

## Grey Bruce Aboriginal Qimmiq Team Aims

The GBAQT aims to assist in humane methods of population control of Aboriginal dogs by offering spay/neuter surgery in remote Ontario communities where veterinary access is difficult or non-existent. Communities visited need to have a vested interest in the aims of our team. Basically, GBAQT feels that for a successful program of dog population control, the desire for it needs to come from the community.

### **This means that we request from the community:**

- A formal invitation from the Chief and Council.
- An annual survey conducted that will give us an idea of numbers of males and females in the community, the number of community members willing to have their animals operated on.
- At least partial annual financial commitment from the band for our visit.
- Development of a solution to unwanted strays, or animals whose owners wish to surrender their dog by the community.
- Development of a dog management plan and dog bylaws by the community.
- An ongoing desire from the whole community for a change in how the dog population is controlled at the present time.
- Community education in care of their dogs, and, especially an interest in an educational component within the schools during our visit if possible.

Repeat visits from the GBAQT will be based on the communities' response to our visits in terms of improvement in dog and owner relationships.

*It is never our intention to tell a community how it should care for its animals. Every community is different and has different needs.*

If your community is interested in working with the Grey Bruce Aboriginal Qimmiq Team please contact us by registering your community on our website or by contacting [GBAQT.org@gmail.com](mailto:GBAQT.org@gmail.com).

## Register Your Community

If your community is interested in working with the Grey Bruce Aboriginal Qimmiq Team to offer a veterinary clinic, please fill out the following registration.

### **Contact Information**

The name of the community you live in: \_\_\_\_\_

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of communication: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Your Dog Problem**

Please identify your dog problem:

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How has your community been attempting to deal with the problem?

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Does your community have a person on staff who is responsible for dealing with problem dogs?

Yes :                      No:

Does your community have Bylaws in place to deal with its dog population?

Yes :                      No:

Is your community interested in developing a long-range animal management plan?

Yes :                      No:

How many dogs are there in your community?

How many of those are strays?      How many of those are owned?

Are you willing to work with area dog rescue organizations to remove many of the strays and/or surrendered dogs before a spay neuter team visits your community?

Yes :                      No:

Is a Spay Neuter clinic seen as a *solution* to the overpopulation problem or as a *step* in the overall process of animal management?

See it as the solution:

See it as a step in the overall process:

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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