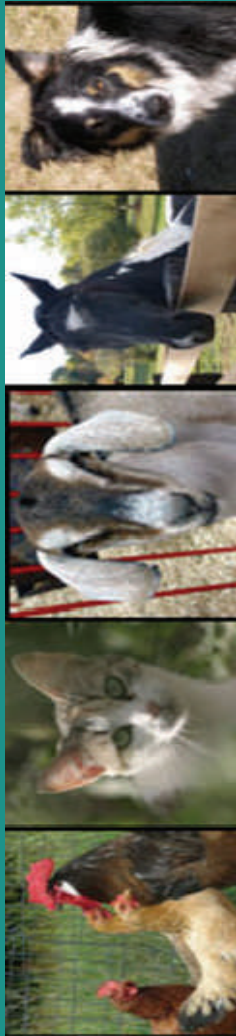


# Fast Facts— Animal Control in Duncan



## FAST FACTS

### Dogs

- It is mandatory for every dog, over 4 months old, to be licensed yearly, and to wear the tag on their collar. Dog licence tags expire annually on December 31<sup>st</sup> and can be purchased at City Hall, 200 Craig Street (T: 250-746-6126) or Coastal Animal Control, 2202 Herd Road (T: 250-748-3395).
- No person shall keep, or allow to be kept on any lot more than six companion animals, consisting of not more than three (3) dogs over the age of eight (8) weeks and not more than five (5) cats over the age of twelve (12) weeks.
- When off the owner's property, dogs must be on a leash that does not extend past 6 feet, unless in the designated off-leash area at Rotary Park. Female dogs in heat must be kept within a closed building or kennel until they are no longer in heat.
- When your animal defecates, you must clean it up and dispose of it in a sanitary manner - DO NOT throw the bag in the bushes!

### Cats

- Every owner of a cat shall affix, and keep affixed, sufficient identification on the cat by a collar, harness, traceable tattoo, or other suitable device so that a person finding the cat at-large can identify and contact the owner.
- Every owner of an outdoor cat must have the cat spayed or neutered.
- No person shall keep more than five (5) cats over the age of twelve (12) weeks

### Chickens

- A person may apply to the Manager of Planning for a licence for one or more hens by completing and submitting an application to the City. Certain zoning restrictions apply and there are also specific siting requirements for a coop or pen.

### Prohibited Animals

- No person shall possess, ship, release, breed, or display any prohibited animal identified in the BC Wildlife Act's Controlled Alien Species Regulation.
- Wolf Dogs or Wolf-Dog Hybrids are prohibited.
- No person shall keep more than 12 rabbits, more than 4 guinea pigs, any poultry or roosters, other than hens (with an applicable licence); any ungulate, mink or chinchilla.
- To report sightings of bears, cougars, or wounded wildlife, call the Provincial Conservation Officer at 1-877-952-7277.
- Owners are responsible for disposal of dead animals from their property.
- Should you have problems with rats, mice, raccoons, etc., call a pest control company.

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# City of Duncan—FAST FACTS—about Animal Control

## AGGRESSIVE DOGS

Is your dog aggressive? Owners of an aggressive dog need to be aware of their civil liability, and requirements under the Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw. In particular the bylaw requires the owner to:

- Ensure that the dog is not on any street or in any public place unless it is muzzled, on a leash not exceeding 6 feet, and under the control of a competent individual. Notwithstanding this, an aggressive dog is not allowed on school grounds, within 30m of any playground, or any designated dog area or park.
- When on the premises of the owner, the dog must be securely confined either indoors or in a rear yard inside a pen (as defined in the Animal Regulation & Impounding Bylaw) or fenced area that is adequately constructed to prevent the dog from escaping and is locked to prevent casual entry by another person;
- Prominently display at each entrance to the property and building a warning in writing, as well as with a symbol, that there is an aggressive dog on the property;
- Notify the City within one week, if the dog is sold, given away or dies; and
- Notify Coastal Animal Control *immediately*, if the dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any person or animal.
- Dogs deemed aggressive must be microchipped and the identification information provided to the City.

## PROHIBITION OF CRUELTY

In addition to the Provincial *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, the Animal Regulation & Impounding Bylaw prohibits cruelty, and requires people keeping animals to:

- Provide clean drinking water, sufficient food, sanitary receptacles, exercise, clean bedding in a warm/dry area, and veterinarian care;
- Not keep an animal outside unless the animal is provided with a shelter that provides protection from heat, cold and wet that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat; sufficient space to allow the animal to easily stand, sit and lie in a normal position; protection from the direct rays of the sun at all times, and bedding that will assist with maintaining normal body temperature;
- Not keep any animal in an enclosed space including motor vehicles, without sufficient ventilation to prevent discomfort, heat stroke or injury; and
- Not keep any animal tied to a fixed object for longer than 2 hours within a 24 hour period and to never use a choke collar or a rope around the animal's neck as part of the securing apparatus.

## CONCERNED ABOUT AN ANIMAL?

If you are concerned about an animal, call Coastal Animal Control at (T: 250-748-3395). Staff will be able to help you with such concerns as:

- Attacking or aggressive dogs
- Barking dogs
- Neglected or stray dogs
- Injured dogs
- Unlicensed dogs
- Dogs tied up for more than 2 hours within a 24 hour period
- Dogs off-leash outside of an off-leash area
- Dogs kept outside without appropriate shelter to protect the dog from heat, cold and wet.

## DOG LICENCE FEES

Type of Dog	Fee Effective
Spayed/Neutered	\$16/year
Unspayed/Unneutered	\$35/year
Dog Deemed Aggressive	\$200/year
Replacement Tag	\$5.00/each

## IMPOUND FEES

Unlicensed, at-large, or abandoned dogs impounded will be taken to Coastal Animal Control, where, after 72 hours, they can be sold or adopted, if unclaimed. Impounding fees start at \$50.00, plus \$15.00 per day for maintenance, unlicensed dog penalty, and actual veterinary expenses, if any, and are payable when claiming your dog.

## FINES

Fines for bylaw offences range from \$50 to \$475 for each day that an offence continues. Some common fines include: 'Dog At Large' (\$100) and (\$475) for Aggressive Dogs; a 'Noisy Dog' fine is \$100 and is increased by \$100 for each offence. For a complete list of offences/fines, see the "Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Bylaw"

## DOGS IN HOT CARS

If you see a dog confined in an enclosure, including a motor vehicle, without adequate ventilation to prevent the dog from suffering distress, contact nearby businesses first to alert their customers, or, in a park or non-commercial area, call out to see if the owner is nearby. In a residential area, door-knocking is recommended. If the owner cannot readily be found, please call Coastal Animal Control at (T:250-748-3395) first, then, try the RCMP non-emergency line (T: 250-748-5522), or the Animal Cruelty Hotline (T:1-855-622-7722). Record any information about the state the animal is in, whether or not the windows are down, or there is a water source, to report to the SPCA.

*Note: signs that a dog is in distress include: excessively panting or drooling; the dog's tongue has turned a dark purple or grey; behaving frantically—pawing at the window, or trying to stick its nose out; loss of bowels; lethargic and unresponsive behavior.*

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- To purchase a dog licence, visit City Hall, 200 Craig Street, or Coastal Animal Control, 2202 Herd Road.
- To claim your impounded dog, visit Coastal Animal Control at 2202 Herd Road Phone: (T: 250-748-3395).

This brochure is provided for convenience only. To ensure complete, accurate and current information, refer to the applicable "Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw" for further information regarding the regulation of Animals. The "Fees and Charges" Bylaw establishes the fees that apply, e.g., to purchase a dog license or to reclaim an impounded animal. The "Bylaw Offence Notice Enforcement Bylaw" establishes the fines for animal control offences. Zoning is regulated through the City's "Zoning Bylaw."