

## TIPS ON PREVENTING DOG COMPLAINTS

The Town of Vermilion is hopeful that all residents of the town can live in harmony with their neighbors. Unfortunately irritants arise from time to time that do not encourage positive neighborly relationships. When a dog is allowed to run at large, they will find trouble. The life expectancy of a dog that continues to run at large is very short.

Dogs allowed to run at large are often:

- ❖ Struck by moving vehicles
- ❖ Mauled by other dogs
- ❖ Found marking their territory on neighboring property
- ❖ Stolen
- ❖ Exposed to PARVO and other animal diseases.
- ❖ Attacked by wild animals (skunks, porcupines, coyotes)

The injury or death of your pet by any cause is a highly emotional and frequently expensive experience.

Tips to prevent dog from running at large:

- Spay or neuter your pet, this will prevent roaming.
- Keep your dog(s) busy with toys, games or activities to prevent excess energy from encouraging escape attempts.
- Take extra precautions at high times of stress within your residence.
- Do not allow your dog to jump up on the fence. Some breeds have an amazing ability to jump over tall fences.
- Ensure fences and gates prevent escape. Fix holes and replace old boards.
- Place bricks 6"-12" under the fence line so they do not dig under your fence.
- Walk your dog(s) on a leash everyday for their exercise and your benefit
- Ensure the dog(s) has food and fresh water throughout the day.