



SASKATCHEWAN ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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WHO HELPS ANIMALS?

— UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE —

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO)

ACOs protect **PEOPLE** from disturbances, safety issues and discomfort caused by animals.

Their work is municipal bylaw management.



-  Works for a city, town, village, RM or municipality.
-  Deals with stray animals and animals running at large.
-  Responds to barking complaints.
-  Handles dangerous animal complaints.
-  Enforces pet licensing and local bylaws.
-  May set limits on the number of animals.
-  May deal with municipal bylaw issues involving wildlife (for example, geese in a park).
-  May pick up, restrain and impound animals.
-  Enforces municipal animal control bylaws.

VS.

ANIMAL PROTECTION OFFICER (APO)

APOs protect **ANIMALS** from distress, abuse and neglect caused by humans.

Their work is provincial welfare enforcement under The Animal Protection Act.



APOs are also appointed by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.



APOs work for an agency that reports to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.



Investigates animal neglect, abuse and distress.



Ensures animals have proper food, water, shelter and care.



Ensures animals receive necessary medical attention.



Can issue orders to protect animals.



Can remove animals from owners when they are in distress.



Enforces The Animal Protection Act.



EXAMPLES OF ACO WORK



A dog is running loose in the neighborhood.



A dog is barking all night.



A dangerous dog is threatening people.



Someone has too many pets according to the local bylaw.

ACOS DO NOT:

-  Investigate animal neglect or abuse.
-  Remove animals from owners because of poor care.
-  Enforce The Animal Protection Act.
-  Provide ongoing care for animals because of welfare concerns.

EXAMPLES OF APO WORK



A dog has no food or water.



A horse has no shelter during bad weather.



An animal is injured and not getting care.



An owner is neglecting or abusing an animal.

APOS DO NOT:

-  Deal with stray animals.
-  Deal with wildlife (such as deer, coyotes, birds, moose, geese, etc.).
-  Respond to barking, licensing or other municipal bylaw complaints.
-  Impound animals running at large.

ANIMALS MUST HAVE AN OWNER

APOs **ONLY** deal with owned animals that have an owner or a person responsible for their care.



If an animal is **NOT** owned, it is considered stray and falls under the ACO.

WHAT APOS DO NOT HANDLE



Stray animals running loose



Wildlife (deer, foxes, coyotes, moose, birds, etc.)



Barking or other bylaw complaints



Pet licensing or municipal bylaws



WE **PROTECT** THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK

