and the founding member of DWNN. "Life is tough on a female who has to survive carrying and caring for pups and being followed by up to ten males. With high mortality rates, it's not the best use of money to fly in medical teams to spay females that may not live past three years," she said, adding that the surgery can be debilitating to a female who doesn't have a home to go to and heal in afterward. "It's much more humane and takes a much smaller team to start with an implant, which is about the size of a grain of rice. If a female is implanted twice in three years and shows an ability to survive, then we'll spay her."

PetSmart Charities of Canada first learned about the issue of dog overpopulation in the region from Chief Rex Knapaysweet of the Fort Albany First Nation, one of the communities to be covered by the project. "His personal passion to break the cycle of people getting hurt and using lethal control on the dogs really resonated with us," said program manager Bryan Kortis. "As the leading funder of animal welfare, PetSmart Charities of Canada knew we could help and saw that Dr. Samson-French's model could assist many other communities."

In 2013, the Mushkegowuk Council of Chiefs endorsed a resolution to support the development of a sustainable dog control and vaccination program. Following up on this endorsement, WAHA worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to bring together DWNN, Health Canada and PPHU to develop a broader One Health project framework, which addressed not only issues of animal health and welfare, but also human health and community security in the region.

"Weeneebayko Area Health Authority is excited to be part of this ground-breaking initiative for dog control, which will enhance public health and safety within our region," says Caroline Lidstone-Jones, WAHA Chief Quality Officer, who adds that the model will build off a solid foundation first implemented in Sheshatshiu and will include public education and injectable contraceptive clinics. "We look forward to working with our project partners within the region to bring this much needed service to our communities."

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