

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Revised Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw to include sections for care of dogs

### **Summary**

The City's Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw now includes a new section that prohibits a person from keeping a dog confined in a vehicle where there is no adequate ventilation or where the internal vehicle temperature exceeds 23 degrees Celsius. The revised bylaw also includes an additional section regulating the transport of dogs outside of the passenger compartment of a vehicle. Changes to the bylaw were supported by Council during its June 22 meeting.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo has established rules and regulations to control pets and other animals within the City. These regulatory rules have been established by Council through various policies and bylaws to provide for the enjoyment and protection of the community's general population.

## **Key Points**

- Bylaw amendment is intended to improve the welfare of animals in Nanaimo.
- The City of Nanaimo is constantly working with various stakeholder groups to modify and improve our regulatory bylaws.

#### Quotes

"The addition of regulations to our Animal Control Bylaw that refer to animal welfare is a direct result of a submission received by Council from the SPCA. City staff worked with various stakeholders to draft the amendment that will help in ensuring pets in Nanaimo receive the care they need to stay safe."

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