



Owning a Dog Comes with Strings

License and leash your dog. It's the law.

The City of Vancouver will be increasing enforcement of the Animal Control By-Law (By-Law No. 9150).

Apply for a licence online. vancouver.ca/animalcontrol

FINES:

- No dog licence: \$250
- Dog off leash in public: \$250

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Your Guide to Vancouver's Animal Control By-Law

License and leash: It's the law

In Vancouver, dogs (as well as other animals) are regulated and licensed under the City's *Animal Control By-Law* (No. 9150).

This by-law sets out rules which all dog owners and caregivers must abide by, and outlines the consequences and penalties for breaking these rules. The *Animal Control By-Law* ensures that dogs and other animals receive adequate care and are not neglected or abused. The by-law also protects Vancouver residents (dog owners and non-owners alike) from public nuisance or harm that dogs can sometimes cause.

Keeping your animal under your control helps to ensure that you, your pet, and others around you are comfortable and safe. Be a responsible pet owner and a good neighbour too. Follow these simple rules. It's the law.

Dog licences

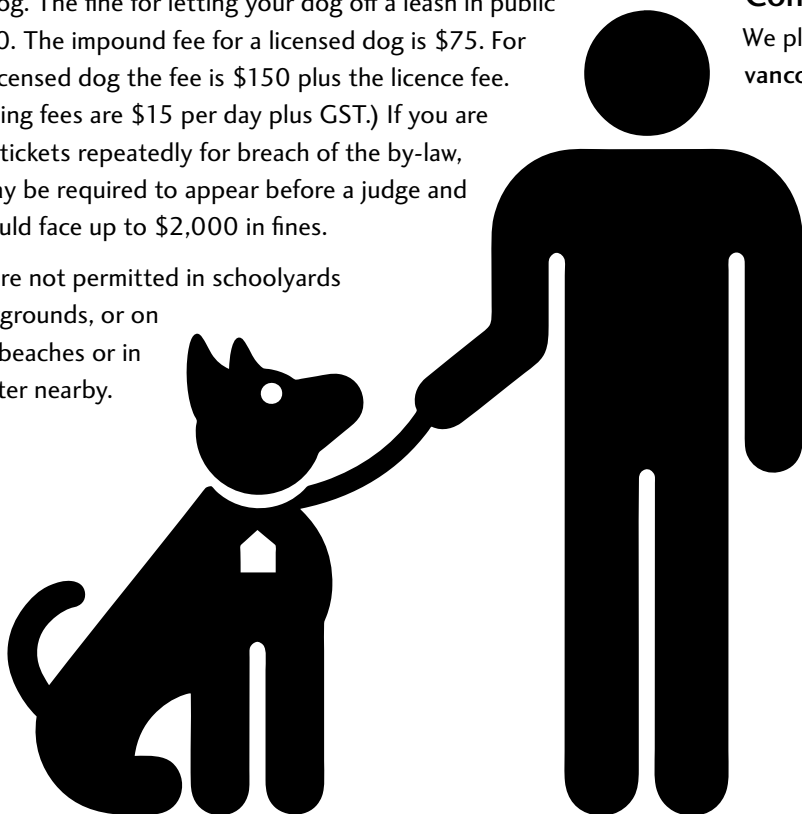
All dogs older than three months must have a dog licence. Licence fees are \$36 per year for neutered and spayed animals (proof is required when you first sign up), and \$68 per year for animals that have not been fixed. Fees are due at different times of the year for each neighbourhood. The fine for having no licence is \$250. To find out more about getting a dog licence, or when your annual dog licence fee is due, visit our website at vancouver.ca/animalcontrol. Or, you can drop by the Vancouver Animal Shelter at 1280 Raymur Avenue, or phone us at 604.871.6888 or 3-1-1.

Controlling your dog

Dogs are not allowed to run free on the street or in any other public place. Any dog in your care or custody (even if it's not your dog) must be kept under your control at all times, and must be on a leash that is no more than 2.5 metres (eight feet) long.

If your dog is caught off your property – running loose, off a leash, and not under the control of a responsible person – the Animal Control Officer will issue you a ticket and may seize your dog. The fine for letting your dog off a leash in public is \$250. The impound fee for a licensed dog is \$75. For an unlicensed dog the fee is \$150 plus the licence fee. (Boarding fees are \$15 per day plus GST.) If you are issued tickets repeatedly for breach of the by-law, you may be required to appear before a judge and you could face up to \$2,000 in fines.

Dogs are not permitted in schoolyards or playgrounds, or on public beaches or in the water nearby.



Neighbourhood nuisances

You must not allow or tolerate barking or howling dogs in your home or premises if they can be easily heard and could disturb your neighbours' rest, enjoyment or peace and quiet. You also must not allow or tolerate a dog in your care to upset or break into garbage containers on the street or in public. You are required to remove any feces your dog deposits on public or private property (other than your own) and to put it in a suitable garbage container. This rule does not apply to disabled persons with guide dogs.

Vancouver off-leash parks

A number of parks throughout Vancouver have designated off-leash areas for dogs.

- CRAB Park at Portside, 101 East Waterfront Road
- Dusty Greenwell Park, 2799 Wall Street (at Kaslo Street)
- Everett Crowley Park, 8200 Kerr Street (at Southeast Marine Drive)
- Fraser River Park, 8705 Angus Drive (at West 75th Avenue)
- Fraserview Golf Course, 8101 Kerr Street (at Rosemont Avenue)
- John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park, 3300 Victoria Drive (at East 15th Avenue)
- Jones Park, 5350 Victoria Drive (at East 38th Avenue)
- Killarney Park, 6205 Kerr Street (at East 48th Avenue)
- Nelson Park, 1030 Bute Street (at Nelson Street)
- New Brighton Park, Windermere Street, Nootka Street and East Waterfront Road
- Oak Meadows Park, West 37th Avenue (at Oak Street)
- Queen Elizabeth Park, 4600 Cambie Street (at West 29th Avenue)
- Spanish Bank Beach Park, 4801 Northwest Marine Drive

The complete list off-leash parks with a map is available online at: vancouver.ca/parks/info/dogparks

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For more information

This summary of Vancouver's *Animal Control By-Law* addresses only the most common dog-related issues and offences in order to raise public awareness of animal control. You can read the complete *Animal Control By-Law* (No. 9150) online at: vancouver.ca/bylaws/9150c.pdf

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