

NEWS RELEASE

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Dog owners reminded Nanaimo's beaches closed to dogs May to October

Summary

The City of Nanaimo would like to remind dog owners that from May 1 to October 1 dogs are not allowed on Nanaimo's public beaches.

As the weather gets warmer, Nanaimo's beaches get busier with people wanting to recreate in and around the water. Similarly, the shoreline is active with migrating and breeding wildlife that should not be disturbed.

Dog owners who are caught with their dog in a public beach area will face a fine of \$150. To report dog issues, please call Animal Control at 250-616-0233.

Strategic Link: The seasonal beach closure for dogs falls under the Environmental Responsibility Pillar to protect/enhance the environment.

Key Points

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- Dog owners who are caught with their dog in a public beach area will face a fine of \$150.
- To report dog issues, please call Animal Control at 250-616-0233.

Quotes

"Our beaches are busy with visitors during the warmer months of the year. Dogs are more than welcome at one of Nanaimo's other parks including our 12 off-leash areas."

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Acting Manager of Bylaw, Regulation & Security
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The following parks have designated off-leash areas: May Richards Bennett Pioneer, Beaufort, Westwood Lake, Invermere Beach, Northfield, Wardropper, Colliery Dam, St. George Ravine, Gallow's Point (Protection Island), Cable Bay Trail and Beban.
- Dog feces is essentially raw sewage. It contains harmful organisms like E. coli, Leptospira and roundworms. These organisms can be contracted by other dogs, wildlife and even children. Bacteria from dog feces can wash into the ocean.

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