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# Rocky View Approves

# Recreation Funding For 2013

June 5, 2013 – In Council yesterday, Rocky View County approved \$688,433 in funds to assist over 60 community groups with the costs of operating their recreation and cultural programs.

"The funds help the groups pay for things like insurance, utilities, program supplies, and the day-to-day expenses of maintaining the facility they operate from," said Reeve Rolly Ashdown. "These community groups play a vital role in the well-being of County residents, and we are happy to support them."

The funds are applied for through local recreation boards each spring, with final approval coming from County Council. The funds will be distributed as follows:

Recreation Board-Total 2013 Operational Funds Requested

- Bearspaw Glendale-\$111,012
- Madden-\$12,000
- · Beiseker & District-\$20,000
- Ranch Lands-\$36,600
- Bow North-\$97,100
- Rocky View Central-\$29,600
- · Chestermere-Conrich-\$20,000
- Rocky View East-47,306
- · Crossfield & District-\$30,000
- Rocky View West-\$284,815

The \$688,433 in operational facility funding is part of an overall budget for community groups of \$1,022,609. The remaining funds will be allocated to support the community organizations with capital infrastructure projects, such as facility repairs and improvements.

Contact: Reeve Rolly Ashdown Dari Lang Rocky View County Recreation Services Coordinator 403-999-2722 Rocky View County 403-520-1658

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**July 9 – 12 Outdoor Pursuits Week**Marquis de Lorne C.A. - 6 Copperstone Way S.E.

July 30 – August 2 Photography Week Chaparral R.A. - 225 Chaparral Dr. S.E.

August 6 – 9 Sports Week McKenzie Lake C.A. - 16198 McKenzie Lake Way S.E.

August 13 – 16 Photography Week Woodcreek C.A. - 1991 Woodview Dr. S.W.

August 20 – 23 Discover Calgary Week Kingsland C. A. - 505 78th Ave. S.W.

#### **Summer Youth Pool Parties**

Come hang out with your friends, meet new people and have a few free slices of pizza! Enjoy a DJ spinning some tracks on the pool deck and Wii on the big screen.

**July 20, 3 - 5:30pm** Acadia Pool - 240 90 Ave. S.E

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# around your community

# Babies and Books

Babies love books. There are many benefits to reading aloud to babies. An infant will not understand everything you're doing with that board book, but they are learning the sounds needed to communicate. The more stories you can read aloud, the more words the baby (and their older siblings too) will be exposed to. Have fun reading aloud! Read with excitement in your voice, talk about the pictures on the page and let baby put the book in her mouth. That's how she explores. Reading aloud every day will help baby love books too, plus it helps build that wonderful connection between the two of you.

With so many enticing new and classic children's books lining the bookstores, we thought we'd share some of our favourites that we think every kid should read.

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Corduroy by Don Freeman
- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

This is just a small sample of some the books on our list of 50 Books to Read Before You Are 8. Find the rest of the list on our website at: http://calgaryreads.com/reading-tips/50-books-to-read/

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Society members will be offering guided tours to describe the history behind the development of the gardens as well as the many species of plants on the site. There will also be used gardening books for sale. Admission and parking are free. The gardens are located at the corner of 25th Avenue and Macleod Trail SE.

Event will be held rain or shine.

Information on the gardens is available at www.reader rock.com or email Diane for more details on the event at info@readerrock.com. Please join us for this annual fun event.

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# Leaving your cat or dog with a caregiver while vacationing?

Proactive planning will give you peace of mind while you are away and help ensure your pet's safe return should he become lost while you are gone.

#### **Ensure that:**

- his City of Calgary licence is valid
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- his vaccines are up-to-date
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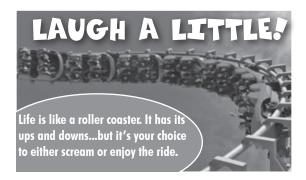
Consider permanent identification like a microchip or a tattoo in case his licence tag gets lost.

### Leave a folder with information and documents such as:

- · Licence tag number
- Microchip and/or tattoo information
- Recent colour photos showing your pet's unique features
- · Vaccination and veterinary records
- Address and phone number of your veterinary clinic
- Your contact information where you can be reached while you are away

Provide the address, phone number and website of places to contact in case your pet goes missing:

- 1. The Animal Services Centre (2201 Portland St. S.E. at www.calgary.ca/animalservices and 311),
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## Did you know?

- It is normal to see small groups of coyotes during certain times of the year.
- Coyotes looking for mates gather in January or February
- By July and into fall, family groups travel together in search of food. Coyote sightings may be more common in summer, particularly when people make frequent use of urban parks or green belt areas.
- Coyotes are capable of running at speeds of up to 64 km/hr (40 mi/hr).
- On average, coyotes weigh 9 to 23 kg (20 to 50 lbs.), similar to a medium-sized dog.

#### **Coyote Encounters**

If you encounter a coyote, make the experience unpleasant for the animal by making it feel unwelcome in your neighbourhood. Even if you are not concerned about problems with coyotes, they should not learn that neighbourhoods are safe places to feed and rest.

- Respond to their presence aggressively by making yourself appear large; wave your arms overhead or thrust long objects, such as a walking stick, toward the coyote.
- Throw rocks, sticks or other objects toward the animal.
- Shout in a deep voice and maintain eye contact.
- If the coyote continues to approach, back away slowly and move toward buildings or human activity.
- Do not turn away or run. This may encourage the coyote to chase you.
- Dog repellents and pepper spray products can be effective in deterring coyotes.

#### **Protect Your Pets**

- Do not allow your cat to roam.
- Supervise your pets when they are outside.
- Pick up dog feces and be aware that dog urine may also attract coyotes.
- If your dog is in heat, keep it inside or away from areas where they may encounter coyotes.

- Always walk your dog on a leash.
- If you spot a coyote, pick up your small dog. Ensure your large dog is leashed and under your control. Back away slowly and leave the area immediately.

Some people believe eliminating coyotes is the solution. However, trapping has proven ineffective. Poisoning or other methods pose risks to other animals and children. Removing coyotes creates room for others and the population may actually increase in response.

#### **Coyotes in Towns and Cities**

Coyotes have established themselves within many urban areas in North America. Parks and river valleys in towns and cities provide good habitats and a variety of food sources for coyotes. They can make beneficial neighbours as they help control rodent species, such as mice and ground squirrels.

Coyotes are curious, adapt easily to new situations and are not picky eaters. They primarily feed on rabbits, mice and squirrels. In cities, they also eat pet food garbage, compost and bird feed. If a coyote frequents your neighbourhood, it's because it has found shelter or food.

Serious conflicts between people and coyotes are rare. However, wildlife are unpredictable, and coyote can

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### **URBAN COYOTES CONT'D**

pose a public risk. Coyotes are not usually aggressive toward humans but can become bolder around people when they learn backyards, playgrounds, or parks can provide them with easy meals. The likelihood of a problem encounter increases if coyotes are fed by people, as they lose their natural fear of humans.

#### Help Your Children Be Safe

Teach your children how to respond to coyote encounters and remind them about the importance of not leaving food or garbage in school yards, parks or in your backyard. If you know there are coyotes in the area, supervise your children when they are outside.

#### **Avoid Attracting Coyotes to Your Neighbourhood**

- Do not feed coyotes. Feeding coyotes inevitably leads to unsafe situations that can result in human injury.
- Pet food will attract coyotes. Bring in feeding dishes immediately after your pets have eaten or feed pets inside.
- Dispose of garbage and compost materials in containers that have secure lids, or keep them in the garage or a shed.
- Take your garbage out only on collection day.
- Do not litter in school yards and parks.
- Keep a clean backyard. Remove seeds and suet put out for birds as well a fallen fruit. These foods can attract mice and squirrels, which are prey for coyotes.
- Make sure your fence as no holes or gaps that curious coyote can use to access your property.
- Trim out thick shrubs and the bottom of trees to prevent coyotes or prey animals, such as rabbits or squirrels, from using those spaces as shelter.
- Coyotes and other wildlife may use the spaces under decks, patios and outbuildings as shelter. Close off these spaces with a durable wire mesh.
- Talk to y our neighbours about following the same preventative measures.

If you see a coyote that is too sick or injured to move, or if a coyote bites, nips or makes other physical contact, call the nearest Fish and Wildlife office of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development at 310-000 toll-free. To reach the coyote information line: 403-2977-7789.

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# Potty Training our Furry Babies

by Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

Lots of people get a new puppy in the spring and summer when they can devote more time to a new family member and complete housetraining without braving the snow and ice...I did. This is probably the most time consuming and occasionally frustrating part of adopting a new dog. I schedule time on the initial puppy examination to give clients housetraining advice. I try to gear the advice to their lifestyle. I follow up on housetraining at each examination, and I encourage clients to call the clinic if any advice given is just not working for them. Puppies are like any other living creature, no two are alike

We acquired a new Papillon puppy last week. I had forgotten how fast and coordinated small breeds are compared to a large breed puppy that matures later. On the other hand, my Labrador puppy litters are going outside by four weeks even at sub-zero temperatures. They leave for new homes at seven weeks well-along with their housetraining. Many small puppies are kept on newspaper and do not go outside. Puppies raised on pee-pads or newspaper inside can take a lot longer to readjust to outdoor potties.

First and foremost, never leave a puppy loose and unsupervised. If the puppy can't be watched confine him. Don't monitor by committee. Someone must be

responsible for catching the puppy every time he squats to teach him this is the big no-no. Give a loud growling "NO", clap your hands, and then rush the pup out to the appropriate spot, there you will then tell him what a marvelous baby he is. Do not punish for the puddle in the hallway from ten minutes ago. Puppies quickly learn they are in trouble when there is pee or poo present and the owner walks in, so they cower and "look ashamed". They don't understand the problem started with the act of urinating or defecating. unless this is where the correction is given. They will eventually get it, but it takes longer and causes confusion. You have five seconds after a behavior to praise or punish and have the puppy associate the reaction to the action. Timing is the cornerstone of all obedience training. A punishment involves only a scary sound.

The best confinement is a dog kennel. A puppy can be quickly popped into the cage if you can't watch him. Most puppies are clean and will not soil themselves in a small space. My Labrador puppy crate is too big for my tiny Papillon so she pooped on one end this morning and stayed

clean at the other end. I need to shrink my crate for a week or two. This is exactly why I encourage my clients to call me if any housetraining or behavior recommendations I give don't come together. We may need to tweak advice.

Bring the puppy to the area of the yard you want him to use for elimination; every time you remove him from the kennel, after eating, when he wakes up, and if he starts to sniff around. Use a command. Mine is "Hurry Up". When the puppy squats tell him what a wonderful brilliant baby he is, use a treat if you want to. Feed your puppy his last meal of the day at least four hours prior to bedtime and take away water two hours before bedtime. At bedtime make sure the puppy pees and poops. Most puppies can go six to eight hours overnight in the crate. If you feed meals at set times, not free choice, you can usually figure out the schedule when the puppy needs to defecate each day.

Good luck and remember not all home environments and previous training support easy housetraining. Seek further advice and get creative if classic training tips do not translate to your situation or lifestyle.



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