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The Municipality of the District of
Guysborough is considering
a ban on Rottweilers but owners of the
breed argue that proper
training and
control can prevent people from being
hurt by dogs.

- ★ = Owner Warden defends dog-ban idea
- ☆ = Moderator Proposal offends owner of Rottweilers
- ☺ = Online By Jennifer Stewart

Many Nova Scotians are growling over a recent proposal to ban Rottweilers in the Municipality of the District of Guysborough.

But the warden for the district said this week he's received nothing but positive feedback from residents who will be affected by the ban.

"I understand the feelings of pit bull owners and Rottweiler owners," Lloyd Hines said.

"These good pet owners say we should be banning the owners and not the pets. But we have responsibilities for animal control, not people control."

Mr. Hines acknowledged the proposed solution may not be perfect, but

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he said it's the only option the municipal council has in its jurisdiction.

The amendment comes as a result of almost weekly reports of dog attacks nationwide and the gruesome death of James Waddell, 4, of New Brunswick,
Mr. Hines said, as well as numerous concerns that his constituents have voiced about Rottweilers.

The municipality has had a similar ban on pit bulls and related mixes for about seven years. Mr. Hines said there was controversy at the time of that move as well but insists it has served to improve the community.

The president of the Antigonish SPCA, which serves the Guysborough area, said she disagrees, adding that the SPCA does not support this course of action. She said proper training and supervision are the way to go.

"You can run into one bad person, but that doesn't mean we're all bad," Betty O'Neill said in a phone interview.

"If a poodle bites someone another day, does that mean that that breed could be next? And what if cats started biting people?"

She said a similar ban on certain breeds of dogs was proposed in Antigonish, but residents - primarily owners of large-breed dogs - shot it down.

Mr. Hines said he has noticed a public sensitivity regarding Rottweilers, which are often known for their endurance, strength, loyalty and intelligence.

He said most incidents involving the dogs can be attributed to bad owners, but not all.

Leanne Latta of Halifax recently heard about the proposed ban and she said she's disgusted that it's even being considered. She owns two Rottweilers - a mother and three-month-old puppy - and loves them like children.

"Telling a family they have to get rid of their pet is the same as saying, 'Get rid of your child,' " she wrote in a letter to the editor of this paper on Wednesday.

Ms. Latta acknowledges she had an incident with her older dog but said she takes full responsibility for what happened.

"She's a biter, but I'm a responsible owner," she said over the phone Wednesday. "I've taken the steps to make sure it won't happen again."

Ms. Latta said she fears the ban could go provincewide, forcing many families to kill or relocate their "family members."

Mr. Hines said he hopes just that will happen. He said he would like to see all of Nova Scotia, and maybe even all of Canada, follow his district's example.

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