





WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER IN WESTLOCK

Being a responsible pet owner means meeting your animal's needs while respecting the community and your neighbours. Whether you have a dog or a cat, you are expected to:

-  Provide clean water, food, shelter, and medical care
-  Giving your pet regular exercise and social interaction
-  Ensure they don't create a nuisance (e.g. barking or damaging property)
-  Keep them under control and on your property
-  Clean up after them in public and private spaces

Cats are not required to be licensed under current bylaws, but they should still be cared for responsibly and kept from roaming. No one living in the Town may keep more than 4 cats.

Responsible Cat Care Tips:

-  Keep your cat indoors or supervised
-  Spay or neuter to reduce unwanted litters
-  Use microchips or collars with ID
-  Respect your neighbours. Don't let cats roam or dig in others' gardens

REPORT ANIMAL CONCERNS OR VIOLATIONS

Alberta's *Animal Protection Act* (A-41 RSA 2000) and the *Town of Westlock Responsible Pet Bylaw 2025-08* sets clear standards for the care and treatment of animals, aiming to safeguard their health and well-being. Mistreating, neglecting, or putting an animal at risk can lead to significant fines and legal consequences.

If you believe an animal in the Town of Westlock is suffering, injured, or exposed to the elements without adequate shelter, food, or water, it's important to report it to Westlock Municipal Enforcement Services.



Westlock Municipal Enforcement Services

780-350-2107 | 10003 – 106 Street
municipal-enforcement@westlock.ca

File a Complaint



More Information








RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP in Westlock

Caring for your pets.
Respecting your neighbours.








KEEPING YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL

To keep people, pets, and property safe, dog owners must follow these rules:

-  Dogs must be on a **leash in public spaces** (unless in the designated off-leash area)
-  Prevent barking that disturbs your neighbours
-  Do not allow chasing, jumping, biting, or aggression
-  Pick up after your dog...every time
-  Female dogs in heat must be confined

OFF-LEASH DOG PARK RULES

Located at 108 Street & 101 Avenue





-  Leash on before entering and exiting
-  Stay with your dog and maintain control
-  No dogs under 12 weeks or in heat
-  Pick up waste immediately
-  Dangerous dogs are **not permitted**

Owners are responsible for any harm or damage their dog causes.

DOG LICENSING

All dogs over 4 months old in Westlock **must be licensed**. This simple step protects your pet and supports community enforcement.

Benefits of licensing:

-  Helps reunite lost dogs faster
-  Avoids fines and impoundment
-  Supports animal safety education
-  Lifetime tag included

LICENSE FEES

Type of License	FEE
Dog (altered)	\$30
Dog (unaltered)	\$40



COMMON FINES

Fines and penalties in the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw help keep pets safe and owners accountable. Education comes first, but serious or repeated violations have consequences. It's all about keeping Westlock safe and pet-friendly for everyone.

INFRACTION	FINE
Unlicensed dog	\$100
Dog at large	\$75-\$150
Fail to clean up waste	\$150
Disturbing barking	\$200
Dog aggression/attack	Up to \$1,500+
Leave Animal unattended in vehicle	\$250

View full list of penalties:
www.westlock.ca/p/bylaws-and-policies



DID YOU KNOW?

Most lost pets without ID are never returned.

Dog licenses are good for life, just keep your info up to date.

We will always work to educate first, but repeated offences have fines.