



ANIMAL CONTROL



Animal Control Bylaw No. 1524

How many dogs can I keep at my home?

You can keep a maximum of three dogs over the age of 4 months.

Do I need a dog licence?

Yes. All dogs over the age of six months must be licensed.

Where should dogs be leashed?

Dogs must be leashed in all public areas in the City except the designated off-leash park.

Dogs are loose on the beach; what should I do?

If the dog is above the high water mark (in the park), report it to the City. If the dog is below the high water mark (on the sand), call 1 877 952-7277 (RAPP) to report it to the BC conservation officer service.

There's a lost dog on the street; what should I do?

If you have the dog in your care (i.e. in your yard, on a leash, etc.) call the City 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If the dog is running loose, a bylaw officer will not attend.

Do I need to pick up after my dog?

Yes. Most parks have doggie bags available.

My neighbour's dog barks constantly; what should I do?

Document the barking (time, date and duration). If a dog barks for more than 10 minutes without a break OR for cumulative total of 15 minutes in one hour, you can file a bylaw complaint.



What is a dangerous or aggressive dog?

- A dog that has previously committed an unprovoked attack on a human or other animal.
- Pit bull or Staffordshire terrier or any mixed breed which includes these breeds.

What are the rules for "dangerous" dogs?

- Dangerous dogs must be muzzled at all times in public or when not confined at their own home.
- Dangerous dogs must be kept securely confined on their own property.



After-hours complaints (after 4 pm, before 8 am or on weekends)
can be directed to the City at 250 248-6144.

Will the City help eradicate rats, feral rabbits or other vermin from my neighbourhood?

No. Homeowners are responsible for dealing with vermin issues. Humane traps can be obtained from local businesses.

Can I keep bees?

No. Bee-keeping is currently not permitted in the City.

Neighbourhood cats are bothering me; can the City help?

No. The City does not regulate cats.



Can keep hens for eggs?

Yes. You may keep up to 4 hens but only if you meet requirements in the City's zoning bylaw. Contact the City planning department for more information.



Can I feed the wildlife?

No. Feeding all wildlife (deer, raccoons, squirrels, etc.) is strictly prohibited.

Can I hunt wildlife in the City?

No. All firearms (including bows) are prohibited.

MAKING A COMPLAINT

Animal cruelty complaints should be directed to the SPCA at
1 855 622-7722.

To make a bylaw complaint you need to provide:

- Nature of the complaint (dog at large, aggressive dog, etc.)
- Time, date and other details of incident.
- Location/address of incident.
- Address or licence plate of pet owner if applicable.
- Your name, address, phone number and email.

Complaints can be submitted in person, by mail, by email or by phone.
Your contact information will be kept confidential.

Information is for convenience only. Contact staff to discuss current and applicable bylaws.

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