



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS OWNING A DOG IN LADYSMITH

### **I have an assistance dog. Do I need a licence?**

There is no charge if your dog is an assistance dog, but you must have a licence and tag for it.

### **My dog has lost its tag – can I get a new one?**

Yes – a replacement tag is \$5.00 at City Hall or Frank Jameson Community Centre.

### **How many dogs am I allowed to have?**

No more than three dogs over the age of four months are allowed in a household.

### **What is a “Dangerous Dog”?**

The Animal Control Bylaw defines a “dangerous dog” as any dog older than four months that is known to attack other animals or humans, has bitten another domestic animal or human without provocation, or that the Animal Control Officer reasonably believes is likely to attack without provocation. If you believe you know of a dangerous dog, please get in touch with our Animal Control Officer through City Hall, or by calling 1.888.811.7722.

### **What is a “Restricted Dog”?**

Ladysmith has specific rules in place for certain “restricted” breeds of dogs. The restricted breeds are: Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, English Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Terrier, and any mixed breed dog more than four months old that contains any of those breeds. If a dog and its owner possess the Canine Good Neighbour or Canine Good Citizen Certification, the animal is not considered to be part of a ‘restricted breed’.

### **What are the rules for dangerous and restricted dogs?**

Dangerous and restricted dogs must be kept securely confined on their own property, and must be leashed and muzzled when off their own property. For restricted dogs, the leash must be no more than six feet long. All restricted dogs older than six months must be spayed or neutered, unless they are registered with the Canadian, American or British Kennel Club or other recognized registry.

### **Can I let my dog run off-leash?**

There is a fenced off-leash dog park at the Davis Road Dog Park. There is also a dog off-leash area at Transfer Beach west of deKoninck Way. Dogs are also allowed off leash, but in control, on the Arbutus Ridge and Holland Creek Trails, and in Gourlay-Janes and Mackie Parks. You must keep your dog on-leash everywhere else in Ladysmith. Dogs are not allowed on sports fields or playgrounds.

### **Dogs at public events**

Dogs are not permitted on First Avenue during street closures for public events such as Ladysmith Days and Light-Up.

### **How do I report a lost or found dog or make a complaint?**

Coastal Animal Control Services provides dog control services for the Town of Ladysmith. To get in touch with the Animal Control Officer, please call 1.888.754.1397.