

## Canine Goose Control Program - City of Parksville

PARKSVILLE, BC: The City of Parksville's canine goose control program is now underway with dogs and volunteers working in the Community Park, Springwood Park and areas along Jensen Avenue East. Selection and training began early in 2009 and about fifty volunteer dogs are now trained to chase geese. Dogs will work in pairs and have been trained to chase the geese but never touch or attack the geese.

The dogs will work in the Community Park (sports field, tennis court area and south end), Springwood Park playing field, and Jensen Avenue East that includes areas near City Hall and the Parksville Community & Conference Centre. The dogs will wear bright yellow scarves for identification purposes and will be on leash as required by bylaw except when working. Volunteer dog owners will be identified with an ID badge.

Over the past few months, the dogs and their owners have received extensive training by a skilled trainer, Judith Whitemarsh, Dynamic Dogs Inc, who is coordinating the program for the City of Parksville. Additional training sessions will be held in August and September. Interested dog owners should contact Judith Whitemarsh for more information (phone 250 954-2067)

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