

NEWS RELEASE

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Rules and regulations for a positive pet experience in Nanaimo

Summary

With longer daylight hours and warmer weather coming, many of Nanaimo's pets and their owners are excited for the great outdoors. The City of Nanaimo has a few important reminders about our rules and regulations.

From May through September each year, dogs are not permitted on any of Nanaimo's beaches, unless they have been identified on the off-leash map. The shoreline is active with migrating and breeding wildlife that should not be disturbed. As the weather gets warmer, Nanaimo's beaches are also busy with people wanting to use our city's waterfront areas. Additionally, please note that dogs are not allowed in playgrounds. We need to keep these areas clean and safe for children.

For all animal and bird owners, please be aware that persistent cries, barks or howls are prohibited. Regulations are in place to keep neighbourhoods quiet, peaceful and enjoyable.

The City thanks pet owners for following these regulations. To report any animal issues, please call Nanaimo Animal Control Services at 250-616-0233.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be environmentally responsible.

Key Points

- Animals on a beach can create conflict with people, are a health concern for some people and can create fear in children.
- Dogs are not allowed on most beaches from May 1 to September 30 and on Pipers Lagoon beach until after October 31. There are a few exceptions such as beaches which are designated as an off-leash area.
- To help control noise pollution within Nanaimo, residents are reminded that they cannot harbour or keep animals that disturb other people in the vicinity. The City enforces this regulation on a complaint basis.
- Pet owners can face fines if these bylaws are breached.

Quotes

"The City commits to ensuring that public beach areas are free from both nuisances and conflict. This regulation helps to create an enjoyable and safe environment at Nanaimo's beaches."

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Quick Facts

- Having pets on Nanaimo's beaches or in swimming waters can elevate fecal coliform levels and increase the presence of unhealthy bacteria in swimming areas. If fecal coliform levels are too high, this can result in a beach being shut down to the public.

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